

55-613

Space Task Group

B

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
1520 H STREET NORTHWEST
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

June 17, 1959

RECEIVED
NASA SPACE TASK GROUP
JUN 19 2 07 PM '59
TELEPHONE: EXECUTIVE 3300
TWX: WA 755

IN REPLY REFER TO-

Lt. Paul P. Bennett, Jr.
BuPers - A3122
Arlington Annex, Rm. 2603
Washington 25, D. C.

55-613
50-14
SP-2.6

Dear Lt. Bennett:

In accordance with our telephone conversation of June 15 the following is a resume of the position description for the Mercury Astronauts.

Position Title: Mercury Astronaut

Duties: Participates in indoctrination, developmental research, and pre-flight training programs under conditions simulating flight profiles of the type expected to be encountered with Project Mercury. Operates and/or observes fixed-base and moving-base simulator tests, serves as subject-under-test, and assists in the analysis of data for the evaluation and development of various boosters and of communication, telemetry, display, vehicle-control, environmental-control and other systems involved in launch, atmospheric escape, orbital flight, reentry, landing and recovery. Participates in specialized training exercises such as centrifuge programs to build up tolerances to the motions and forces associated with launch, flight without gravity, and atmospheric reentry, and to develop proficiency and confidence for vehicle operation under such conditions.

- BLAND _____
- BOND _____
- DONLAN _____
- FAGET _____
- GILRUTH _____
- HAMMACK _____
- JOHNSON WJ
- KRAFT _____
- KYLE _____
- MacDOUGALL _____
- MATHEWS _____
- MAYER _____
- MEYER _____
- PRESTON _____
- PURSER _____
- RICKER _____
- TAYLOR _____
- ZAVASKY _____
- ZIMMERMAN _____
- AERO MED WJ

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Clotaire Wood
Technical Assistant to the
Deputy Administrator

SPACE FILES
COPIES TO:
SHEPARD
SCHUBERT
CHANDLER
GLENN