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PRESENTERS CHOSEN FOR DAYTON PUBLIC HEARING

ARLINGTON, Virginia, February 27, 2004 -- The President's Commission on Moon, Mars and Beyond, chaired by Edward C. "Pete" Aldridge, will hear presentations from a broad array of education, industry and military experts at its second public hearing, which takes place at the US Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio, on March 3 and 4, 2004.

On March 3, Inspiring Youth and Improving Science/Math Literacy is the title of the first panel, which convenes at 1:00 p.m.; the second panel will be Creating Prosperity and Fostering a Competitive Environment; and a presentation on Human Sustainability for Long Term Spaceflight will conclude the first day's testimony.

On March 4, beginning at 9:00 a.m., three panels on Science and Technology and two special presentations on Management and Sustainability will be heard. Senator John Glenn will address the Commission at 11:15 a.m.

From 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., aerospace industry representatives have been invited to address the Commission; and from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m., through a lottery system, individuals in the audience will be given an opportunity to present comments to the Commissioners. At 3:45 p.m., a news conference for accredited media journalists will be held.

The Commission hearing is available live on NASA TV on AMC-9, transponder 9C, C-Band, located at 85 degrees west longitude. The frequency is 38880.0 MHz. Polarization is vertical, and audio is monaural at 6.80 MHz.

The President's Commission on Implementation of U.S. Space Exploration Policy (Moon, Mars and Beyond) is charged with building consensus and providing recommendations to the President regarding moon research activities, increasing young people's interest in space science, and bringing in industry and other countries as space partners.

The Witness List and Timeline for the hearing are attached.