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PREFACE

Since the idea of a reusable rocket-plane was first seriously-studied by Eugen Sänger in the 1930s, the concept has exerted strong influence on the development of human spaceflight. In the United States, detailed proposals for a reusable space vehicle were developed as early as the 1950s, and several projects reached the design and test stage in the 1960s. Initially, the Space Shuttle was envisioned as a fully reusable, commercial spaceplane. During the early 1970s, however, its development faced considerable obstacles, budgetary shortfalls, some congressional opposition, increasing public apathy, and design difficulties. What emerged was a smaller, semi-reusable vehicle, advertised as an economical and efficient means of space transport. Whether the Shuttle has fulfilled these goals is a topic of some controversy. Even so, the Space Shuttle has been the cornerstone of the U.S. space program, and the driving force behind much of the budget and programs of NASA for over two decades.

Throughout the long history of the Space Shuttle concept, numerous books, studies, reports, and articles have been written. This selective, annotated bibliography discusses those works judged to be most essential for researchers writing scholarly studies on the Space Shuttle's history. A thematic arrangement of material concerning the Shuttle will, it is hoped, bring clarity and simplicity to such a complex subject. Subjects include the precursors of the Shuttle, its design and development, testing and evaluation, and operations. Other topics revolve around the *Challenger* accident and its aftermath, promotion of the Shuttle, science on the Shuttle, commercial uses, the Shuttle's military implications, its astronaut crew, the Shuttle and international relations, the management of the Shuttle program, and juvenile literature. Along with a summary of the contents of each item, judgments have been made on the quality, originality, or importance of some of these publications. An index concludes this work.

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CHAPTER 1 GENERAL WORKS

- Baker, David. "A Schedule for the Shuttle." *Spaceflight*. 13 (December 1971): 454-55. Describes the timetable for completion and flight of the Shuttle as it was understood in the early 1970s. It comments that the Shuttle should be flying operational missions by 1979, but Baker suggests that there was already a contingency plan being developed to push flight operations as far into the future as the 1981-1983 time period depending on NASA's funding.
- Baker, David. "Evolution of the Space Shuttle, Part 1." *Spaceflight*. 15 (June 1973): 202-10. First in a series of articles dealing with the development of the Shuttle. It focuses on the technological development of the system through the proposed baseline for Phase B studies.
- Baker, David. "Evolution of the Space Shuttle, North American Rockwell, Part 2." *Spaceflight*. 15 (July 1973): 264-68. Second in series of articles, this one reviews the studies in the late 1960s on the possibility of a fully-reusable Shuttle, emphasizing technological development.
- Baker, David. "Evolution of the Space Shuttle, North American Rockwell, Part 3." *Spaceflight*. 15 (September 1973): 344-52. The third Shuttle article in this series deals with the technological development of the external fuel tanks for the orbiter and the replacement of the piloted flyback booster with a ballistic booster arrangement.
- Baker, David. "Evolution of the Space Shuttle, Part 4." *Spaceflight*. 18 (September 1976): 304-38. Written to commemorate the roll-out of the Orbiter 101 prototype, this article reviews the major design changes and presents an evolutionary update of the Shuttle's technological development.
- Baker, David. "Evolution of the Space Shuttle: 5. Approach and Landing Test Programme." *Spaceflight*. 19 (June 1977): 213-17. As the subtitle suggests, this article describes the major developments in the test program for the Shuttle's reentry and landing phase.
- Baker, David. "Evolution of the Space Shuttle: 6. Free Flight Tests Begin." *Spaceflight*. 20 (January 1978): 21-28, 40. Describes the flight characteristics of the Shuttle tests then underway at the Dryden Flight Research Center in California.
- Baker, David. "Evolution of the Space Shuttle: 7. External Tank Design-1." *Spaceflight*. 20 (February 1978): 60-66. An article relating the basic development of the technology going into the external tank design.
- Baker, David. "Evolution of the Space Shuttle: 8. External Tank Design-2." *Spaceflight*. 20 (March 1978): 110-15. A continuation of the above article.
- Baker, David. *Space Shuttle*. New York: Crown Publishers, 1979. A popularly-written work on the origins and development of the Shuttle. Heavily illustrated, it bears a striking resemblance to the series of articles on the subject listed above.
- Bekey, I., and Mayer, H. "1980-2000: Raising Our Sights for Advanced Space Systems." *Astronautics and Aeronautics*. 14 (July-August 1976): 34-64. This special section on the possible future of space travel has much to say about space stations and flights to Mars and beyond, but also emphasizes the development of the Shuttle as the necessary first step in any ready access to space.
- Champine, Gloria R. *Langley's Space Shuttle Technology—A Bibliography*. Hampton, VA: Langley Research Center, 1981. A compilation of most of the major research reports, journal articles, presentations, and contractor

reports written or published by the Langley Research Center staff or by its contractors. It covers a number of disciplines: aerothermodynamics, structures, dynamics and aeromechanics, environment, and materials. Organized chronologically within three major categories—NASA formal reports, contractor reports, and articles and conferences—the bibliography collects the material produced only through the auspices of Langley. It is not annotated and there is no indication of any central location where all the listed items might be found. There are more than one thousand entries in this bibliography, most of them unpublished in the strict sense of the term—reports and technical papers which might have been duplicated but not generally made available—and all of them highly technical.

- Collins, Michael. *Liftoff: The Story of America's Adventure in Space*. New York: Grove Press, 1988. This book, a general history of the U.S. space program for a popular audience written by a former astronaut, has a fine discussion of the development and flight of the Space Shuttle. He sketches, in an easy to understand style, the design and engineering development of the system, difficulties overcome, and the operations of the Shuttle. The most valuable part is Collins' analysis of the *Challenger* accident. It was partly a personal account, describing his predictions and reactions, and presenting a clear portrait of the technical problem that caused the disaster. He then comments on NASA as an organization and offers some insights on how to bounce back from the tragedy.
- Cooper, Henry S.F. "A Reporter At Large: Shuttle-I." *The New Yorker*. 9 February 1981, pp. 43-105, *passim*. A sophisticated account of the development of the Shuttle, written with attention to detail, human involvement, and real style. It surveys the course taken by the space program that led to the building of the Shuttle. Cooper makes frequent comparisons between the Shuttle and early spacecraft like Apollo, not just the search for reusable systems ala Sänger.
- Cooper, Henry S.F. "A Reporter At Large: Shuttle-II." *The New Yorker*. 16 February 1981, pp. 65-113, *passim*. Second in the Cooper series, follows on with continued discussion of the Shuttle and some speculation on what the Shuttle might mean for the world and future space programs.
- Covault, Craig. "Columbia Ready for First Flight." *Aviation Week & Space Technology*. 6 April 1981, pp. 16-20. A description of the Shuttle, how it was developed, how it operates, and what promise it holds. This article was published at the time of the first launch.
- Disher, John H. "Space Transportation: Reflections and Projections." in Durant, Frederick C., III, ed. *Between Sputnik and the Shuttle: New Perspectives on American Astronautics*. San Diego, CA: American Astronautical Society, 1981. pp. 199-224. This article is part of a larger publication focusing on various aspects of the space program. A presentation by the director of Advanced Programs for NASA's Office of Space Transportation Systems at the AAS, it contains no notes or other scholarly apparatus. It does survey the methods of spaceflight for piloted missions since Mercury and describes some of the features of the Shuttle.
- Dooling, Dave. "Shuttle Business and Space Policy," *Astronautics & Aeronautics*. 19 (September 1981): 9-15. This article is a good, short assessment of the Shuttle mission and how it affects the commercial and military worlds; it raises some policy questions concerning the NASA's role in the operational arena.
- Embury, Barbara, with Crouch, Tom D. *The Dream is Alive*. New York: Harper and Row, 1991. This book is a printed version of the National Air and Space Museum's IMAX film by the same title. Using powerful illustrations and spare text, it deals with the potential of the Shuttle.
- Fletcher, James C. "Are SKYLAB and the Space Shuttle Worth the Investment?" *Government Executive*. January 1974. pp. 38-40, 42. This is a logical defense of both the Shuttle and Skylab programs written by the NASA Administrator. He justifies the Shuttle on the basis of cost savings (\$1 billion per year for operations) and versatility, and its ability to serve as an excellent platform for scientific research, to mate humans and machines

in a reliable and meaningful way, to mix scientific and practical applications, to provide a space rescue capability, to be used for Department of Defense projects, to foster aerospace technology, to facilitate international cooperation, and to provide the key to U.S. supremacy in space.

- Forres, George. *Space Shuttle: The Quest Continues*. London: Ian Allen, 1989. In what could only be considered a broad introduction to the Shuttle program, the author describes the reassessment of the Shuttle program following the *Challenger* accident and its return to flight in September 1988. Designed for the buff market, it is well-illustrated but has no references.
- Furniss, Tim. *Space Shuttle Log*. New York: Jane's, 1986. This is a decent general history of the Shuttle, promotional and heavily-illustrated in a large format.
- Gatland, Kenneth W.; Hewish, Mark; and Wright, Pearce. *The Space Shuttle Handbook*. New York: Hamlyn, 1979. This is a short, heavily-illustrated work about the development and operation of the Shuttle, designed for the popular market.
- Hawkes, Nigel. *Space Shuttle*. New York: Gloucester Press, 1982. A short work using drawings and diagrams, this booklet describes the new era of space technology that began officially in 1981 with the maiden flight of the Shuttle *Columbia*, the first reusable spacecraft.
- Hawkes, Nigel. *Space Shuttle: A New Era?* New York: Gloucester Press, 1989. Rehashes Hawkes' 1982 publication but also discusses the evolution of the Shuttle program since first flight, including the *Challenger* accident. In this book the author, who had been a booster of the Shuttle program, takes a much more critical approach toward the effort and suggests that the Shuttle does not really provide easy access to space.
- Henry, Beverly Z., and Decker, John P. "Future Earth Orbit Transportation Systems/Technology Implications." *Astronautics & Aeronautics*. 14 (September 1976): 18-28. Sophisticated article on the potential of the Shuttle for space exploration.
- Hosenball, S. Neil. "The Space Shuttle: Prologue or Postscript?" *Journal of Space Law*. 9 (Spring-Fall 1981): 69-75. This article treats the development of the Shuttle as a method for easy access to space, focusing on the problems and potential of space commercialization, the legal issues of orbiting civilians, and associated questions. As might be expected, it is heavy on policy and legal questions and short on technological discussions.
- Jenkins, Dennis R. *Rockwell International Space Shuttle*. Arlington, TX: Aerofax Inc., 1989. One of several popular books that present an overview of the Shuttle and its development and use. It is a well-illustrated, 72 page book.
- Joels, Kerry Mark, and Kennedy, Greg. *Space Shuttle Operator's Manual*. New York: Ballantine Books, 1982. One of the better promotional-oriented, illustrated histories, this book describes the origins and development of the Shuttle.
- Johnson, Thomas H. "The Natural History of the Space Shuttle." *Technology and Society*. 10 (1988): 417-24. Describes the historical development of the Shuttle from its inception to the present day. Johnson argues that "scientific rationality," as evidenced in the design of the system, was overriden by one president who ignored professional advisors, and by a second president who overruled DOD's protest of the Shuttle's monopoly on launches. He notes that mixing explicit technical and economic goals with subjective criteria of politics and prestige established a program in which shortcuts were common and the potential for failure/overload was probable. He notes that stress on competition promoted what he calls "irrational elements in decision making." In other words, Johnson maintains that cautious judgment and detailed analysis took a back seat to glamour and

national prestige in the development of the Shuttle.

