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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA SHEET

NAME: Jones "Joe" Williamson Roach

ORAL HISTORY: 24 January 2000

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

B.S., Electrical Engineering, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Virginia, 1955
M.A., University of Houston Clear Lake, Clear Lake City, Texas, 1976

MILITARY EXPERIENCE:

Alaskan Air Command and Electronics Intelligence Center, United States Air Force
(1956-1959)
Captain, Flying Officer, United States Air Force (1961-1962)

PRE-NASA CAREER:

Sales Engineer, Linde Air Products Division, Union Carbide Corporation, Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania (1955-1956)
Electrical Engineer, Virginia Electric and Power Company, Richmond, Virginia (1959-
1961)

NASA CAREER:

NASA Manned Spacecraft Center/Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas
Flight Control Operator, Flight Control Operations Branch (1962-1966)
Assistant Branch Chief, Flight Control Operations Branch (1966-1967)
Branch Chief, Flight Control Operations (1967-1968)
Assistant Chief, Flight Control Division for Mission Operations (1968-1971)
Deputy Chief, Flight Control Division (1971-1974)
Technical Assistant to the Director of Flight Operations, Apollo Missions (1968-
1971)
Consultant, Viking Project (1971-1976)
Member, Review Panel, Viking Operations (1971-1976)
Manager of Technical Operations, Flight Operations Directorate (1974-1977)
Assistant to the Manager, Program Operations Office (1977-1984)

POST-NASA CAREER:

Director, Planning Department, Computer Sciences Corporation

PROFESSIONAL & HONORARY SOCIETIES:

- Association Fellow, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA)
- Registered Professional Engineer, State of Texas
- Member, Boy Scouts of America
- Member, National Society of Professional Engineers
- Member, Texas Society of Professional Engineers

AWARDS & CITATIONS:

- MSC Certificate of Commendation, 1969
- MSC Certificate of Commendation, 1970
- MSC Certificate of Commendation, 1971
- NASA Exceptional Service Medal, 1972

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