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OPENING REMARKS

Abe Silverstein
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I am Abe Silverstein, the Director of this Center, and it is my pleasant duty, therefore, to welcome all of you and to express the hope that today will be an interesting day for you and perhaps an educational one. Today we have an inspection, which at a NASA Center is all that the word implies. We provide the means for you to inspect our facilities and the work that is going on here. Obviously, we can show you only a very small part of what we are doing. It will be a sample of things that occur here and, in fact, a sample of things that occur in many of our NASA Centers, which are doing some of the basic work in space research for NASA and supporting NASA flight activity. Most people, when they think of NASA, think of our flight activity, which they see televised, and do not realize that behind our flights and behind some of our flight successes is a great deal of work. This work in the basic sciences and engineering and in applied work is carried on by some of the 33,000 men and women who form the NASA team, by the some 700,000 men and women in industry who are working with us, and by the many university people who are also part of the team. Thus, we have in our total effort a large number of people doing work that ranges from the most basic to the most applied, through to our flight activity. And so today we will try to give you just a little feel for it.

[Mr. James E. Webb and Dr. Robert C. Seamans, Jr., were then introduced by Dr. Silverstein on October 4 and 5, respectively.]