George Diller/NASA Launch Commentator: This is Atlas Launch Control, 56 minutes, 12 seconds into the flight of the Atlas V with MAVEN.

Spacecraft separation has occurred.

And so now joining us here at the console in Mission Directors Center is Omar Baez, who was our NASA Launch Director and NASA Launch Manager for the countdown and launch today.

So Omar, first of all tell us how the flight of the Atlas appeared to go.

NASA Launch Manager/Omar Baez: Thank you, George. The flight of the Atlas and Centaur were flawless from everything we could tell.

Separation occurred on time.

All the marked events occurred on time.
We got it off on the first opportunity.

And the separation looked fine.

So all we're waiting for is the spacecraft to go through their sequence and deploy their solar arrays.

And that should happen anytime in the next five to 15, 20 minutes or so.

George Diller/NASA Launch Commentator: How did the countdown go from your perspective?

NASA Launch Manager/Omar Baez: We had a nice quite countdown.

Major things we were worrying about were electrification in the air.

There were a bunch of anvil clouds that were streaming over the area.

And had the potential for triggering lighting if we were to launch during those events.

But it was short lived.

We had two or three little scares there and
then we pressed on.

26 00:01:32,250 --> 00:01:40,040
It started to get cloudy in the area here,
but none of that weather really violated any

27 00:01:40,040 --> 00:01:41,040
of

28 00:01:41,040 --> 00:01:42,040
the constraints.

29 00:01:42,040 --> 00:01:43,800
So we were good from a weather perspective.

30 00:01:43,799 --> 00:01:51,239
We worked a minor pressure transducer issue,
and it just turned to be a little bit at a

31 00:01:51,239 --> 00:01:55,709
family high but within the tolerance.

32 00:01:55,709 --> 00:01:59,640
So there was no vehicle issues to speak of.

33 00:01:59,640 --> 00:02:03,099
George Diller/NASA Launch Commentator: So
if MAVEN phones home,

34 00:02:03,099 --> 00:02:06,728
we've had a very successful launch.

35 00:02:06,728 --> 00:02:09,459
Tell us what's coming next.

36 00:02:09,459 --> 00:02:10,878
It's not far to our next

37 00:02:10,878 --> 00:02:13,759
Atlas launch after this one here at Kennedy.

38 00:02:13,759 --> 00:02:18,060
NASA Launch Manager/Omar Baez: Yea, the next
Atlas launch will be in January,
the TDRS-L mission but the ULA team does have one before that out at Vandenberg on

and so we're looking forward and wishing them luck on that so that they can come back and work on TDRS for us.

George Diller/NASA Launch Commentator: Well Omar, thank you very much.

It's all good news on the flight of the Atlas V. Thank you very much.

And we're now 58 minutes, 48 seconds into the flight of MAVEN.

This is Atlas Launch Control