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men of color and two women) in senior leadership of NASA starting with Administrator Mike Griffin who was

inspired by The Children's Book of Stars which he has framed in his office. He says he was never excited about the idea of the Space Shuttle even when it was first made known when he was young. He explains that due to the Viet Nam War the Nixon Administration canceled Apollo 18 due to \$ and concluded that a reusable vehicle was needed due to the expense. The United States spent 25 billion to go to the moon six times and then threw it away. He wonders if humans could not have gone to Mars by 1984 if not for the Shuttle. He says the President decides the direction of the program which is now to the Moon (again) for a permanent presence and then to Mars. That could possibly be by 2030 to 2040. Some of those interviewed compare the quest for Mars to Lewis and Clark except the astronauts will have to take all their supplies, there will be none along the way. Even the Space Station and a possible Moon Base is only hours or days away if there is an emergency. Mars is years away if there is a need for return. Written before the final launch of the Shuttle they talk of the lag of time between the final Shuttle flight and the next vehicle to be on-line. Each person is asked what is NASA's impact on the populace, they all respond with: GPS, cell phones, and weather satellites. (True). It says 18 nations are involved with the Space Station and German tech went into the Mars rovers. Columbia and Challenger accidents mentioned repeatedly and talk of how systems have changed so it won't happen again. Communication is the key. They are all asked Why work at NASA? They all say they look forward to going into work--to create something. They talk of the search for life elsewhere. It gets repetitive. At times it is almost like things are Top Secret so they can not say too much. One Shuttle flyer does share how he went to the White House following his flight and how interesting that was. 'Star Trek' is mentioned as well as Get Smart: The Original TV Series - Season 1. The planethood of Pluto is discussed at one point. Has some insight but at times is rather dry reading. Each interviewed person gets a full-page black and white photo. Features 23 pages of index which does not capture all the names. Previous missions are occasionally mentioned, not a history book. Just dreams of the future and what is hopefully to come along.

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