"Just How Does the Shuttle Stack Up?" *NASA Activities*. 21 (November/December 1990): 8-10. Attempts to justify the Shuttle by comparing its performance in the 1980s with previous human space flight missions.

Kaplan, Marshall H. *Space Shuttle: America's Wings to the Future*. Fallbrook, CA: Aero Publishing, 1978. A popular treatment, with heavy reliance on photographs and a public relations tone, that discusses the development of the Shuttle from a nontechnical perspective. The subtitle summarizes the thrust of the work; useful chiefly as an example of the public image of the space program.

Larmore, Lewis, and Gervais, R. L. eds. *Space Shuttles and Interplanetary Missions*. Tucson, CA: American Astronautical Society, 1970. This lengthy publication is a collection of papers presented at an AAS meeting on the use of the Shuttle, then only on the drawing board, for flights to Mars and other planets. These discussions were highly speculative.

Light, Larry. "Space Shuttle Will Usher in New Spaceflight Era...Despite Delays, Budget Cuts and Controversy." *Congressional Quarterly*. 37 (28 April 1979): 784-5. Reviews the congressional battle over funding for the Shuttle, and summarizes the Shuttle's expected military, scientific, and commercial uses.

Luxenberg, Barbara A. "Space Shuttle Issue Brief #IB73091." The Library of Congress Congressional Research Service Major Issues System. 7 July 1981. Describes the general development and mission of the Shuttle and provides commentary on issues of importance in the political arena of the period, especially relating to operational performance and costs.

Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center. *Space Shuttle*. Washington DC: National Aeronautics and Space Administration SP-407, 1976. This highly-illustrated, full-color booklet was written within NASA as a means of convincing the public of the advantages of the Shuttle program. It describes the Shuttle system and mission profile, the technology required, the benefits accrued from living and working in space, and the major components of the Shuttle. The last sections deal with the economic impact of the Shuttle and the field center participants. Although now 16 years old it is still a useful summary of the Shuttle and its capabilities and potential uses.

MacKnight, Nigel. *Shuttle*. Osceola, WI: Motorbooks International, 1985. A heavily illustrated, popular book on the Shuttle.

MacKnight, Nigel. *Shuttle 2*. Osceola, WI: Motorbooks International, 1988. Revision of the 1985 edition, with more illustrations and a commentary on the *Challenger* accident.

Mark, Hans. "The Impact of Our Enterprise in Space." *Technology in Society*. 1 (1979): 43-53. Broad-brush assessment of the nation's space program. Mark, a former top NASA official, pays special attention to the Shuttle program as the best effort the U.S. has for routine access to space. Once ready access is achieved, the door will be open for grand developments in science and the applications of science and technology in new areas, it argues.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration. *National Space Transportation System Reference*. Washington, DC: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, June 1988. 2 Vols. Contains a wealth of information about the Shuttle. The first volume has material about systems and facilities and the second is about Shuttle operations.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration. *National Space Transportation System Overview*. Washington, DC: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, September 1988. Brief description of the overall Shuttle program, assessing the status of each major aspect of the effort and offering a soothing statement that problems were corrected after the *Challenger* accident and by 1988 the Shuttle program was running well.

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration. *Space Shuttle News Reference*. Washington, DC: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 1981. This is a loose leaf reference source about the Shuttle designed for use by media. It has basic facts about all manner of subjects and approaches the topic with a characteristic public relations slant common to such types of material.
- National Commission on Space. *Pioneering the Space Frontier: The Report of the National Commission on Space*. New York: Bantam Books, 1986. P l a y s o n t h e t h e m e o f t h e p i o n e e r i n g s p i r i t o f A m e r i c a a n d s e t s f o r t h t h e p r o p o s i t i o n t h a t t h e n a t i o n w i l l g o i n t o s p a c e, t h u s o p e n i n g t h e n e x t f r o n t i e r. T h e b o o k a s k s q u e s t i o n s a b o u t h o w t h e U. S. w i l l m e e t t h e c h a l l e n g e o f s p a c e e x p l o r a t i o n i n t h e n e x t c e n t u r y, i n t h e p r o c e s s d e v e l o p i n g a n a g g r e s s i v e p r o g r a m f o r a s p a c e s t a t i o n a n d c o l o n i e s o n t h e M o o n a n d e v e n t u a l l y M a r s. T h e c e n t e r p i e c e o f t h i s p r o g r a m, h o w e v e r, i s t h e a b i l i t y t o r e a c h s p a c e e c o n o m i c a l l y a n d r o u t i n e l y. I n t h a t e n v i r o n m e n t a m i x t u r e o f e x p e n d a b l e l a u n c h v e h i c l e s a n d t h e S h u t t l e a r e r e c o m m e n d e d. T h e c o m m i s s i o n u r g e s t h e d e v e l o p m e n t o f m o r e e f f i c i e n t s p a c e t r a n s p o r t a t i o n s y s t e m s t h r o u g h t e c h n o l o g i c a l r e s e a r c h, e s p e c i a l l y f u l l y r e u s a b l e v e h i c l e s o f a l l t y p e s. A c h a p t e r, "H i g h w a y t o S p a c e," d e a l s s p e c i f i c a l l y w i t h t h e S h u t t l e a n d u r g e s i t s c o n t i n u e d d e v e l o p m e n t. I t a l s o r e c o m m e n d s t h e d e v e l o p m e n t o f a f o l l o w - o n s y s t e m, a n a e r o s p a c e p l a n e t h a t c o u l d t a k e o f f a n d l a n d l i k e a n a i r c r a f t b u t r e a c h o r b i t.
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- Pielke Jr., Roger A. "A Reappraisal of the Space Shuttle Program." U n p u b l i s h e d s t u d y c o n d u c t e d b y t h e C e n t e r f o r S p a c e a n d G e o s c i e n c e s P o l i c y, U n i v e r s i t y o f C o l o r a d o. C o p y i n N A S A H i s t o r y O f f i c e R e f e r e n c e C o l l e c t i o n. P a r t I c r i t i q u e s t h e "c o n v e n t i o n a l w i s d o m" c o n c e r n i n g t h e S h u t t l e ' s d e v e l o p m e n t, t h a t t h e S p a c e S h u t t l e i s a "p o l i c y f a i l u r e" b e c a u s e N A S A b o w e d t o p o l i t i c a l p r e s s u r e i n d e s i g n i n g a l e s s c o s t l y b u t a l s o l e s s e f f e c t i v e s h u t t l e. I t c r i t i c i z e s t h e "A p o l l o p a r a d i g m" t h a t a c l e a r g o a l a n d s t r o n g p r e s i d e n t i a l c o m m i t m e n t t o a l a r g e s p a c e p r o g r a m i s n e c e s s a r y f o r s u c c e s s. R a t h e r, t h e a r t i c l e a r g u e s, t h e s p a c e p r o g r a m s h o u l d a d a p t i t s e l f t o t h e s y s t e m o f i n c r e m e n t a l p o l i t i c s t h a t c h a r a c t e r i z e s U. S. g o v e r n m e n t. U s i n g t h e l e v e l o f f e d e r a l c o m m i t m e n t a n d p r o g r a m p e r f o r m a n c e w i t h r e s p e c t t o o r i g i n a l e x p e c t a t i o n s a s t h e m a i n c r i t e r i a f o r s u c c e s s, P i e l k e c o n c l u d e s t h a t t h e S h u t t l e p r o g r a m h a s p e r f o r m e d p o o r l y. P a r t I I o f P i e l k e ' s s t u d y a t t e m p t s t o i d e n t i f y t h e s p e c i f i c c a u s e s o f t h e S h u t t l e ' s " p o o r p e r f o r m a n c e." P i e l k e c l a i m s t h a t t h e p r o b l e m s t e m f r o m N A S A ' s c o n t r o l o v e r t e c h n i c a l e x p e r t i s e i n a s t r o n a u t i c s, N A S A ' s f i x a t i o n o n t h e S h u t t l e a s a s t e p p i n g - s t o n e t o l a r g e r p r o g r a m s, c h a n g i n g j u s t i f i c a t i o n s f o r t h e S h u t t l e i n o r d e r t o p l e a s e C o n g r e s s a n d t h e O f f i c e o f M a n a g e m e n t a n d B u d g e t, p o r k - b a r r e l p o l i t i c s, a n d N A S A ' s e x p e c t a t i o n o f n o n - a c c o u n t a b i l i t y.
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numerous illustrations, this book discusses the reusable space transportation system from a routine and pedestrian perspective.

Rector, William F., III, and Penzo, Paul A., eds. *Space Shuttle: Dawn of An Era*. San Diego, CA: Univelt Inc., 1980. This is a collection of essays on the Shuttle's promise for routine access to space. It contains the proceedings of the 26th annual meeting of the American Astronautical Society.

Roland, Alex. "The Shuttle: Triumph or Turkey?" *Discover*. November 1985, pp. 14-24. Written by a critic of the Shuttle program, Roland argues that the Shuttle was sold as a practical and cost-effective way to gain routine access to space. It has not delivered. It is still in the spectacle stage and its much-touted capabilities have not been realized. It has made far fewer flights and conducted fewer scientific experiments than publicly predicted.

Salkeld, Robert, Patterson, Donald W., and Gray, Jerry. *Space Transportation Systems: 1980-2000*. New York: American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, 1978. This short book deals with the concept, development, building, and proposed use of the Space Shuttle. It has a section dealing with the origins of the reusable spacecraft concept and an assessment of the uses of the Shuttle. It also recommends the vigorous pursuit of the goals of the Shuttle, largely because of the practical and economic benefits that will accrue.

Sharpless, Jack. *The Earthbound Observer: A Personal Look at the People of NASA and the Space Shuttle Effort*. Michigan City, IN: Sharpless Corp., 1983. This is an eclectic critique of the Shuttle program in 89 pages.

Smith, E.P. "Space Shuttle in Perspective—History in the Making." *AIAA Paper 75-336*. February 24-26, 1975, pp. 1-13. This survey reviews four decades of space vehicle systems research and development leading up to the building of the Shuttle. It traces the highlights of those developments leading to a reusable orbiter from Wernher von Braun's winged A-4b and Eugen Sänger's antipodal bomber of the World War II era, through the X-series of test aircraft and rocket planes in the U.S. Smith pays special attention to the design studies and hardware programs of the 1950s and 1960s from which the Shuttle emerged. Finally, he recites the major steps in Shuttle review from its initial planning stage to the RDT&E process of the 1970s. This is a very informative, scholarly article.

