

Biography

George F. Mansur

George F. Mansur was born in Hardin, Missouri April 23, 1928, the son of George F. and Hazel Wall Mansur. He married Mary Lu Jones, born 3 November, 1927, the daughter of Richard T. and Nelle Weber Jones of Columbia, on 11 September, 1948; two children resulted from the marriage: George Richard, born 1 November 1954, and Mary Ann, born 14 July, 1957.

Mansur attended the University of Missouri (Columbia) receiving the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Electrical Engineering. He subsequently attended Iowa State University which conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering.

In 1949, Dr. Mansur joined Emerson Electric Company of St. Louis, Missouri, and in 1952, the Signal Corp Engineering Laboratories as a member of the armed services. He served in Korea during the Korean War. He joined Collins Radio Company in 1952 and in 1964 directed development and implementation of the Apollo Manned Space Flight Network as a prime contractor for the NASA. From 1972 to 1976, Dr. Mansur was Director of the Communications and Electronics Division of Martin Marietta in Orlando, Florida.

In 1970, Dr. Mansur was appointed by President Nixon as Deputy Director of the Office of Telecommunication Policy in the Executive Office of the President. The Office served as the principal advisor to the President on all national and international telecommunications matters, and as a result, Dr. Mansur worked closely with industry as well as the Departments of Defense, State, and Commerce as well as the National Security Council, NASA, and the Congress. During his tenure with OTP, the Administration developed new policies relating to deregulation of cable television, funding for Public Broadcasting, deregulation of and investment in international communication facilities, television's Fairness Doctrine, and communications deregulation.

Prior to his retirement in 1988, Dr. Mansur was President and Chairman of Arinc Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries Aeronautical Radio, Inc. (ARINC) and ARINC Research Corporation. ARINC is the non-profit communications company of the air transport industry and aviation; the company establishes standards for airline electronic equipment, operates extensive radio air-ground voice and data networks for company communications and air-traffic control, and provides data network interconnection between airlines of the world.

In 1969, Dr. Mansur was given NASA's Public Service Award "for his outstanding contributions as a key leader of the government-industry team which made possible the exceptional success of the Apollo program". In 1973, he was awarded the Missouri Honor Award for Distinguished Service in Engineering, and in 1986, the Distinguished Medal of Merit from the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association.