

Remarks at the Signing of the  
Treaty on Outer Space (excerpt)

January 27, 1967

President Lyndon B. Johnson

... We have never succeeded in  
freeing our planet from the  
implements of war. But if we  
cannot yet achieve this goal here  
on earth, we can at least keep  
the virus from spreading.

We can keep the ugly and  
wasteful weapons of mass  
destruction from contaminating  
space. And that is exactly what  
this treaty does.

This treaty means that the moon  
and our sister planets will serve

Excerpt of Telephone  
Conversation with the Apollo 11  
Astronauts on the Moon  
July 20, 1969  
President Richard M. Nixon

Hello Neil and Buzz, I am talking to you by telephone from the Oval Room at the White House, and this certainly has to be the most historic telephone call ever made from the White House.

I just can't tell you how proud we all are of what you have done.

For every American this has to be the proudest day of our lives, and for people all over the world I am sure that they, too, join with Americans in recognizing what an

# Explosion of the Space Shuttle Challenger

Address to the Nation,  
January 28, 1986

President Ronald W. Reagan

Ladies and gentlemen, I'd planned to speak to you tonight to report on the state of the Union, but the events of earlier today have led me to change those plans. Today is a day for mourning and remembering.

Nancy and I are pained to the core by the tragedy of the shuttle Challenger. We know we share this pain with all of the people of our country. This is truly a national loss.

Remarks by the President on the  
Loss of Space Shuttle Columbia  
February 1, 2003  
President George W. Bush

My fellow Americans, this day has brought terrible news and great sadness to our country. At 9:00 a.m. this morning, Mission Control in Houston lost contact with our Space Shuttle Columbia. A short time later, debris was seen falling from the skies above Texas. The Columbia is lost; there are no survivors.

On board was a crew of seven: Colonel Rick Husband; Lt. Colonel Michael Anderson; Commander Laurel Clark; Captain David