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CHAPTER 2 PRECURSORS OF THE SHUTTLE

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- Bono, Philip, and Gatland, Kenneth. *Frontiers of Space*. New York: Macmillan Pub. Co., 1969. Profiles efforts to explore space, as well as several proposed methods and objectives for future space activities including a lunar base and a space station. There is a lengthy discussion in the book of the Space Shuttle, as well as its precursors, emphasizing its reusable nature and how it would lower launch costs. There is also a commentary on the 1968 discussion of George Mueller, NASA's Manned Space Flight head, before the British Interplanetary Society about NASA's plans for a Space Shuttle. The commentary is oriented toward the fully-reusable concept, NASA's preference at that time. The narrative is especially interesting for its representation of what was thought about the Shuttle in 1969.
- Ehricke, K. A., and D'Vincent, F. "The Nexus Concept." *Astronautics & Aeronautics*. 3 (January 1964): 18-26. One of several articles in this issue devoted to exploring the possibility of a reusable transportation system between the earth and the moon.
- Hallion, Richard P., ed. *The Hypersonic Revolution: Eight Case Studies in the History of Hypersonic Technology*. Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH: Aeronautical Systems Division Special Staff Office, 1987. 2 Vols. This two volume work contains studies of eight hypersonic R & D programs: the X-15, the X-20A Dyna-Soar, winged reentry vehicles, ASSET, Project PRIME, the Scramjet, lifting bodies, and the Space Shuttle. This study was done to provide information on the evolution of hypersonic technology to program personnel working on the National Aero-space Plane (NASP). It places the Shuttle in the context of what has gone before and suggests that it is just one program in a continuum that led toward the present state of technology, the NASP. The studies in this two-volume set were written over a lengthy period from the 1960s to the present. Some were completed by Air Force historians as internal publications, while others were done in NASA. Hallion pulled them together, and in many cases rewrote sections of them. It is a most detailed, academic, and useful presentation of information.
- Hallion, Richard P. "Lifting Bodies: These 'Flying Fish' Were the Forebears of Today's Space Shuttle." *Air & Space*. March-April 1980, pp. 6-7. This short article, written by a leading historian of aeronautical technology, deals

with the study, testing and evaluation of lifting bodies during the 1950s and 1960s. With an acknowledgment extended to Eugen Sänger, Hallion briefly describes the development of such programs as Dyna-Soar and other experimental programs. It is oriented toward hardware, and emphasizes the holdings in the National Air and Space Museum of many of these various types of craft.

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- Peebles, Curtis. "The Origins of the U.S. Space Shuttle-1." *Spaceflight*. 21 (November 1979): 435-42. The first of two articles, this one discusses some of the early scientific work on reusable spacecraft, especially the work of Eugen Sänger. There is also a lengthy description of Project Bomi, the Bell Aircraft Co. program to develop a large delta-winged reusable spacecraft during the 1950s. Peebles also pays close attention to Dyna-Soar, the ill-fated Air Force program to build a reusable vehicle. Finally, there is a discussion of lifting body technology in the 1960s, including the ASSET and M2-F1 programs.
- Peebles, Curtis. "The Origins of the U.S. Space Shuttle-2." *Spaceflight*. 21 (December 1979): 487-92. This article follows on from the previous one and extends the discussion of the Shuttle's development from the lifting body studies of the 1960s through the development of the NASA Shuttle. Major components of this effort were the X-23, X-24, and HL-10 research craft.
- Phillips, William H. "Flying Qualities from Early Airplanes to the Space Shuttle." *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics*. 12 (July-August 1989): 449-59. Originally published as an AIAA paper, this is a fine discussion of the development of aircraft technology, firmly concluding that the Shuttle orbiter is a hybrid, the first spacecraft with aerodynamic lift characteristics.
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- Sänger-Bredt, Irene. "The Silver Bird Story: A Memoir." in Hall, R. Cargill, ed. *Essays on the History of Rocketry and Astronautics: Proceedings of the Third Through the Sixth History Symposia of the International Academy of Astronautics*. vol. 1. NASA Conference Publication 2014, 1977. Examines Eugen Sänger's vision of a "Silver Bird" rocketplane designed in the 1930s to be used as the first stage of booster rockets or to transport rescue equipment for manned space stations. The article continues with a discussion of Sänger's life and research work until his death in 1961. It is written by his collaborator and wife, Irene Sänger-Bredt.
- Von Braun, Wernher, and Ryan, C. "Can We Get To Mars?" *Colliers*. 30 April 1954, pp. 22-29. During the Second World War German scientists, including Wernher von Braun, began testing spacecraft models based on Sänger's concepts as well as theories of their own. This article popularized the idea of a reusable earth-to-orbit space transportation system.
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CHAPTER 3 THE SHUTTLE DECISION

America's Next Decades in Space: A Report of the Space Task Group. Washington, DC: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, September 1969. This seminal report published just months after the first moon landing describes NASA's plans for the future. It offers several important recommendations relative to the development of the Shuttle. It emphasizes the need for continued exploration of space and the requirement for economy and reusability of spacecraft. This was couched in terms of supporting a space station for planetary exploration. All of these activities would support practical as well as scientific programs. The plan emphasizes the establishment of a space station by 1976 that would be supported by a Shuttle.

Aspin, Les. "The Space Shuttle: Who Needs It?" *The Washington Monthly*. September 1972, pp. 18-22. The author, a Democratic Congressman from Wisconsin, suggests that the Shuttle was the result of NASA's desire to continue as a separate entity. He notes that while the DOD and HUD are critical components of government, the same is not the case with NASA and space exploration. It is a luxury that can be expended when economic pressures require it. He argues that the agency has lived on public relations, and that Congress has enjoyed this glitter as well. He is skeptical of the necessity of the Shuttle and chalks its support up not to legitimate requirements but to NASA "puffery."

Barfield, Claude. "Space Report/NASA Gambles its Funds, Future on Reusable Space Shuttle Program." *National Journal*. 3 (13 March 1971): 539-51. Discusses efforts by NASA to obtain approval of the Space Transportation System. It describes the conceptualization of the program and its emphasis on practical benefits over national prestige. This was a significant and necessary alteration because of the changes in the national economy and international relations. The author concludes that NASA had no option but to develop the Shuttle if it were to remain a well-funded agency. Barfield asserts that the ten months after this article appeared would be critical to the Shuttle program, as forces lined up on both sides of the issue.

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Barfield, Claude. "Technology Report/NASA Broadens Defense of Space Shuttle to Counter Critic's Attacks." *National Journal*. 4 (19 August 1972): 1323-32. Another well-researched and well-written article on the Shuttle debate in the early 1970s.

"Correcting the Mistakes of the Past: A Conversation with John Logsdon." *Space World* (August 1986): 12-18. In this interview, Logsdon argues that the Shuttle neither guarantees routine access to space, nor is inexpensive. This, says Logsdon, was due to unrealistic expectations about the Shuttle's capabilities. Performance would have been better had the designers concentrated on transporting Shuttle-unique payloads. Logsdon claims that basically the same thing is happening to the Space Station. Other topics covered are the role of the President, the Office of Management and Budget, and Congress in the U.S. space program, and the Soviet space program.

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Draper, Alfred C.; Buck, Melvin L.; and Goesch, William H. "A Delta Shuttle Orbiter." *Aeronautics & Astronautics*. 9 (January 1971): 26-35. This is an excellent technical review of the reasons for developing a delta-wing versus a straight-wing or lifting body orbiter. The authors were engineers for the Air Force Flight Dynamics Laboratory, and their arguments contributed to the decision to change to a delta configuration, giving the military the 2000

mile crossrange capability it needed for military missions.

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- Farrar, D.J. "Space Shuttle and Post Apollo." *Aeronautical Journal*. March 1973. pp. 157-62. This article, written by the Coordinating Director of Post-Apollo Studies for the British Aircraft Corporation, is concerned with the relationship of the Apollo program to the Shuttle effort and the role of international cooperation concerning the development of the new spacecraft. The author sees all manner of opportunity for British use of the Shuttle and urges close cooperation in the program's execution.
- Fletcher, James C. "Are SKYLAB and the Space Shuttle Worth the Investment?" *Government Executive*. January 1974. pp. 38-40, 42. This is a logical defense of both the Shuttle and Skylab programs written by the NASA Administrator. He justifies the Shuttle on the basis of cost savings (\$1 billion per year for operations) and versatility, and its ability to serve as an excellent platform for scientific research, to mate humans and machines in a reliable and meaningful way, to mix scientific and practical applications, to provide a space rescue capability, to be used for Department of Defense projects, to foster aerospace technology, to facilitate international cooperation, and to provide the key to U.S. supremacy in space.
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- General Accounting Office. *Analysis of Cost Estimates for the Space Shuttle and Two Alternate Programs*. Washington, DC: General Accounting Office, 1973. This report reviews the costs associated with the use of a fully reusable Shuttle, a partially reusable Shuttle, and a fully expendable launch system. It finds that the partially reusable Shuttle is cost effective with a rigorous flight schedule over several years.
- General Accounting Office. *Cost Benefit Analysis Used in Support of the Space Shuttle Program*. Washington, DC: General Accounting Office, 1972. This 53-page report describes the process by which NASA developed its Shuttle cost-effectiveness argument. This analysis was seen as a factor in the presidential decision to press ahead with development of the spacecraft.
- Gibson, T.A. and Merz, C.M. *Impact of the Space Shuttle Program on the Economy of Southern California*. Space Division, North American Rockwell, SD 71-7662, September 1971. Discusses the probable impact on regional employment and production in Southern California through the awarding of prime contracts for the Space Shuttle program. The paper concludes that this region, with a heavy concentration of aerospace industries, would find a "highly favorable and widely diffused" economic impact from such contracts.
- Gillette, Robert. "Space Shuttle: Compromise Version Still Faces Opposition." *Science*. 175 (28 January 1972): 392-96. Reviews the controversy surrounding the decision to build the Shuttle, especially the configuration debate that took place within the government before the presidential announcement of 5 January 1972. Gillette also notes that in spite of presidential support, the Shuttle had its share of critics in Congress and that it could be tabled by the legislative branch. For one, Congress questioned the argument for the cost-effectiveness of the Shuttle. Gillette is skeptical of the Shuttle and calls the program "NASA's ferryboat to the future."
- Guilmartin, John F., Jr., and Mauer, John Walker. *A Shuttle Chronology, 1964-1973*. Houston, TX: Lyndon B. Johnson

