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00:00:06,389 --> 00:00:03,429  
good afternoon and welcome to today's

2  
00:00:08,549 --> 00:00:06,399  
sts-134 post mission management team

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00:00:10,070 --> 00:00:08,559  
briefing we have leroy kane the chairman

4  
00:00:11,509 --> 00:00:10,080  
of that mission management team with us

5  
00:00:13,589 --> 00:00:11,519  
today we'll start off with his opening

6  
00:00:15,430 --> 00:00:13,599  
statements and then go on to questions

7  
00:00:17,590 --> 00:00:15,440  
from the reporters here in the newsroom

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00:00:18,550 --> 00:00:17,600  
and from reporters on the phone bridge

9  
00:00:20,950 --> 00:00:18,560  
leroy

10  
00:00:23,349 --> 00:00:20,960  
okay good afternoon thanks kelly

11  
00:00:26,310 --> 00:00:23,359  
the um i think you all know that the

12  
00:00:28,550 --> 00:00:26,320  
space walk went really well and the crew

13  
00:00:30,470 --> 00:00:28,560

is the shuttle crew is of course

14

00:00:31,349 --> 00:00:30,480  
in their sleep period now

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00:00:32,709 --> 00:00:31,359  
the

16

00:00:34,470 --> 00:00:32,719  
mmt

17

00:00:36,790 --> 00:00:34,480  
i don't have a lot to tell you about

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00:00:38,229 --> 00:00:36,800  
from the mmt simply because we didn't

19

00:00:39,910 --> 00:00:38,239  
have a lot to talk about so i'll just

20

00:00:42,229 --> 00:00:39,920  
highlight what uh what we spent most of

21

00:00:44,630 --> 00:00:42,239  
our time on which was a status from the

22

00:00:46,869 --> 00:00:44,640  
damage assessment team or or as we call

23

00:00:49,029 --> 00:00:46,879  
it the dat team

24

00:00:51,430 --> 00:00:49,039  
the team came in i think uh you'll

25

00:00:53,590 --> 00:00:51,440  
recall that we had one site one damage

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00:00:54,869 --> 00:00:53,600

site that we we were continuing to

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00:00:57,510 --> 00:00:54,879

assess

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00:00:58,389 --> 00:00:57,520

and so they came in and gave us a status

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00:00:59,910 --> 00:00:58,399

of that

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00:01:01,910 --> 00:00:59,920

work and it was a very thorough

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00:01:04,710 --> 00:01:01,920

discussion in terms of

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00:01:06,390 --> 00:01:04,720

the uh the analysis that they have done

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00:01:07,830 --> 00:01:06,400

and and what they think they have yet to

34

00:01:09,030 --> 00:01:07,840

do before they would be able to clear

35

00:01:11,510 --> 00:01:09,040

the site

36

00:01:13,990 --> 00:01:11,520

and ultimately we determined that we're

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00:01:16,789 --> 00:01:14,000

going to go do a focus inspection to get

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00:01:18,950 --> 00:01:16,799

some more data on this particular site

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00:01:20,550 --> 00:01:18,960

and i have a couple of graphics to show

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00:01:23,990 --> 00:01:20,560

you just to remind you of what we're

41

00:01:26,550 --> 00:01:24,000

talking about the first graphic

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00:01:28,310 --> 00:01:26,560

if we can put the first graphic up

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00:01:30,789 --> 00:01:28,320

this is again the overview of the bottom

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00:01:33,109 --> 00:01:30,799

of the orbiter and and uh seven sites

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00:01:35,270 --> 00:01:33,119

that we were looking at initially the

46

00:01:37,670 --> 00:01:35,280

only one that remains a yellow box is

47

00:01:39,190 --> 00:01:37,680

the one that's labeled 2-0-1 that's the

48

00:01:41,590 --> 00:01:39,200

one that's just behind the starboard

49

00:01:45,590 --> 00:01:41,600

main landing gear door and ahead of the

50

00:01:49,510 --> 00:01:47,429

the next chart

51  
00:01:51,670 --> 00:01:49,520  
shows you

52  
00:01:53,910 --> 00:01:51,680  
tries to depict

53  
00:01:57,030 --> 00:01:53,920  
structurally what is what is underneath

54  
00:01:58,870 --> 00:01:57,040  
that site in in that general vicinity

55  
00:02:00,389 --> 00:01:58,880  
and so to orient you

56  
00:02:01,990 --> 00:02:00,399  
you can see the arrows on the bottom

57  
00:02:04,550 --> 00:02:02,000  
left corner of the picture shows you

58  
00:02:07,350 --> 00:02:04,560  
that uh forward

59  
00:02:08,389 --> 00:02:07,360  
and inboard directions

60  
00:02:10,070 --> 00:02:08,399  
so the

61  
00:02:11,670 --> 00:02:10,080  
toward the back of the picture you see

62  
00:02:13,430 --> 00:02:11,680  
an arrow pointed toward what's called

63  
00:02:14,630 --> 00:02:13,440

the mid body side wall that would be the

64

00:02:16,229 --> 00:02:14,640

side of the

65

00:02:18,790 --> 00:02:16,239

of the orbiter where the wing box

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00:02:20,470 --> 00:02:18,800

