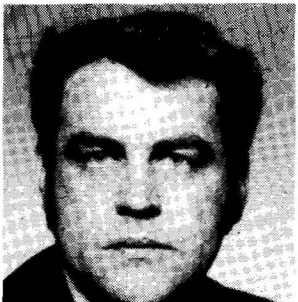
Dr. Dugan helps PB

Center Director Bruce T. Lundin has appointed Dr. John Dugan to a fulltime position of project manager to find new uses for the Plum Brook Station.

The research physicist indicated that he is exploring several avenues, but it's too early for any tangible results from his efforts.



"There is some positive interest shown by some of the 60 representatives who attended the Plum Brook Symposium held last week, but the depth of this interest will be clearer once we receive replies from our questionnaire," Dr. Dugan said.

Hosted by Director Lundin, the symposium was held to interest other organizations in the capabilities of Plum Brook. Leading figures from Federal, state and local governments, and universities attended.

Dr. Dugan said that his prime duty now is to try and interest universities, state governments and others in taking over the reactor and possibly some smaller facilities. The reactor is scheduled to be shutdown this June 30. The remainder of the Station will be closed by June 30, 1974.

Ohio's congressman Charles Mosher is providing assistance to Dr. Dugan. The NASA Interagency Affairs Office is working with him in attempting to interest the Department of Defense in using the Rocket Systems and Space Power Facilities for integrated testing of spacecraft and rocket systems.

In the coming months he also will be in touch with officials at the Department of Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency, trying to interest them in using part of the facility for large scale pollutant experiments and automotive systems testing.

In addition Dr. Dugan will be working with the National Science Foundation, seeking advice on how they feel the unique facility could be used.