- Space Center, 1988. 5 Volumes. This is a comprehensive and detailed chronology of the development of the Shuttle, divided into separate sections concerning various aspects of the program and organized chronologically within them. It suffers from some repetition, but still has much valuable information and many reference notes.
- Hechler, Ken. *Toward the Endless Frontier: History of the Committee on Science and Technology, 1959-1979* (Washington, DC: U.S. House of Representatives, 1980). Contains the best account to date of Congressional wrangling over the Shuttle, and demonstrates the bipartisan nature of both Shuttle support and opposition.
- Heiss, Klaus P., and Morgenstern, Oskar. *Mathematica Economic Analysis of the Space Shuttle System*. Princeton, NJ: Mathematica, Inc., 1972. This is a three volume study of the economic value of the Shuttle. It found that the major economic potential for the Shuttle in the 1980s would be the lowering of space program costs due to the reuse, refurbishment, and updating of satellite payloads. This is based on a partially reusable, stage-and-a-half Shuttle. It uses sophisticated statistical models to show the measure of economic viability of the system.
- Heiss, K.P. "Our R and D Economics and the Space Shuttle." *Aeronautics & Aeronautics*. 9 (October 1972): 50-62. This lengthy article is an economic analysis of the effect of R&D projects on the Shuttle.
- Holden, Constance. "Space Shuttle: Despite Doubters, Project Will Probably Fly." *Science*. 180 (27 April 1973): 395, 397. This short article deals with the debate in Congress over the NASA budget for FY 1974, especially as it relates to the funding to be expended on the Shuttle. It describes the efforts of critics, among them space scientists who saw the Shuttle as eating into their programs, to kill or at least delay the program. There is an explicit tie between the Shuttle debate and that surrounding the recently cancelled Supersonic Transport, with the author asserting that the two programs are comparable.
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- Hotz, Robert. "The Shuttle Decision." *Aviation Week & Space Technology*. 31 July 1972. p. 7. This editorial applauded the 5 January 1972 decision of President Richard Nixon to proceed with the development of the Space Shuttle. It does not analyze how the decision was made so much as cheer the nation's commitment to leadership in the space age.
- Howell, Craig. "The Shuttle Walks a Tightrope." *New Scientist*. 59 (9 August 1973): 321-23. Reviews the history of budget difficulties for the development of the Space Shuttle. The author believes that if the Bureau of the Budget does not supply NASA with the full funding needed to maintain the space program at its present level, NASA will sacrifice whatever is necessary to keep the Shuttle going. Suggests that it is important that the Shuttle program be funded at close to the optimum rate because speeding up or slowing down from that rate will increase costs. The consequences of a significant cost overrun or a suspension of the Shuttle are examined, with the author predicting serious repercussions.
- Hunter, Maxwell W., III, Miller, Wayne F., and Gray, Robert M. "The Space Shuttle Will Cut Payload Costs." *Aeronautics & Aeronautics*. 10 (June 1972): 50-58. This article, written by three engineers from the Lockheed Missiles and Space Co., argues that while the Shuttle is not being designed solely for the purpose of reducing operating costs, it does take advantage of technological developments during the first decade of spaceflight to achieve a quantum leap in the capabilities of the spacecraft. The article discusses at length the parameters of the effort to develop the Shuttle, analyzing costs and estimating possible returns. The result, the authors believe, would be a great improvement over earlier space operations as well as a reduction in operating costs.

- Kyger, Timothy B. "Lunar Eclipse: President Nixon, Public Opinion, and Post-Apollo Planning." Bachelors of Public Administration Thesis, University of San Francisco, 1985. This thesis attempts to determine to what extent public opinion influenced Nixon's decision to severely curtail NASA's space program. It concludes that adverse public opinion in 1969 about the future of the space program weakened congressional support for the recommendations of the Space Task Group, which in turn lessened Nixon's own endorsement of these recommendations.
- Layton, J. Preston. "Our Next Steps in Space: A Status Report on New Space Transportation Systems." *Aeronautics & Aeronautics*. 10 (May 1972): 56-65. Because of the efforts of NASA to develop the Space Shuttle the AIAA convened an ad hoc panel to assess the new space transportation system. This article reviews the efforts of the nation to build the Shuttle up to this early date, describing some of the various concepts and tracing the chronology of the Shuttle decision.
- Levine, Arthur L. *The Future of the U.S. Space Program*. New York: Praeger Publishers, 1975. Chapters six and seven of this book deal almost exclusively with the post-Apollo space policy struggle and contain good descriptions and a useful early analysis of the emergence of the Shuttle as the NASA program of the 1970s.
- Logsdon, John M. "The Decision to Develop the Space Shuttle." *Space Policy*. 2 (May 1986): 103-19. Surveys the policymaking process within government on the Shuttle program. In response to the *Challenger* accident Logsdon asserted that the Space Shuttle decision essentially set up the program for a disaster. He reviews the decision, announced on 5 January 1972, to develop a specific Shuttle design. Logsdon believes it was a bare-bones funding strategy for the program and chides the bureaucracy for politicizing the process. This decision was influential in NASA's inability to deliver routine and inexpensive space transportation. According to NASA plans in 1969, the Shuttle was to consist of two reusable components. After launch, the booster stage would be flown by its crew to a landing near its launch site, while the orbiter would continue on into space. As a result of budgetary restrictions, Logsdon asserts, these plans had to be abandoned. The result, after very extended evaluations and negotiations, was the Shuttle design in its current form, which was characterized by smaller development costs but substantially larger operating costs. This article is very similar to Logsdon's other studies on the subject and reflects on the *Challenger* disaster in relation to the policy decisions over the life of the Shuttle program.
- Logsdon, John M. "From Apollo to Shuttle: Policy Making in the Post Apollo Era." Unpublished partial manuscript, Spring 1983, copy in NASA History Office Reference Collection. This is a detailed and insightful study of the political process involved in the decision to build the Space Shuttle in the late 1960s and early 1970s. It represents a more detailed discussion of the same subject, with essentially the same conclusions, that Logsdon presented in his articles on the Shuttle.
- Logsdon, John M. "Shall We Build the Space Shuttle?" *Technology Review*. October-November 1971. The author, one of the leading analysts of space policy, prepared this article at the same time that NASA was trying to win approval of the Shuttle program from the Nixon administration. Logsdon reviews the issues at play in Washington in 1970-1971 and how they affected the funding question. He finds that the only comparably-sized space program, Apollo, operated in an environment in which political and economic decisions were strikingly different from those affecting the Shuttle. A key point was that presidential support for Apollo was omnipresent and cast an overarching shadow on all policy issues. Such was not the case for the Shuttle; support for it was at best ambivalent and at some extremes perhaps contentious. Logsdon also contends that the political process, with officeholders constantly seeking popular support and reelection every 2, 4, or 6 years, means that they want payoffs in their programs within those time constraints. The process is ill-suited to fostering long-term technological programs with results only coming in future decades.
- Logsdon, John M. "The Space Shuttle Decision: Technology and Political Choice." *Journal of Contemporary Business*. 7 (1978): 13-30. In a detailed, scholarly, and convincing article, Logsdon reviews the policymaking process for

the Shuttle. His principle conclusion is that "the Shuttle was approved, as a means of operating in space, without any extensive debate over what the goals of space operations in the 1980s might be" (p. 27). While much debate over technological designs and Shuttle configurations resulted from the process, the requirement for its operation was not firmly established. The author suggests that one of the strengths of the American system is that there is give and take over issues and pragmatic compromise to achieve results that are acceptable to the widest range of viewpoints, but that in the heavily technological arena it is of questionable virtue. The result was the development of a Shuttle that might not meet the needs of the nation.

Logsdon, John M. "The Space Shuttle Program: A Policy Failure." *Science*. 232 (30 May 1986): 1099-1105. In a thoughtful article, Logsdon contends that the decision to build the Shuttle emerged from a murky policymaking process that did not properly analyze the approach or gauge the operational capability and, more importantly, compromised the funding levels so badly that serious technological compromises resulted as well. He notes that NASA allowed its Shuttle hopes to be held hostage by political and economic forces. The program gained its support on a cost-effective basis, rather than on scientific, technological, or other grounds. This ensured that the budget-cutters would hack away at the program every year. It also suffered from a lack of strong support from key political figures. There were no Kennedys or Johnsons to champion the Shuttle and the result was a politicization of the process and what Logsdon calls a "policy failure."

Mathews, Charles W. "The Space Shuttle and its Uses." *Aeronautical Journal*. 76 (January 1972): 19-25. This article assesses the development of a reusable Shuttle system, noting that it was made practicable by the availability of improved, staged combustion engines and durable, thermal protection systems. The two stage launch configuration with fully-reusable boosters and orbiter elements is considered to be the best design solution, and size specifications for such a vehicle are examined as a function of launch costs. Significant vehicle characteristics are explained in terms of cargo bay dimensions, cross-range maneuvering capability, mission duration requirements, engine characteristics, and acceleration constraints. The Shuttle flight activities that Mathews foresees include satellite deployment and recovery, research, and space station support operations. Phases of the development program are also outlined, and structural details of several candidate Space Shuttle concepts are illustrated.

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Myers, Dale D. "The Shuttle: A Balancing of Design and Politics." *Issues in Program Management*, Summer 1992, pp. 42-45. Analyzes the various cost considerations that influenced the decision to build the Shuttle. Lack of adequate operational models and overly optimistic cost-effectiveness estimates characterized the early planning stages. This and the emphasis of development over operation were major causes of the Shuttle's later problems, the article asserts.

"NASA in Trouble with Congress, Executive, Scientists." *Nature*. 231 (11 June 1971): 346-48. Describes the difficulties

between NASA and the other branches of government over the funding of the Shuttle, delineating very well the differences between the Apollo program, which had a Presidential mandate, and the Shuttle, which had reluctant support at best. Concludes that only because of DOD involvement did the Shuttle gain sufficient support to go forward. It ends: "In staking its future to the Shuttle, perhaps a necessary move, NASA had made a devil's pact with the military, ignored the advice of the scientific community and risked antagonizing its supporters in Congress by sacrificing peripheral projects. The gamble is a dangerous one, but at least if it fails NASA will end with a bang, not a whimper" (p. 348).

NASA Space Shuttle Summary Report. Washington, DC: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, rev. ed., 31 July 1969. Summary report of efforts to define the proposed Space Shuttle. It should be used in conjunction with the longer 4-volume report described immediately below.

NASA Space Shuttle Task Group Report. Washington, DC: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 1969. 4 Volumes. This multi-volume report, written by a joint NASA/DOD study group, was the foundation of NASA's early efforts to define the Space Shuttle program. Volume one contains the summary and makes a strong case for the development of "A versatile Space Shuttle system that can transport effectively, a varying mix of personnel and cargo to low earth orbits and return, could be the keystone to the success and growth of future space flight developments for the exploration and beneficial uses of near and far space." The second volume deals with "Desired System Characteristics," the third with "Vehicle Configurations," and the fourth with "Program Plans." Originally issued on 19 May 1969, it was revised and reissued on 12 June 1969. It projected the first operational flight of a Shuttle by 1980, and proposed three options for a Shuttle: fully-reusable, one-and-one-half stage or drop tank concepts, and expendable boosters plus reusable orbiter.

