



1  
00:00:00,990 --> 00:00:01,409

\h

2  
00:00:01,410 --> 00:00:04,086

Geroge Diller/STS-133 NASA Commentator: And right now the word is that they'll all be going back in the

3  
00:00:05,600 --> 00:00:09,000

astrovan which is also out at the runway right now.

4  
00:00:22,240 --> 00:00:25,973

And here comes our crew, led by Commander Steve Lindsey.

5  
00:00:31,670 --> 00:00:34,270

Meeting our Center Director Bob Cabana.

6  
00:00:41,920 --> 00:00:46,586

And there's Steve Bowen, Alvin Drew, Michael Barratt and Nicole Stott.

7  
00:01:01,900 --> 00:01:05,300

Now the crew is underneath space shuttle Discovery.

8  
00:01:13,520 --> 00:01:17,053

Eric Boe is meeting our Administrator Charlie Bolden.

9  
00:01:22,950 --> 00:01:30,016

Our Center Director on the right, Bob Cabana. Also who has been an astronaut who has flown on the shuttle.

10  
00:01:37,710 --> 00:01:41,710

That was Bill Gerstenmaier, and now we see Alvin Drew again.

11  
00:01:42,750 --> 00:01:43,959

Charlie Bolden/NASA Administrator: I want to thank everybody for coming out.

12  
00:01:43,960 --> 00:01:45,366

I especially want to thank Steve and the crew for an absolutely incredible flight.

13  
00:01:48,020 --> 00:01:52,086

If my numbers are correct, it's the 39th flight on Discovery.

14

00:01:53,770 --> 00:01:54,110

Discovery has a very special place for me, and for Bob Cabana over here,

15

00:01:58,230 --> 00:02:04,696

because we both had an opportunity to fly on it twice. So this is very bittersweet for all of us.

16

00:02:04,780 --> 00:02:06,236

I want to thank all of you for continuing to support the space program the way you have.

17

00:02:09,190 --> 00:02:11,496

I'm just going to turn it over to Steve and let Steve make a couple of comments here.

18

00:02:12,550 --> 00:02:13,616

Steve come on up

19

00:02:17,210 --> 00:02:18,579

Steve Lindsey/STS-133 Commander: Wow, it's great to be back.

20

00:02:18,580 --> 00:02:19,306

I am so thankful that we got to land back here at Kennedy Space Center, the home of Discovery.

21

00:02:24,120 --> 00:02:24,476

Charlie mentioned 39 flights. We believe, if we did our math right,

22

00:02:28,230 --> 00:02:32,430

which we may not have, this is 365 days on orbit for Discovery.

23

00:02:34,490 --> 00:02:36,090

An entire year in space.

24

00:02:36,400 --> 00:02:42,666

Discovery launched and came back on this flight just like my previous two flights on Discovery

25

00:02:44,870 --> 00:02:50,470

with absolutely no liens against her. No single system with any problems whatsoever.

26

00:02:50,950 --> 00:02:51,680

And if you think about a vehicle that's 26, 27 years old and been flying for that long to come back perfect,

27

00:02:57,420 --> 00:03:00,486

I have never seen an airplane be able do that.

28

00:03:00,930 --> 00:03:02,576

But because of the Kennedy Space Center work force here that takes care of this vehicle,

29

00:03:05,150 --> 00:03:10,083

it came back as perfect on its final flight as it did on its first flight.

30

00:03:10,470 --> 00:03:14,936

I'm extremely proud of this crew here. My crew did a fantastic job.

31

00:03:17,220 --> 00:03:18,733

The ground teams did a fantastic job. We accomplished every objective we set out to do then,

32

00:03:21,840 --> 00:03:23,440

plus a whole bunch more.

33

00:03:24,510 --> 00:03:24,750

But it was these folks on orbit that did it and I'm extremely proud of them and the job that they did.

34

00:03:31,070 --> 00:03:32,483

As Charlie mentioned it's a pretty bittersweet moment for all of us.

35

00:03:34,190 --> 00:03:41,523

As the minutes pass I'm actually getting sadder and sadder about this being the last flight and I know all the

36

00:03:41,960 --> 00:03:42,343

folks involved in the Shuttle Program feel the same way.

37

00:03:45,310 --> 00:03:45,856

To kind of end this, I would like to thank Bob Cabana and the Kennedy Space Center for giving us just a

38

00:03:51,630 --> 00:03:53,296

fantastic vehicle to fly.

39

00:03:54,020 --> 00:03:59,353

It was a privilege to be able to be in charge of her for just a couple of weeks.