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00:00:00,950 --> 00:00:06,780

\h Music

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\h From NASA's Kennedy Space Center, I'm George Diller.

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\h Nine days after ending the STS-128 mission at Edwards Air Force Base

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\h in California on September 11th, space shuttle Discovery began its journey home

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\h to the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

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\h The modified 747 Shuttle Carrier Aircraft, with Discovery atop, departed Edwards

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\h just before sunrise on September 20th.

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\h The aircraft made three stops during the twenty-five hundred mile trip

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\h across country, including an overnight stay in Louisiana.

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\h Stormy summer weather, which also plagued Discovery's STS-128 launch

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\h and landing, continued to play a role during the piggyback flight.

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\h Dodging storms over the southeastern U.S., Discovery finally ended its trek back

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\h to its home base at midday on September 21st.

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\h After the shuttle is removed from the carrier aircraft,

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\h it will be moved to its processing hangar where preparations will begin