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SPACE STATION PROGRAM LEADERSHIP SELECTED BY TRULY

Acting NASA Administrator Richard H. Truly today named Dr. William B. Lenoir to be associate administrator for Space Station, effective June 1, 1989. In addition, Lenoir has been asked by Truly to develop a plan for the consolidation of the Offices of Space Flight and Space Station.

Truly also announced the appointment of Richard Kohrs as director, Space Station Freedom, located at NASA Headquarters, Washington, D.C. In this position, he will be responsible for design, development and future operations of the Space Station. Kohrs currently is deputy director (program), National Space Transportation System. Ray Tanner becomes the deputy director, Space Station Freedom Program and Operations, located at Reston, Va.

"Bill Lenoir is highly qualified and brings with him experience in NASA, space flight and private sector activity. I am extremely pleased that he is willing to return to the government," Truly said. "In addition, Dick Kohrs' experience in the Space Shuttle program makes him the best choice to lead Space Station Freedom through the challenges facing this program, which is the linchpin of this nation's future in space. I can't imagine a better team of managers to guide the development of America's space station."

Lenoir is presently vice president and a member of the board of directors of Booz-Allen & Hamilton, Inc., Bethesda, Md., and also manages that company's Space Systems Division. He directs the Booz-Allen role in the Grumman program support contract for Space Station, including responsibility for space operations integration, technical and management information systems support and systems engineering and integration for the Space Station assembly process. He also has managed several major Booz-Allen efforts in systems engineering, systems analysis, economic/cost analysis, system integration and program support.

Lenoir served as a NASA astronaut from August 1967 to September 1984. He flew in 1982 as a mission specialist on the STS-5 mission, the first operational flight of the Space Shuttle Columbia. After STS-5, Lenoir was responsible for the direction and management of mission development in the astronaut office at the Johnson Space Center, Houston.

Lenoir also supported the Space Shuttle program by providing operations and management consulting, including focused efforts for the Challenger accident recovery program. Prior to the STS-5 mission, he led the NASA Satellite Power Team and served as a backup science pilot for Skylab 3 and Skylab 4.

Lenoir is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering in 1961, a master of science degree in 1962 and a doctorate in 1965. He was born in Miami, Fla., and is married to the former Elizabeth May Frost. They have two children.