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goals: a human mission to Mars and a space station.

O'Leary, Brian. "The Space Shuttle: NASA's White Elephant in the Sky." *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*. 29 (February 1973): 36-43. This essay is highly critical essay of the Space Shuttle. The author notes that the principal problems with the Shuttle include its questionable role in competing national priorities; the lack of a clear definition of NASA's goals for the Shuttle; the uncertainties of the recurring costs; the question of payload subsystem refurbishments; the secondary social and economic costs of the Shuttle; and the probability that the Department of Defense will become the primary user of the Shuttle and therefore drive the configuration and costs. O'Leary based his arguments on an oral presentation he made before the Senate Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences when it was considering the 1973 budget. He summarized the skepticism of many within the scientific community. The article is an interesting critique but contains no scholarly references.

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important " minority report" on the Shuttle's modus operandi as it was being designed and before it was approved as a program by President Nixon. It argues that the necessity of a fully-reusable Shuttle is a chimera. Traux argues for an expendable or partially reusable lower stage and a reusable orbiter, but he contends that there was no necessity of making it a winged or lifting body vehicle. Instead, a ballistic craft would do just as well and be recoverable in the ocean and reusable. That would cut down development costs drastically, but since splash-downs were " inelegant" NASA was committed to a winged spacecraft that " could be an unparalleled money sponge."

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CHAPTER 4 SHUTTLE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

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the monopoly, commercialization of the Space Shuttle had been virtually impossible, and now that the accident has occurred, companies are forced to look for alternative launch sites and vehicles. Europe's Arianespace may try to absorb as many of the satellite customers as it can. With all the space eggs in the Shuttle basket, the United States has been forced to take a back seat to other nations who have a variety of launch capabilities.

Challengers: The Inspiring Life Stories of the Seven Brave Astronauts of Shuttle Mission 51-L. New York: Pocket Books, 1986. This book, written by the staff of the *Washington Post*, describes the careers of the seven astronauts killed in the *Challenger* accident of January 1986. It is a relatively standard journalistic account, but it contains considerable background not found elsewhere.

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General Accounting Office. *Space Shuttle: Follow-up Evaluation of NASA's Solid Rocket Motor Procurement*. Washington, DC: General Accounting Office, 1989. This report reviews NASA's "plans to establish and maintain competition in the future procurement of Shuttle solid rocket motors and the quality assurance and industrial safety programs at Morton Thiokol's solid rocket motor manufacturing plant."

General Accounting Office. *Space Shuttle: NASA's Procurement of Solid Rocket Booster Motors*. Washington, DC: General Accounting Office, August 1986. This report assesses NASA's efforts to procure the solid rocket booster from Morton Thiokol following the *Challenger* accident. It discusses the redesign effort and analyzes the costs to the Shuttle program.

Goldberg, Steven. "The Space Shuttle Tragedy and the Ethics of Engineering." *Jurimetrics Journal*. 27 (Winter 1987): 155-159. This article criticizes the divorce of engineering judgment from management decisions, using the *Challenger* accident as a case study.

Implementation of the Recommendations of the Presidential Committee on the Space Shuttle Challenger Accident. Washington, DC: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, June 1987. This is an in-depth report of the NASA leadership to President Ronald Reagan on the method and results of the implementation of changes recommended to the Shuttle program in light of the *Challenger* accident. The leadership emphasized the sweeping changes coming to the agency to ensure that nothing of this type ever happened again. They note that the interplay of national politics, NASA management, and individual engineering decisions is critical.

Investigation of the Challenger Accident: Hearings before the Committee on Science and Technology. Washington, DC: U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science and Technology, 1986. 2 Vols. This large work contains the testimonies of numerous high-ranking witnesses concerning the *Challenger* accident. It includes the statements of more than 60 people taken during 10 formal sessions. Understanding its contents is critical in any serious effort to appreciate and interpret the complexity of the events leading up to the tragedy.

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- Engineering Management Review*. 16 (March 1988) : 2 -6. This article is a sociological study of NASA management and the *Challenger* disaster. Based on a series of tests conducted on NASA personnel between 1978 and 1982, the authors conclude that agency leaders are characterized by a tendency not to reverse decisions and not to heed the advice of people outside the management group.
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- Lopez, Ramon. "Impact of Challenger Loss: Future Shuttle Flights Tied to Presidential Probe Findings." *Space Markets*. 1 (Spring 1986): 40-45. Argues that the *Challenger* disaster was caused by several unfortunate miscalculations, and that now the question of its impact on the space program must be considered. Lopez asserts that June 1987 is the earliest date that the Shuttle may be operating again, so viable alternatives should be sought in the commercial world to place satellites into orbit. Unfortunately, U.S. military vehicles cannot ease the situation since all already have assigned payloads. Questions remain, according to the author, about whether or not to build another Shuttle, and whether or not the Shuttle design needs to be recast.
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positions. It also comments on the role of the spaceflight safety panel. Finally, the author discusses non-managerial safety enhancement programs: the solid rocket booster changes, the Shuttle crew escape systems, and landing improvements.

NASA's Plans to Procure New Shuttle Rocket Motors. Washington, DC: U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Government Operations, 1986. This lengthy report contains the hearing of the Legislation and National Security Subcommittee on this subject conducted on 31 July 1986 after the loss of *Challenger*.

NASA's Response to the Committee's Investigations of the Challenger Accident. Washington, DC: U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 1987. This publication contains the hearings relating to the actions of NASA following the Roger's Commission report concerning the *Challenger* accident. These were held before the committee on 26 February 1987, 100th Cong., 1st Sess.

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Results of the Development Motor 8 Test Firing. Washington, DC: U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 1987. This publication reports to the subcommittee on Space Science and Applications on the successful performance of the redesigned Shuttle solid rocket boosters at the Morton Thiokol test facility in Brigham City, Utah. Hearings were conducted on 16 September 1987, 100th Cong., 1st Sess.

Ride, Sally K. *Leadership and America's Future in Space: A Report to the Administrator.* Washington, DC: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 1987. Following the *Challenger* accident NASA reassessed its posture in the space program and commissioned several studies. This one, written by an astronaut, asks the question, where should NASA head with the space effort in the next twenty years? Essentially a study in strategic planning, a major part of this book deals with the ability to reach space efficiently, safely, and reliably. Two principal means are suggested, and Ride indicates that a mix is best, the Shuttle and expendable launch vehicles. These should become the centerpiece of all other endeavors for NASA, she argues.

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- Rogers, William P. *Report of the Presidential Commission on the Space Shuttle Challenger Accident*. Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1986. 5 Vols. The first volume of this publication contains the report itself, while the rest have supporting documentation and testimony. This is an exceptionally important study based on the Commission's investigation of the *Challenger* accident. It has aroused controversy in all quarters as being either too lax in its indictment of NASA's management or too harsh in its criticism.
- Roland, Alex. "Priorities in Space for the USA." *Space Policy*. 3 (May 1987): 104-14. This article follows the story of the Shuttle development, placing it in the context of the history of the U.S. space program from Apollo to the Space Station. The Shuttle was, according to Roland, one of a series of space "spectaculars" and has proven to be expensive and unreliable, practical only for a very limited number of specialized missions. The space station also cannot be justified on a cost-effective basis, and the author concludes that the station and the replacement orbiter for the *Challenger* should be cancelled. In their place NASA should begin a major program to develop a new launch vehicle independent of the military. The aim should be toward a dramatic reduction in launch vehicle costs, making spaceflight practical, and a truly independent NASA, which could restore the United States to space preeminence. This article is followed by a response from John M. Logsdon and a rejoinder from Roland.
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Simon, Michael C. *Keeping the Dream Alive: Putting NASA and America Back in Space*. San Diego, CA: Earth Space Operations, 1987. This is a slim volume that is chiefly interesting because of its discussion of the difficulties NASA has experienced in meeting the challenge of using and exploring space. It has two full chapters on the Shuttle and its development, as well as the effort of selling it to the public in the 1970s as the central means of access to space. There is also a discussion of *Challenger* and the difficulties created and problems illuminated by the disaster.

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Space Shuttle Recovery. Washington, DC: U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 1987. This publication contains the text of hearings before the Subcommittee on Space Science and Applications at the 100 Cong., 1st Sess.

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NASA through the primary contractor, Morton Thiokol, held on 27 January 1988.

Trento, Joseph J., with reporting and editing by Susan B. Trento. *Prescription for Disaster: From the Glory of Apollo to the Betrayal of the Shuttle*. New York: Crown Publishers, 1987. Not truly an investigation of the *Challenger* accident, this book is an in-depth review of the NASA management and R&D system emphasizing the agency's "fall from grace" after the Apollo program. Essentially Trento argues that the giants of the 1960s, the men who successfully managed the lunar program, were gone and were replaced with government bureaucrats who played the political game and sold the Shuttle as an inexpensive program and, in the process, sowed the seeds of disaster. Trento blames the Nixon administration for politicizing and militarizing the space program, and every NASA administrator since that time has had to play hard, but against bigger opponents, in both arenas. Declining every year since then, NASA was truly in the doldrums by the time of the *Challenger* accident. He argues that the failure was not the O-rings that ignited the spacecraft, it was the political system that produced them.

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"Whistle-blower." *Life*. March 1988, pp. 17-19. This is an interview with Roger Boisjoly, the former Morton Thiokol engineer who complained to the media and anyone else who would listen that his company and NASA had neglected critical safety indicators and allowed the Shuttle to be launched against many people's objections. That management decision led to the loss of the *Challenger*, millions of dollars, lots of time, an untold amount of credibility, and most important the lives of seven people. Contains numerous photographs.

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- Collins, Michael. "Orbiter Is First Spacecraft Designed for Shuttle Runs." *Smithsonian*. 8 (May 1977): 38-47. This is an excellent article on the Shuttle's development and potential written by a former astronaut. Collins concludes that the Shuttle has the potential, however difficult it might be to fulfill, to open space for routine operations.
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- Lawrence, John. "The Demythification of NASA." *NASA Activities*. 21 (November/December 1990): 3-5. This article summarizes the main arguments NASA uses to counter its critics. Includes justifications of the Space Shuttle and its performance.
- Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center. *Space Shuttle*. Houston, TX: John Space Center, 1975. This is a booklet describing for the public the potential of the Shuttle for the exploration of space. It emphasizes the benefits to be accrued and mentions the Shuttle contractors, analyzes the economic impact of the program, and describes the mission profile. It was reprinted a year later in a more concise and visually appealing form.
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Shuttle." *Science Digest*. 87 (January 1980): 52-59. Although flippantly named, this article describes something of the public hopes for the Shuttle in 1980 and its promise of providing routine access to space.

