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Apollo 13

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My name is Fred Wallace Haise Jr. and I am the lunar module pilot for the NASA Apollo 13 mission. I have been working for the NASA program for several years. I was picked to be one of the 19 astronauts to be involved in the Apollo missions in 1966. Prior to working at NASA, I served in the US Army starting as a Naval Aviation Cadet in 1952. I was born and raised in Biloxi, Mississippi and attended Biloxi High School, Biloxi, Mississippi. After receiving my high school diploma, I attended Perkinson Junior College and after serving in the military I attended the University of Oklahoma. All of my experience and education cannot begin to prepare me for the situation that I am in.

I am currently aboard the Odyssey along with James A. Lowell Jr. and John L. Swigert Jr. and it is the 55th hour in our mission. Our systems just started to fail, starting with a notable loss of fuel cells and oxygen, the crew and I are still attempting to determine if it is an instrumental malfunction or if there are actual physical damages in the spacecraft. It is necessary for us to receive all of the assistance possible from the NASA headquarters in Houston, Texas in order to determine what is happening and whether our lunar expedition needs to be aborted. I am relying on the best efforts of the members of my crew and the team on Earth in order to ensure the success of this mission.

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