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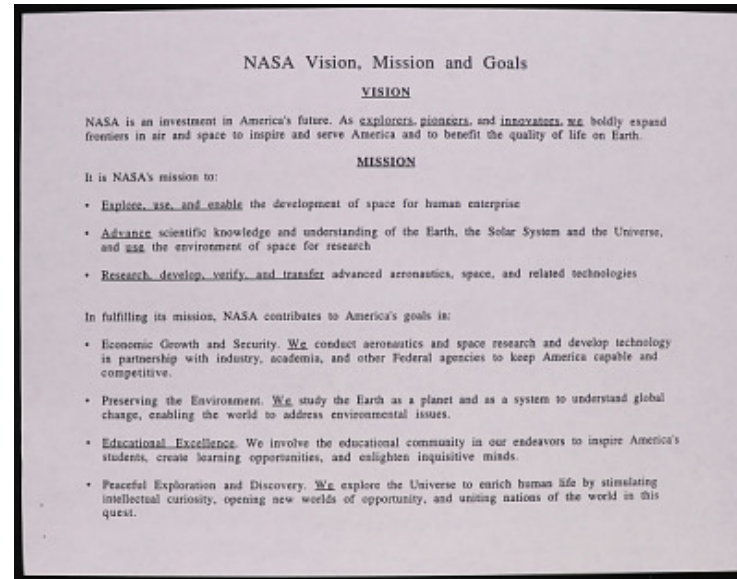
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- Explore, use, and enable the development of space for human enterprise
- Advance scientific knowledge and understanding of the Earth, the Solar System, and the Universe, and use the environment of space for research
- Research, develop, verify, and transfer advanced aeronautics, space, and related technologies

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