Michaud, Michael A.G. *Reaching for the High Frontier: The American Pro-Space Movement, 1972-1984*. New York: Praeger, 1986. Michaud presents a cogent history and commentary of the pro-space efforts made by voluntary organizations that arose near the end of the Apollo program. Michaud identifies the key groups, traces their origins and goals, and describes how they had a subtle but critical influence on the space policy of the nation during the formative years of Shuttle development. These groups lobbied with Congress and used publicity to support the space effort, not always with the expected results, however. Their intent was to turn ideas and a diffuse pro-space sentiment into legislation aimed at building support for the Shuttle and creating space stations and trips to Mars. This book represents the first systematic attempt to analyze the space booster efforts of the 1970s, and although a fine contribution, it should not be the final word on the subject.

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Michener, James A. "Manifest Destiny." *Omni*. April 1981, pp. 48-50, 102-104. An outstanding reading experience, this article, by the dean of American popular novelists, encapsulates all the most cherished principles for manned space flight. It is human destiny to explore, he notes, and space is the next logical path. He also hangs much hope for this exploration on the Shuttle, commenting that "if the Space Shuttle succeeds, Americans will once again be voyaging in space after a period of six years. If it fails, the exploration of space may close down for several decades" (p. 102).

Mueller, George F. "The Benefits of Space Exploration Related to the Space Shuttle." *Interavia*. 27 (December 1972): 1335-36. This article is a very good NASA view of what was envisioned for the Shuttle at the time that it was being developed. Written by the chief of NASA's Office of Manned Space Flight, it emphasizes the boon to scientists of such projects as orbiting observatories and to commercial enterprise because of its ability to use the weightless environment to manufacture new materials. Accordingly, Mueller was seeking to describe to two important, but critical, constituencies that the Shuttle had real value.

Mueller, George F. "Space Shuttle—Beginning a New Era in Space Cooperation." *Astronautics & Aeronautics*. September 1972, pp. 20-25. This is a useful article, but chiefly for its positive approach of the subject. It highlights the multinational promise of the Shuttle and the ready access to space it will provide humanity.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration. *Space Shuttle: Emphasis for the 1970s*. Washington, DC: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 1972. This booklet for popular audiences describes the Space Shuttle as a vehicle that combines the advantages of airplanes and spacecraft, capable of repeatedly flying to space and back to earth. It could be launched vertically, powered by two solid-rocket boosters, which will be parachuted to earth for retrieval at an altitude of about 40 km. New uses of space flight are anticipated as costs decrease, turn-around times shorten, and operations become simplified. Color illustrations are included, but there are no references.

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Ragsdale, Al. "Flying the Space Shuttle." *Analog*. 97 (December 1977): 70-85. More heavily promotional than most, this article reviews the development of the Shuttle and hits hard the potential it has for opening up space to routine operations.

Robertson, Donald F. "The Space Shuttle in Perspective: Making a Good Space Shuttle Better." *NASA Activities*. 21 (November/December 1990): 6-7. Offers justifications for the Space Shuttle, praising its reliability, cost-efficiency, and technological achievements.

The Space Shuttle Adventure. Los Angeles, CA: Cheerios and Rockwell International, 1985. This is a short, 25-page booklet describing the Shuttle and its mission for young readers. It was put together as a promotional handout to capitalize on the popularity of the Shuttle.

Space Shuttle Program Overview. Washington, DC: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, n.d. This short, tri-fold brochure relates in words and a few illustrations the development of the Shuttle. Very informative as well as promotional, it is designed for the public.

"Space Shuttle—Vital to Man's Future." *Space World*. March 1974, pp. 4-35. This is a very positive description of what the Shuttle is intended to be and what it offers to the world. More useful as a gauge of public interest than in bringing new ideas to the study of the Shuttle.

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Taylor, L.B. "Shuttling into Space." *Mechanics Illustrated*. 66 (April 1970): 45-47. This is a short, general article on the method of operation of the Shuttle.

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Von Braun, Wernher. "Spaceplane That Can Put You in Orbit: Space Shuttle." *Popular Science*. 197 (July 1970): 37-39. Promotes the Shuttle, emphasizing its strong potential for gaining easy access to space and discussing the possibilities of airliner-type operations.

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CHAPTER 9

SCIENCE ON THE SHUTTLE, POTENTIAL AND ACTUAL

- "A User's Eye-View of the Space Shuttle." *NASA Activities*. 21 (November/December 1990): 18-19. This is an interview with Dr. Charles E. Bugg concerning the Protein Crystal Growth Experiments performed on the Space Shuttle. The article discussed the advantages of using the Shuttle for these experiments, the results, and the possible medical advantages of the research.
- Baker, David. "Programming the Shuttle to Future Needs." *Spaceflight*. 22 (March 1980): 137-40. This article takes a cursory look at the role of the Shuttle in the development of all manner of commodities that could benefit from a microgravity environment.
- Billstein, Roger E. "International Aerospace Engineering: NASA Shuttle and European Spacelab." Unpublished paper prepared for the NASA-ASEE Summer Faculty Fellow Program, 12 August 1981. This paper was prepared to discuss the interrelationships between the NASA and the European space programs for the conduct of a Shuttle mission to launch the Spacelab. It deals largely with the policy and diplomatic history of the subject.
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- Chesterton, T. Stephen; Chafer, Charles M.; and Chafer, Sallie Birket. *Social Sciences and Space Exploration: New Directions for University Instruction*. Washington, DC: NASA EP-192, 1988. This is a new educational publication issued by NASA exploring their relationship between technology and society. It emphasizes technological change and its continuing effects on the society that produces it. As a pathbreaking technology, the Shuttle plays a large role in the discussions contained in this book. The book, designed for use by college professors and students, provides introductory material on a variety of space-related social topics to help in classroom explorations.
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- Covault, Craig. "Shuttle Launch of Galileo Jupiter Mission Highlights U.S. Space Science Renaissance." *Aviation Week & Space Technology*. 23 October 1989, pp. 22-24. This news story reports on the launch of the Galileo for Jupiter from the Shuttle mission in October 1989 and suggests that the Shuttle program is now emerging from the doldrums after the loss of *Challenger*.
- Doolling, Dave. "Eyeing Innovative Shuttle Payloads." *Astronautics & Aeronautics*. 18 (May 1980): 18-20. This article describes some of the unique missions and science experiments projected for the Shuttle. It is not particularly unique in what it discusses but has some useful information.
- Froehlich, Walter. *Spacelab: An International Short-Stay Orbiting Laboratory*. Washington, DC: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 1983. This is an interesting short study of Spacelab, the Shuttle-based laboratory built by ESA as a cooperative venture with NASA. It is heavily illustrated and designed for a popular audience.
- Get Away Special . . . The First Ten Years*. Greenbelt, MD: Goddard Space Flight Center, 1989. This 40-page report

describes the origins and development of the unique science program for the Shuttle that allows both professional and nonprofessional experimenters to gain access to space. The brief history begins with the origins of the Get Away special, and tells about the milestones in its development. Most important, it presents an overview of individual customer payloads, chronologically grouped with the various Shuttle missions.

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Greer, Jerry D. "Space Shuttle Large Format Camera Coverage of Areas in Africa—A Review of the Mission and the Photographs Acquired." *Geocarto International*. 4 (June 1989) : 19 -33. During October 1984 the Shuttle *Challenger* carried a large format cartographic camera for an engineering evaluation that took an excellent set of high resolution photographs of limited areas worldwide with many in Africa. The results of this experiment are reviewed in this article, which also presents many striking photos.

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Hammel, R.L., Gilliam, A.S., and Waltz, D.M. "Space Processing Payloads—A Requirements Overview." *Journal of the British Interplanetary Society*. 30 (October 1977) : 363 -77. This article considers the space processing applications with regard to the user community offered by the Shuttle. The development of a series of low-gravity materials processing experiments, including crystal growth and solids, is described along with the program requirements for such research. Spacelab should satisfy many of these efforts in partnership with the Shuttle. The authors also review the results of an eight-month study which defines and investigates possible space application payloads for the Shuttle, with special attention to payload design criteria, mission planning, and analyses regarding costs and scheduling.

Hoffman, H.E.W. *The Space Laboratory: A European-American Cooperative Effort*. Washington, DC: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 1981. This short work, a translation of a West German study, reviews the history of the European participation in the American Space Shuttle project. Some early work carried out in West Germany on the rocket-powered second stage of a reusable launch vehicle system is cited, in particular wind tunnel studies of the aerodynamic and flight-mechanical behavior of various lifting body configurations in the subsonic range. Also highlighted is the development of international cooperation in the Shuttle program, especially noting West German interest and expertise. Also mentioned is the U.S.'s decision to exclude Europe from participating in the design of the orbiter and the booster stage of the Shuttle.

Jerkovsky, William. ed. *Shuttle Pointing of Electro-Optical Experiments*. Bellingham, WA: Society of Photo-Optical Engineers, 1981. This book contains the proceedings of a technical conference held in Los Angeles, CA, on 10-13 February 1981 concerning the use of the Shuttle for star tracking and other scientific endeavors using optics.

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- Goddard Space Flight Center, 1974. 2 Vols. This publication represents the work done at a conference on the Shuttle held at Goddard Space Flight Center on 31 July-4 August 1974. The first volume of the proceedings deals with policy and system characteristics, while the second contains working group reports. The proceedings describe the basic capabilities of Shuttle sortie mode and the potential uses of the Shuttle for research in individual disciplines.
- Katauskas, Ted. "Shuttle Science: Is it Paying Off?" *Research and Development*. 32 (August 1990): 43-46, 48, 50, 52. The author claims in this article that "about half of the projects scheduled to fly into space in the orbiter will do so with little or no practical proof that they will work once they reach microgravity." He maintains—contrary to the evidence in several other publications listed in this section—that NASA does not keep adequate records of experiments and that incompatible experiments are packed together on the Shuttle, often ruining results.
- Koelle, Dietrich E., and Butler, George V., ed. *Shuttle/Spacelab: The New Space Transportation System and its Utilization*. San Diego, CA: Univelt, 1981. This is a collection of papers relating to the development and uses of the Shuttle presented at the American Astronautical Society.
- Lord, Douglas R. *Spacelab: An International Success Story*. Washington, DC: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 1987. Spacelab was the European-developed and U.S.-operated space laboratory carried in the cargo bay of the Space Shuttle. This book details the history of this program from its conception, describing negotiations and agreements for European participation and the roles of Europe and the U.S. in system development, operational capability development, and utilization planning. More important, it reviews the joint management structure, coordination process, and the record in solving management and technical questions in an international setting. While the Shuttle comes into the book repeatedly as the vehicle carrying this system, this book is a chronological account of the Spacelab program from 1967 to 1985. It is filled with illustrations, many in color, and while it has no notes, a list of sources is included, as well as facsimile reprints of many important documents.
- Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center. *Spacelab Life Sciences I: First Space Laboratory Dedicated to Life Sciences Research*. National Aeronautics and Space Administration NP 120, August 1989. This glossy, well-illustrated publication discusses the first in a series of three Shuttle missions dedicated to studying how living and working in space affects the human body. The document reviews the effects of weightlessness on the body, describes some of the major experiments to be performed, and includes a brief description of the crew and the program management.
- Mark, Hans. *The Space Station: A Personal Journey*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 1987. This is an insider's account of the space science policy developed in NASA during the period of germination of the space station. Although ancillary to a discussion of the station, it addresses in detail the technological debates over the method of traveling to and from the space station, including the effect of the *Challenger* tragedy. The development of the Shuttle and the relationship of it to the space station, arms control, and other topics are also considered.
- Mason, J.A. *The Space Shuttle Program and its Implications for Space Biology Research*. Houston, TX: Johnson Space Center, 1972. This was originally presented as a paper at the American Institute of Biological Sciences meeting in Minneapolis in 1972. It deals with some of the potential for microgravity research using the Space Shuttle.
- Morgenthaler, George W., and Burns, William J., eds. *Space Shuttle Payloads*. Tarzana, CA: Univelt, 1973. This is a publication of the American Astronautical Society. Consisting of papers by several people, it presents technical information on the various types and specifics of many payloads to be flown in the Shuttle orbiter.
- Morgenthaler, George W., and Hollstein, M., eds. *Space Shuttle and Spacelab Utilization: Near Term and Long Term Benefits for Mankind*. San Diego, CA: Univelt Inc., 1978. A scientific work, this publication analyzes the uses

of the Shuttle for microgravity, biomedicine, and other types of research.

