



Jet Propulsion  
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I decided that I would plan to retire  
from the JPL position JPL director on

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june thirtieth you know this coming year  
things are going extremely well my goal

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is to make sure the transition is as  
smooth as possible cause I think that's

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very important for continuing progress  
of the lab now I hope you notice I said

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the retiring from my position as a JPL  
director my plan is to go back to the

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campus and being a professor emeritus  
that will allow me so I won't be doing

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teaching but will allow me to continue  
doing research on the Cassini radar

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the the Europa sounder that I make CO-I  
on it

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in addition I mean you know me I tend  
to be very proactive and I intend to

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continue to be very proactive in  
advocating and supporting NASA and the

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NASA program and the space exploration  
program of our country in the meantime

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we still have eight months you know to  
go together there is a lot of things

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you saw a lot of exciting things to  
happen but I want to take this

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opportunity to tell you thank you what a  
privilege and an honor it has been to be your

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director and to be your colleagues and  
you guys do amazing things and we are

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all fortunate I really mean it we are  
all fortunate at least I can say to

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myself for being part of JPL, Caltech and NASA. I don't think there is any place in

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00:01:27,690 --> 00:01:31,569  
the world which can match the kind of  
things you know we do here and we do at NASA.

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What a fantastic demonstration of what our nation and our agency can do.

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I could only think of the words of Teddy Roosevelt as i was sitting there.

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"it is far better to dare mighty things even though we might fail, then to stay in the twilight that knows neither vic

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and the team brought us victory.

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[President Obama] I just wanted to call and say congratulations to the entire Mars Science Laboratory team and

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You guys should be remarkably proud.