KELLY JOHNSON AWARD



This year the annual "Kelly Johnson" award for outstanding achievement in the Flight Test Engineering discipline is awarded to Mr. Chester B. Payne. Mr. Payne is currently the manager of the Test and Evaluation Division of the Lockheed-Georgia Company.

Chet has been engaged in flight testing since his graduation from the University of Virginia in 1949. Prior to joining the Lockheed-Georgia Company in 1959 he worked for NASA at Langley Field and the Martin Company at Baltimore. His responsibilities at Lockheed have spanned the test functions associated with wind tunnels, environmental laboratories, flight controls and mechanical systems, and all facets of flight testing. Chet is the directorate chairman of the High Technology Test Bed (HTTB) program. Through his conscientious single-handed determination the HTTB is now a reality. His efforts were also directly responsible for Lockheed aircraft achieving four world records and six national records within the last year.