Moulton, Robert R. *First To Fly*. Minneapolis, MN: Lerner Publications Co., 1983. This is an account of 18-year-old Todd Nelson, who designed an experiment to study the flight of insects in orbit. It was the first student experiment ever to fly aboard the Space Shuttle.

Murray, Bruce. *Journey into Space: The First Three Decades of Space Exploration*. New York: W.W. Norton and Co., 1989. This book is not principally concerned with the Space Shuttle, but it is discussed in some detail in the latter part of this highly personal account by a former director of JPL. Murray, who was concerned with planetary probes, wrote that those missions were constantly challenged by the Shuttle, as NASA's dollars were poured into a development program which lagged behind schedule and over budget. He referred to the Shuttle as NASA's "sacred cow" which always had to be fed despite any other worthwhile projects that went begging. This was especially true during the early 1980s when the Shuttle was becoming operational and the Reagan administration was intent on cutting government expenditures. In essence, Murray concludes, the Shuttle priority ensured that the United States would have no mission to Halley's Comet.

National Academy of Sciences. *Scientific Uses of the Space Shuttle*. Washington, DC: National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council, 1974. This 214-page document surveys the missions that could be accomplished by the proposed Shuttle. The areas of scientific research considered are: (1) atmospheric and space physics, (2) high energy astrophysics, (3) infrared astronomy, (4) optical and ultraviolet astronomy, (5) solar physics, (6) life sciences, and (7) planetary exploration. Specific projects to be conducted in these broader areas are also defined. Also analyzed are the modes of operation of the Shuttle.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration. *Materials Processing in Space: Early Experiments*. Washington, DC, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 1980. This study assesses some of the experimental activities relating to materials processing in orbit.

Naugle, John E. "Research with the Space Shuttle." *Physics Today*. 26 (November 1973): 30-37. This is an interesting article on the potential for research in space using the large capacity bay of the Shuttle.

Neal, Valerie. *Renewing Solar Science: The Solar Maximum Repair Mission*. Greenbelt, MD: Goddard Space Flight Center, 1984. This is a brief discussion of the successful efforts to repair the Solar Maximum satellite using the Space Shuttle.

Prouty, Clarke R., ed. *Get Away Special Experimenter's Symposium*. Washington, DC: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 1984. This is a collection of papers delivered at a symposium on small-scale experiments for the Shuttle held 1-2 August 1984 at the Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD.

Science in Orbit: The Shuttle and Spacelab Experience, 1981-1986. Washington, DC: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 1988. This contains a mission by mission analysis of the scientific experiments conducted in the Shuttle between its first orbital mission and the *Challenger* accident.

Shapland, David, and Rycroft, Michael. *Spacelab: Research in Earth Orbit*. Cambridge, England: Cambridge University Press, 1984. This is a useful discussion of the development and flight of the laboratory built by Europeans for use aboard the Shuttle in earth orbit. It charts the twelve-year program of development through the first launch on the Shuttle in November 1983. It contains a chronicle of experiments performed in the lab and discusses some of the results. The book is highly illustrated with full-color in many places, and is designed as a readable work for the general public but without sacrificing detail and accuracy.

Space Shuttle Payloads: Hearing Before the Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences. Washington, DC: U.S. Senate Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences, 30-31 October 1973. This two-part publication

reviews the Shuttle's possible missions in the 1980s.

Thomas, Lawrence R., and Mosier, Frances L. *Get Away Special Experiment's Symposium*. Washington, DC: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 1988. This contains the proceedings of the 1988 symposium at Cocoa Beach, Florida, that NASA hosted for scientists interested in the unique experimental capability provided in the Shuttle.

Wilkerson, Thomas D.; Lauriente, Michael; and Sharp, Gerald W. *Space Shuttle Environment: Proceedings of the Engineering Foundation Conference, Space Shuttle Experiment and Environment Workshop held at New England College, Henniker, New Hampshire, U.S.A., August 6-10, 1984*. Washington, DC: The Engineering Foundation, 1985. A total of 26 presentations make up this technical publication about the Shuttle. Everything is oriented toward current programs and what they offer the world, as well as to projections for the future of the space program. There is considerable discussion of the role of the Shuttle in scientific endeavors in such areas as environmental experimentation; chemical, electronic and biological studies; particle and molecular research; and weightless and motion studies.

Winter, David L. "Carry-On Shuttle Payloads, or How to 'Con the System'." *Astronautics & Aeronautics*. 15 (June 1977): 54-56. This article discusses the potential of the Shuttle for reasonably-priced space experiments, especially with the so-called "getaway specials" being developed for use in the cargo bay.

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CHAPTER 10 COMMERCIAL USES OF THE SHUTTLE

- Akin, David L. "Teleoperations, Robotics, Automation, and Artificial Intelligence: Technologies for Space Operations." *U.S. Opportunities in Space*. London, England: Space Consultants International, 1985. This article, presented at the second annual Space Business Conference in 1985, says that the development of the Space Shuttle opens the door to the potential development of space for commercial purposes. So far, these operations have focused on two separate technologies: manual, for piloted missions, and automated, for satellite missions. With recent developments, however, those dichotomies are no longer valid as a whole spectrum of possibilities is present. The two aspects of this spectrum dealt with here are the results of a two-year effort to categorize and evaluate the applications of automation, robotics, and machine intelligence systems for space programs and an overview of experimental efforts in space teleoperations, automation technology for space manipulators, and the crew scheduling system for space station use.
- Ariane vs. Shuttle: The Competition Heats Up*. Washington, DC: Television Digest, Inc., 1985. This short publication reviews the benefits and liabilities of launching satellites on the two principal means available, the Shuttle or the allegedly privately developed but still government subsidized Ariane expendable launch vehicle. With the competition for the satellite launch market in full-swing this book assesses how NASA and Arianespace reached their market positions in terms of service versus price.
- Baker, David. "Space Shuttle: A User's Guide." *Flight International*. 20 May 1978, pp. 1552-58. A review of the Shuttle's potential, emphasizing its commercial and practical activities.
- Banks, Howard. "Overloaded Shuttle." *Forbes*. 19 July 1982, pp. 33-34. This article comments on the difficulties of buying space on the Shuttle for either scientific experiments or satellite launches.
- Becky, Yvan. "Commercial Use of the Space Transportation System: Toward a Permanent Manned Space Station." *Proceedings of the International Conference and Exhibition on the Commercial and Industrial Uses of Outer Space*. Montreux, Switzerland: Interavia Pub. Group, 1986. pp. 57-66. Discusses the resumption of space transportation system operations, including the strategy for a safe return to flight, planned technical modifications to the solid booster, ground rules for a first launch, and the launch target date. According to the author, Shuttle support of commercial activities in orbit includes satellite servicing, satellite retrieval, and future support of a permanent space station.
- Bennett, James, and Salin, Phillip. "The Private Solution to the Space Transportation Crisis." *Space Policy*. 3 (August 1987): 181-205. The authors of this lengthy article assert that confused and short-sighted decisions dominated by political expediency have been made about the U.S. space program for the past 30 years. Overly large and ambitious systems have been chosen, resulting in the present crisis in space transportation. The history of commercial aircraft development offers an alternative example of producing a range of sizes and capabilities for a wide variety of users and shows that the space transportation industry could benefit from applying the decision-making processes used in private enterprise. The authors examine strategies for privatization of the Shuttle and conclude that policy support for the commercial launch industry must be continued. NASA must also be reoriented toward its basic research function, and more government services should be bought from the private sector.
- Bimmerle, Charles F. "Manufacturing in Space: Are You Ready?" *Twenty-eighth Annual International Conference Proceedings of the American Product and Inventory Control Society*. Falls Church, VA: APICS, 1985. The author suggests that the strategy of high technology coupled with emphasis on a global economy has brought about a second industrial revolution. A critical component of that revolution has been the space program, contributing new products and technologies to make life easier on earth. The Shuttle represents an opportunity

to maximize that new development. America, via NASA, is ready to collect the economic, technological, and political rewards that can be attained from manufacturing in space. This presentation outlines the history, plans, and future of the newest type of manufacturing available to the business community, microgravity.

