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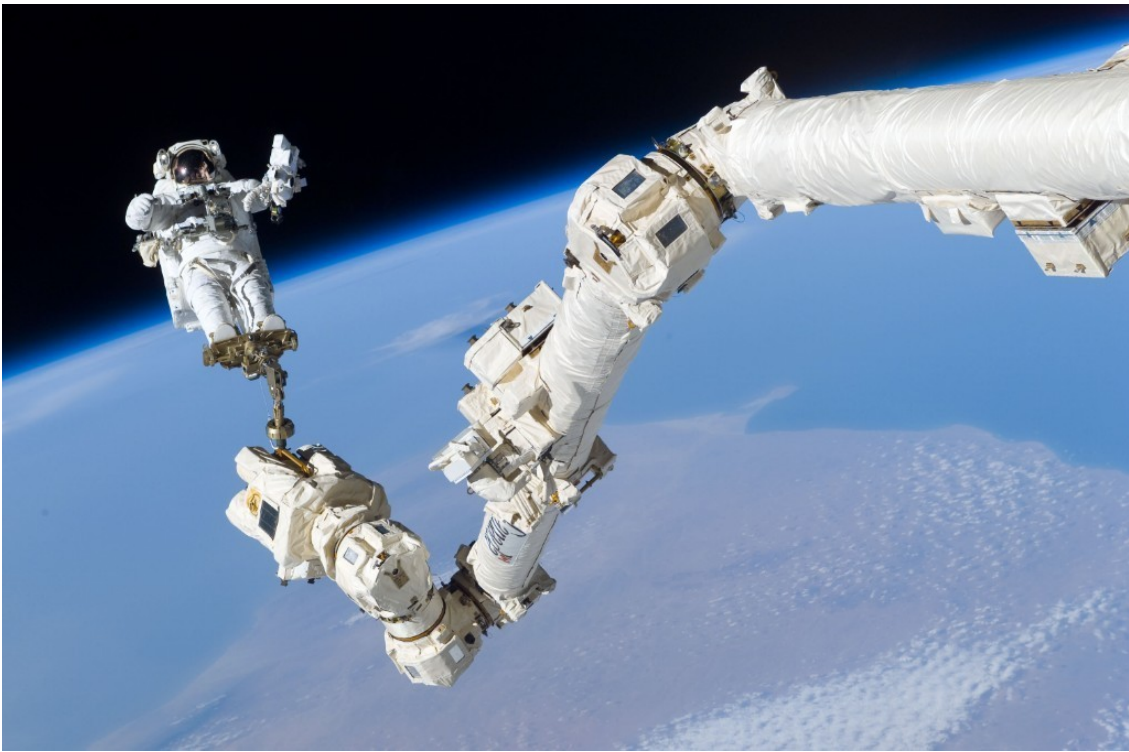
Happy 60th anniversary, NASA! On October 1, 1958 the National Aeronautics and Space Administration officially opened its doors for business after Congress passed legislation creating a civilian agency to coordinate U.S. activities in space. President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the National Aeronautics and Space Act on July 29, 1958, establishing NASA as the replacement for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

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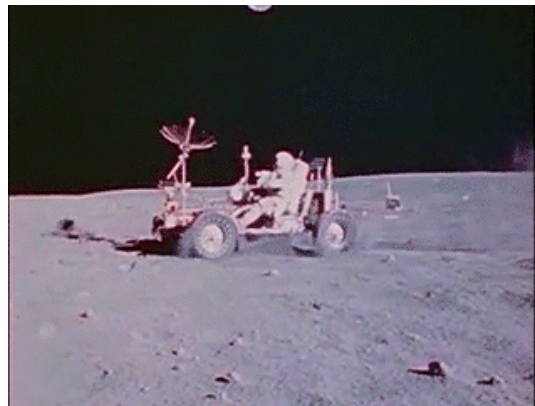


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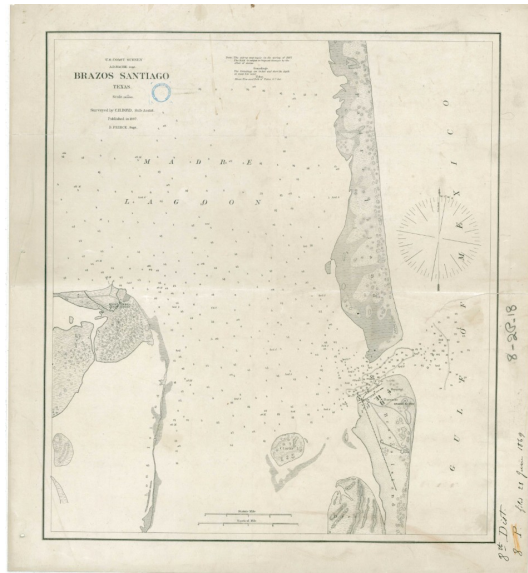
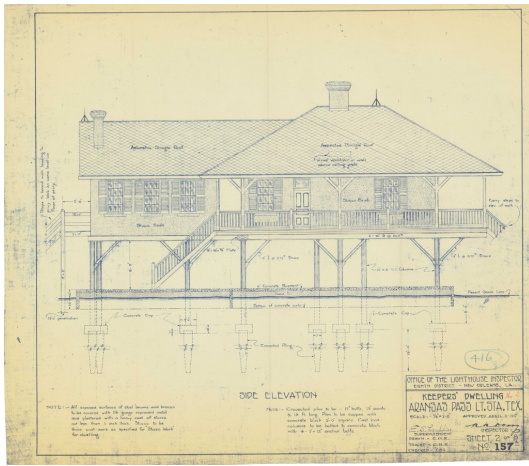
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