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Excellence in the federal service was given special attention by Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson

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during her recent visit at NASA's George C. Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville,

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Alabama, when she presented incentive awards to nine career employees.

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Our First Lady was introduced at the awards ceremony by the director of the Marshall Center,

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Dr. Wernher von Braun.

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It is a distinction for me to introduce a cross-section of our Marshall team here in

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Huntsville to the first lady, Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson.

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Mrs. Johnson, I present to you the executive secretary of our incentive awards committee,

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Mr. Jim Johnson.

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Hello, Mr. Johnson.

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First we have a thirty year service award

for Michael Rabatton of the manufacturing

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engineering laboratory, who began his service
in February 1934 with the Army Air Force at

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Washington D.C.

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Mr. Rabatton.

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Next we have a twenty year service award for
Mrs. Mary W. Derryberry of the Astrionics

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Laboratory, who entered federal service in
December 1943 with the Corps of Engineers

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at Memphis, Tennessee.

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Incidentally, this is a particular significant
occasion for Mrs. Derryberry, who retires

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April 10.

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Mrs. Derryberry.

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We now have a \$300 invention awarded for Robert
Carmody for the Manufacturing Engineering

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laboratory for his invention entitled "Highly

Flexible Cellular Structure.”

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Mr. Carmody.

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Klaus Juergensen of the Astrionics Laboratory receives a \$400 award for his invention entitled

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“Bilateral Energy Transfer System.”

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Mr. Juergensen.

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Lester Katz and Jack Nichols of the Propulsion and Vehicle Engineering laboratory share a

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\$400 award for their invention entitled “Force Measuring Instrument.”

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Gentlemen.

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Benjamin Saunders of the Astrionics Laboratory receives \$300 for his invention entitled “Self-Latching

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Handle.”

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Mr. Saunders.

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Mrs. Hazel Atchley receives a \$250 award for superior performance of duties as a contract

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assistant in the Purchasing Office.

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Mrs. Atchley.

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Our last award is a \$500 group achievement award.

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It goes to Walter Gillespie, Propulsion and Vehicle Engineering Laboratory, and Alonza

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Davis, Astrionics Laboratory, for their contributions to the development of a recoverable motion

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picture camera system to record pictorial flight data on Saturn I vehicles.

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Gentlemen.

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Mrs. Johnson.

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Mr. Webb, Dr. von Braun, Mr. Johnson, and all of you here who are so important to our

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national space program, I want you to know how much I appreciate the opportunities I've

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had to see the work being done here at the

center to advance our peaceful efforts in

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space explorations.

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It's been such an exciting day.

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I've see the marvelous machinery being built
for space.

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Both its size and its complexity are impressive
to any viewer, and I am no exception.

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I have been impressed, but even more, I have
been inspired by the fact that these wonderful

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machines are the creation of the minds and
hands of dedicated men and women who are working

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to expand the knowledge of the universe.

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When I saw the large engine section of the
advanced Saturn, which you here refer to as

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Saturn V, Roman numeral V, I recall that during
the past and hopefully the last of the world's

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great wars, the Roman numeral V, the "V"
became our symbol of victory.

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When in the near future the Saturn V, which you will have built, carries three men to

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the Moon, that will be another V-Day, but with an important distinction, for the antagonist

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over whom we will have won a victory will not be a human enemy or hostile ideology,

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rather it is a vast unknown.

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Our mission is not conquest, but understanding.

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Our weapons are not arms, but ideas.

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Our strategy and tactic are intellectual and scientific ingenuity.

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Our goal, peaceful cooperation.

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This future V-Day will belong to all of you, those who do the paperwork and typing at night,

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compile the information and prepare the reports as well as the engineers and the scientists.

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The president often has said that a major strength of our government are those persons

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to whom public service is a career not measured
merely in years, but in the consistent excellence

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with which they perform their duties.

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This award ceremony, in which I have been
privileged to participate, is evidence of

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a consistent excellence and superior performance,
which is the best of our government and which

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truly cannot be measured adequately in dollars.

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On behalf of the president and for myself,
I want to express deepest appreciation for

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your efforts and all they mean to the strength
and advancement of our democracy.

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Thank you for giving me this insight into
what's going on here.

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00:09:24,610 --> 00:09:44,619
Mrs. Johnson, before you leave the stage,
I would like to give you a little memento

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from our employees here at the Marshall Space
Flight Center.

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It is a model of Saturn Roman V, as we shall call it from now on, the Saturn "V."

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"A major strength of our government is the people to whom public service is a career,