- Blahnik, James E., and Davis, James E. "Advanced Applications of the Space Shuttle." *Journal of Spacecraft and Rockets*. 11 (February 1974): 117-119. This short article describes some of the applications anticipated for the Shuttle, emphasizing the new technologies emerging from its development.
- Brown, Richard L. "Avenues and Incentives for Commercial Use of Low-Gravity Environment." *Materials Processing in Space: Proceedings of the Special Conference*. Columbus, OH: American Ceramic Society, 1983. pp. 197-209. This article discusses the new technology of microgravity when applied to the production of materials. It describes the process whereby the Shuttle in orbit can be used as a laboratory for such work, and predicts that by the end of the 1980s such activities will be routine.
- Campbell, Janet W. "Choosing Reliability Level for Shuttle-Carried Payloads." *Astronautics & Aeronautics*. 14 (December 1976): 38-42. This professional paper assesses the methods and makes recommendations on the nature and means of choosing payloads for the Shuttle, essentially prioritizing those that will have the greatest immediate benefits for humanity.
- Covault, Craig. "Boeing Eyes Private Shuttle Operation." *Aviation Week & Space Technology*. 2 October 1978, pp. 23-25. This is a news report of studies by Boeing to assess the possibilities for the development and operation of a Shuttle by the private sector.
- Divis, Dee Ann. "Commercializing the Fifth Orbiter—Can it be Done Successfully." M. A. Thesis, University of Nebraska, 1982. This unpublished study in economics reviews the feasibility of privatizing the fifth orbiter. Developed a somewhat hypothetical situation, the scenario is played out using readily available construction and operational data. Not surprisingly, the author finds the approach viable. The most interesting aspect of this study is a discussion of the government's position on commercialization of an orbiter.
- Divis, Dee Ann. "Thinking Big by Keeping it Small: The Price and Scheduling Advantages of a Fully Reusable Mini-Shuttle." *International Space Business Review*. 1 (June-July 1985): 38-43. This article comments on the efforts of Third Millennium, Inc., to develop a new design and approach to the Space Shuttle system. Its space van system is based on reusable technology and promises commercial, airline-type operations. The launch services include a seven-day turn-around, a one-month lead time, the ability to schedule additional or emergency launches, and a launch price of \$1.9 million to \$40 million, depending on orbit and weight. These conditions mean both small and large companies will be able to take advantage of the opportunities in space.
- Fink, Donald E. "On-Orbit Satellite Servicing Explored." *Aviation Week & Space Technology*. 14 April 1975, pp. 35-39. One of the potentials of the Shuttle was always the ability either to go into space and retrieve satellites and other objects for repair or to fix them while still in orbit. This article discusses this possibility as it was being studied by NASA.
- Gillam, Isaac T. "Towards Industrial Development in Space." *Space Communications Broadcast*. 5 (March 1987): 37-43. The industrial and commercial uses of space promise substantial tangible benefits for large numbers of people throughout the world, but this effort is not without risk. NASA's Office of Commercial Programs was established in 1984 in order to provide a focus for the agencywide program to encourage private investment in commercial space activities and to facilitate technology transfer. The Shuttle program has been one focus of these efforts.
- Hosenball, S. Neil. "The Space Shuttle: Prologue or Postscript?" *Journal of Space Law*. 9 (Spring-Fall 1981): 69-75. This article treats the development of the Shuttle as a method for easy access to space, focusing on the

problems and potential of space commercialization, the legal issues of orbiting civilians, and associated questions. As might be expected, it is heavy on policy and legal questions and short on technological discussions.

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CHAPTER 11 THE SHUTTLE AND THE MILITARY

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CHAPTER 13

THE SHUTTLE IN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

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- Froehlich, Walter. *Spacelab: An International Short-Stay Orbiting Laboratory*. Washington, DC: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 1983. This is an interesting short study of Spacelab, the Shuttle-based laboratory built by ESA as a cooperative venture with NASA. It is heavily illustrated and designed for a popular audience.
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- Hammel, R.L., Gilliam, A.S., and Waltz, D.M. "Space Processing Payloads—A Requirements Overview." *Journal of the British Interplanetary Society*. 30 (October 1977): 363-77. This article considers the space processing applications with regard to the user community offered by the Shuttle. The development of a series of low-gravity materials processing experiments, including crystal growth and solids, is described along with the

program requirements for such research. Spacelab should satisfy many of these efforts in partnership with the Shuttle. The authors also review the results of an eight-month study which defines and investigates possible space application payloads for the Shuttle, with special attention to payload design criteria, mission planning, and analyses regarding costs and scheduling.

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International Cooperation and Competition in Space. Washington, DC: U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science and Technology, 1984. This publication contains the proceedings of hearings on the subject given before the subcommittee on Space Science and Applications given 25 July 1984 at the 98th Cong., 2d Sess.

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Science in Orbit: The Shuttle and Spacelab Experience, 1981-1986. Washington, DC: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 1988. This contains a mission by mission analysis of the scientific experiments conducted in the Shuttle between its first orbital mission and the *Challenger* accident.

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CHAPTER 14 MANAGEMENT AND FUNDING OF THE SHUTTLE PROGRAM

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Bell, M.W. Jack. "Advanced Space Transportation Requirements and Options." *Journal of the British Interplanetary Society*. 37 (December 1984): 531-36. The author comments that the United State's space transportation system is maturing and should remain operational for the rest of the century. The use of expendable and semi-expendable elements, the massive sustaining manpower, and the required ground equipment and facilities have all contributed to a higher cost per flight than was expected. Bell advocates the construction of a new generation Shuttle that is fully reusable, lightweight, highly reliable, and equipped with long-life hardware. He believes these features can be incorporated into a single-stage-to-orbit system. This article characterizes several possible configurations for this Shuttle and illustrates some desired features. He comments, however, that Shuttle requirements are constantly evolving. The follow-on system should be defined clearly in terms of missions and applications within the limits of transportation costs. He argues, however, that a new Shuttle could not be built until a source of leadership and inspiration to initiate and lead this effort appears. While the technology is present, the will and the concomitant dollars are not.

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missions. The article is prophetic in that, while it was opposed to NASA policy at the time, at least in terms of expendable vehicles, it says that the United States should not allow the Shuttle to dictate its entrance into space. This was a position especially popular after the *Challenger* accident.

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Space Shuttle 1980: Status Report for the Committee on Science and Technology. Washington, DC: U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science and Technology, 1980. This publication reports on the status of the Shuttle program before the 96th Cong., 2d Sess.

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of the program, recommending that the project proceed.

Space Shuttle, Space Tug, Apollo-Soyuz Test Project-1974. Washington, DC: House Committee on Science and Astronautics, February 1974. Report of hearings held on this subject by the 93d Cong., 2d Sess., which reached several conclusions about the viability of the program. Recommends that the program continue, noting the adequate funding for FY75 was critical to its success.

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CHAPTER 15

JUVENILE LITERATURE

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- Barrett, Norman S. *Space Shuttle*. New York: Franklin Watts, 1985. This short work introduces the orbiter, what it is like inside, and what the crew does. It was written for a juvenile audience.
- Barrett, Norman S. *The Picture World of Space Shuttles*. New York: Franklin Watts, 1990. A children's book, this heavily-illustrated work describes how a Shuttle works and describes various missions.
- Biel, Timothy L. *The Challenger*. San Diego, CA: Lucent Books, 1990. This book examines the *Challenger* from a scientific and historical perspective and discusses its effect on the Shuttle program. The book was written for young readers but does have a bibliography and index, as well as a good feel for the tragedy of the mission but a generally positive view toward continued space missions.
- Branley, Franklyn M. *Columbia and Beyond: The Story of the Space Shuttle*. New York: Collins, 1979. This book, while written for a young audience, contains a useful general discussion of the *Columbia* orbiter, the space laboratory that fit into the cargo bay, Spacelab, and several of the experiments being developed for the Shuttle.
- Cave, Ronald G, and Cave, Joyce. *Space Shuttle*. New York: Gloucester Press, 1982. This book, for a young audience, describes the general development and use of the Shuttle.
- Chester, Michael. *Let's Go on a Space Shuttle*. New York: Putnam, 1975. This book, written for children, describes the Space Shuttle and suggests that in the future it will be routinely used to transport people and equipment to and from space, bring data to Earth, and rescue and repair other spacecraft.
- Civil Air Patrol. *Space Shuttle: A Space Transportation System Activities Book*. Washington, DC: Center for Aerospace Education Development, n.d. This is a children's book, mostly for coloring, but with puzzles and descriptions of the Shuttle and what it will do for space exploration.
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- Cross, Wilbur, and Cross, Susanna. *Space Shuttle*. Chicago: Children's Press, 1985. This is another children's book about the Shuttle.
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- Dwiggins, Don. *Into the Unknown: The Story of Space Shuttles and Space Stations*. San Carlos, CA: Golden Gate Junior Books, 1971. This 80-page book, designed for young readers, describes the planning and building of the experimental space station, Skylab, and the potential of Space Shuttles for interplanetary travel.

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- Fox, Mary Virginia. *Women Astronauts: Aboard the Shuttle*. New York: J. Messner, 1984. This book, written for the youth market, describes the June 1983 flight of the Space Shuttle with emphasis on the experiences of Sally Ride, the first American woman to fly in space. It also includes brief biographies of the eight women Shuttle astronauts.
- Friskey, Margaret. *Space Shuttles*. Chicago: Children's Press, 1982. This is one of the many general books on the Shuttle written for children, well illustrated but otherwise pedestrian. It describes the operation and uses of a reusable system.
- Jay, Michael. *Space Shuttle*. New York: Franklin Watts, 1984. Written for children, this book explains how the Shuttle works and describes a Shuttle trip from lift-off to touchdown.
- Lewis Research Center. *Launching a Dream: A Teacher's Guide to a Simulated Space Shuttle Mission*. Cleveland, OH: Lewis Research Center, 1989. This publication was designed as a NASA educational publication for the use of teachers. It describes the Shuttle and a typical mission, as well as providing several resource activities for the students.
- McCarter, James. *The Space Shuttle Disaster*. New York: Bookwright Press, 1988. This short book, written for juveniles, discussed the disaster that destroyed the *Challenger*, the history and possible future of Space Shuttles and the efforts of NASA to correct deficiencies in the system.
- McDonald, Suse. *Space Spinners*. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 1991. This is a children's novel about two spiders who sneak aboard the Space Shuttle so that they can be the first spiders in orbit and to spin a web in space. Has some interesting discussion about the problems of spinning webs in a weightless environment.
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- Moore, Patrick. *The Space Shuttle Action Book*. New York: Random House, 1983. This book, describing the Shuttle for children, features pop-up and pull-tab gimmicks to follow the Shuttle on a mission from launch to landing.
- Petty, Kate. *Space Shuttle*. New York: Franklin Watts, 1984. This is yet another children's book about the Shuttle, illustrated with color and describing in general terms the Shuttle's design and performance.
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- Ride, Sally, and Okie, Susan. *To Space and Back*. New York: Lothrop, Lee, and Shepard, 1986. This book, written for younger readers, describes the experiences of space flight by the first American woman in orbit.
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technical information. It contains an introduction to the Shuttle, its history, the construction of its major systems, a profile of a typical mission, and what the orbiter might mean to the future of space exploration. Then it provides detailed instructions on the construction of a model of the spacecraft from paper which can fly on a string or in free flight.

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Taylor, L.B., Jr. *Space Shuttle*. New York: Thomas Crowell, 1979. This book describes the reasons for and the design and operation of NASA's Space Shuttle and discusses who will be flying it and the benefits to be derived from its operation. It is a short work, and has been oriented toward a juvenile audience.

The Space Shuttle Adventure. Los Angeles, CA: Cheerios and Rockwell International, 1985. This is a short, 25-page booklet describing the Shuttle and its mission for young readers. It was put together as a promotional handout to capitalize on the popularity of the Shuttle.

Vogt, Gregory. *The Space Shuttle*. New York: Franklin Watts, 1983. This work discusses experiments proposed by high school students that have been performed aboard Skylab and gives advice to those interested in similar space research competitions for the Shuttle. It does include bibliographical references and an index. The book is definitely designed for a teenage audience.

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