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A small disc carrying statements by Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon and messages of goodwill from leaders of 73 countries around the world will be left on the Moon by the Apollo 11 astronauts.

The disc also carries a listing of the leadership of the Congress and a listing of members of the four committees of the House and Senate responsible for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration legislation. Additionally, the names of NASA's top management, including past Administrators and Deputy Administrators, and the present NASA management are included.

These include NASA's first Administrator, Dr. T. Keith Glennan; its long-time Deputy Administrator, the late Dr. Hugh L. Dryden; former Administrator James E. Webb; and former Deputy Administrator, Dr. Robert C. Seamans, Jr., present Secretary of the Air Force.

Dr. Thomas O Paine is the present NASA Administrator.

The disc, about the size of a 50-cent piece, is made of silicon -- a non-metallic chemical element found abundantly in nature and used widely in modern electronics.

Through a process used to make microminiature electronic circuits, the statements, the messages, and names were etched on the grey-colored disc. Each message