this is Pegasus launch control

t-minus one hour 34 minutes 23 seconds

and counting our launch countdown

preparations are on schedule the stairs

now just being pulled away from the

I-1011 aircraft and preparation for taxi

all of the three engines are running

access door to the forward section of

the airplane has been closed and we

remain on schedule for launch this

morning what countdown began a 315 a.m.

this morning here at the mission

directors Center approximately five

hours prior to the opening of the launch
window going through the pre takeoff

checklist for the l-1011 the Pegasus

rocket and Cygnus spacecraft takes about three and a half hours to complete

there's been a slight change to RT 0

time based on the latest analysis we have on our collision avoidance question

and we are now targeting a drop of the Pegasus at eight-thirty 5am and that is purely just to avoid any objects on orbit that might be within a certain distance of the flight path of the Pegasus rocket so right now the l-1011 is scheduled for departure at seven
thirty five and our drop of the Pegasus

one hour later at 835 our launch window

remains the same we will be opening our

launch window at 721 which is the

nominal opening a window and we planned

originally launched five minutes into

the opening a window so now just

slightly more into that to allow for the

collision avoidance

at this point nothing is unusual in our

countdown is going to be a fairly

routine Pegasus launch countdown and as

we said even though we're going slightly

into the launch window for the drop of
the Pegasus from the l-1011 that does

44
00:02:23,210 --> 00:02:30,020
not change the fact that we still have

45
00:02:26,800 --> 00:02:32,750
all the way until 821 to be able to

46
00:02:30,020 --> 00:02:35,270
launch this morning at t-minus one hour

47
00:02:32,750 --> 00:02:38,740
30 minutes 39 seconds and counting

48
00:02:35,270 --> 00:02:38,740
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