on the grounds of Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida engines growled to live as hulking equipment moved into place the former Mercury Mission Control Center building long ravaged by time and the elements was set for demolition looking like angry bees from a science-fiction movie the heavy equipment consumed the structure bit by bit until nothing was left but the slab where it stood as pieces of the old building were eaten away more than 50 years of space history came to
completion the teams who guided the

united states first space pioneers did

so from this unassuming structure built

in the late 50s all of NASA's Mercury

flights and the first three launches of

the Gemini program were controlled from

this facility in the end the demolition

came many years after the building's

glory faded and its position as a

tourist stop ended yet despite the

demise of the building the flight

control area at the heart of the mission

control operation has been faithfully

preserved for future generations
the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex

has recreated a control center in its

early space exploration display in this
display the public can view the actual
consoles furnishings and world tracking

map used during those early flights the

preservation stands as a tribute to
those who pioneered NASA's manned space

program leading to the moon missions
just a few years later and paving the
way for the human spaceflight program

that continues today

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