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Reply to Attn of: Office of Communications

September 23, 2016

Dr. Alan Kraut & Mr. Lee White  
National Coalition for History  
400 A Street SE  
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Dr. Kraut and Mr. White:

I'd like to provide you with an update regarding the history office at the Johnson Space Center. First, let me reassure you that Administrator Bolden and Deputy Administrator Newman both place a high priority on having a strong history program at NASA, as does the management team at the Johnson Space Center. In fact, they have recently implemented new steps to strengthen their history program, including moving the history office under the purview of the Chief Knowledge Officer, adding a civil servant manager to the existing contractor history staff, and planning to add another person to the staff in the future. These steps bode very well for the Johnson Space Center history office. I fully expect the Johnson History Office to maintain the award-winning standard of service to the historical community and the public that we have all come to expect.

I greatly appreciate the concern and engagement of the National Coalition for History on these important issues. Your August 15, 2016, letter was both timely and impactful. Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William P. Barry".

William P. Barry, D.Phil.  
Chief Historian