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To Whom It May Concern

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Mr. John Wedergren for consideration for selection as a Payload Specialist Astronaut.

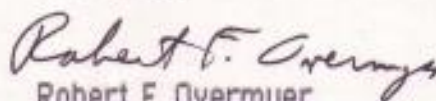
I met John in 1981 while training for my first spaceflight and was very impressed at that time with his abilities and earnest desire to do an outstanding job of training Astronauts. While training for my second flight in 1985, my crew and I came to understand that John was truly an exceptional person bringing enthusiasm, dedication and a strong knowledge base to the task of training Astronauts.

During this period John completed, on his own, all of the courses being given to the Payload Specialists as they prepared to fly on the Space Shuttle.

I was so impressed by John's capability that I was instrumental in having him hired in my Directorate of the McDonnell Douglas Aerospace Company as a Human Factors Engineer in 1988. John did an outstanding job for me in that capacity and it was with great reluctance that I recommended to him to move on to the University Space Research Associates to broaden his areas of responsibility and scope of work.

John has been tremendously successful in whatever he undertakes and I am confident that he will be an excellent Payload Specialist for some lucky aerospace company or research agency. John's personal knowledge and training about the Payload Specialist position makes him a very strong candidate for any Payload Specialist assignment.

Sincerely,



Robert F. Overmyer
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November 1, 1995

To Whom It May Concern

I wish to take this opportunity to recommend very highly Mr. John Wedergren for consideration as a Payload Specialist Astronaut.

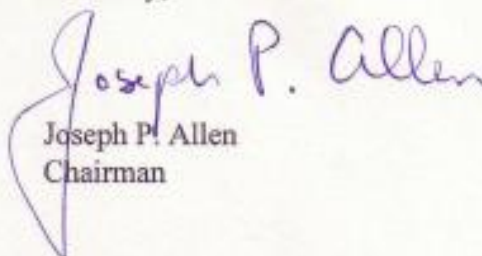
My first encounter with John was in 1982 while training for my first Space Mission on STS-5. During this time I was impressed with John's abilities and dedication in training Astronauts. In addition to his regular training of our flight crew, John utilized his human factors skill to improve greatly the visibility access and reach access of displays and controls during the ascent and descent phases of our flight.

John again proved the depth and scope of his abilities while training Dale Gardner and me for the spacewalks performed on Shuttle Mission STS-51A. Of most importance, John developed and trained us in contingency procedures. It later turned out that it was these procedures we were forced to use in order to successfully retrieve and stow the ailing Palapa and Weststar satellites in November 1984.

Since my retirement from the Astronaut Corp in 1985, I have continued to be impressed with John's application of psychology to the health and performance of Long Duration Spaceflight Crews. John's personable nature, his genuine concern for this nation's venture into Space, and his knowledge of the human psyche brings together the necessary skills for investigation of this delicate, yet *necessary*, area of Spaceflight.

I believe strongly that John will be an excellent Payload Specialist for any corporation research consortium. John has completed the basic training given to Space Shuttle Payload Specialists and is knowledgeable in the processed of scientific research necessary for developing and operating space experiments and payloads. Without question, John would be an excellent candidate for any Payload Specialist assignment, and I urge you to give his application your most serious consideration.

Sincerely,


Joseph P. Allen
Chairman