connects to the side of the orbiter

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00:02:23,990 --> 00:02:20,480

the um

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00:02:24,670 --> 00:02:24,000

the spars going across the the picture

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00:02:29,030 --> 00:02:24,680

the

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00:02:30,710 --> 00:02:29,040

sts-118 damage uh tile uh site is

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00:02:33,030 --> 00:02:30,720

actually

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00:02:34,710 --> 00:02:33,040

not in the actual location it's depicted

73

00:02:39,110 --> 00:02:34,720

there simply to show you where it is

74

00:02:40,869 --> 00:02:39,120

relative to the sts-134 damage location

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00:02:43,030 --> 00:02:40,879

in in terms of

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00:02:47,430 --> 00:02:43,040

inboard outboard

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00:02:49,270 --> 00:02:47,440

so if we were going to put the 118

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00:02:51,350 --> 00:02:49,280

location on here in in the correct

79

00:02:53,509 --> 00:02:51,360

location on this picture it would be

80

00:02:55,190 --> 00:02:53,519

off to the lower left

81

00:02:57,910 --> 00:02:55,200

part of the picture so it would be the

82

00:03:00,470 --> 00:02:57,920

mirror image

83

00:03:02,630 --> 00:03:00,480

along the uh along the spar on the very

84

00:03:04,710 --> 00:03:02,640

left hand side of the picture

85

00:03:06,710 --> 00:03:04,720

so as far as inboard outboard is

86

00:03:08,790 --> 00:03:06,720

concerned it's in the correct location

87

00:03:10,309 --> 00:03:08,800

however instead of being

88

00:03:12,630 --> 00:03:10,319

forward

89

00:03:14,070 --> 00:03:12,640  
of the damage location on 134 it's that

90

00:03:15,990 --> 00:03:14,080  
far aft

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00:03:17,589 --> 00:03:16,000  
of the damaged location on 134 if that

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00:03:19,110 --> 00:03:17,599  
makes any sense

93

00:03:20,949 --> 00:03:19,120  
so this is just to give you a relative

94

00:03:22,790 --> 00:03:20,959  
idea we talked about the structure

95

00:03:24,550 --> 00:03:22,800  
underneath those tiles

96

00:03:26,229 --> 00:03:24,560  
and the fact that we're close to the

97

00:03:28,390 --> 00:03:26,239  
wing box area and you can kind of get an

98

00:03:30,550 --> 00:03:28,400  
idea here how close that is

99

00:03:34,070 --> 00:03:30,560  
just to give you some dimensional

100

00:03:35,190 --> 00:03:34,080  
perspective here the distance forward to

101  
00:03:37,430 --> 00:03:35,200  
aft

102  
00:03:39,670 --> 00:03:37,440  
between the 118 damage site location in

103  
00:03:42,789 --> 00:03:39,680  
the 134 location

104  
00:03:43,910 --> 00:03:42,799  
is approximately 14 inches

105  
00:03:44,789 --> 00:03:43,920  
so

106  
00:03:46,710 --> 00:03:44,799  
that's

107  
00:03:50,390 --> 00:03:46,720  
each one you know each one of those

108  
00:03:53,910 --> 00:03:50,400  
spars in the in this cartoon here are

109  
00:03:57,350 --> 00:03:53,920  
you know half a foot apart roughly

110  
00:04:00,550 --> 00:03:58,949  
whether that's actual in terms of the

111  
00:04:02,390 --> 00:04:00,560  
engineering drawings but this is just to

112  
00:04:05,910 --> 00:04:02,400  
give you an idea of structurally what's

113  
00:04:07,030 --> 00:04:05,920

in this in this general location so

114

00:04:08,789 --> 00:04:07,040

the

115

00:04:10,550 --> 00:04:08,799

next slide

116

00:04:12,309 --> 00:04:10,560

gives you an idea of what we do when we

117

00:04:14,390 --> 00:04:12,319

do the focused inspection

118

00:04:16,390 --> 00:04:14,400

i think most of you are aware of this of

119

00:04:19,990 --> 00:04:16,400

this operation in general but

120

00:04:21,110 --> 00:04:20,000

essentially we pick up the obss

121

00:04:22,310 --> 00:04:21,120

in this case we're going to pick it up

122

00:04:24,390 --> 00:04:22,320

with the station arm and we're going to

123

00:04:25,270 --> 00:04:24,400

attach it to the the shuttle's robotic

124

00:04:27,670 --> 00:04:25,280

arm

125

00:04:29,430 --> 00:04:27,680

and then we'll lower it to the underside

126  
00:04:30,950 --> 00:04:29,440  
over the wing and to the underside of

127  
00:04:33,110 --> 00:04:30,960  
the of the vehicle

128  
00:04:34,870 --> 00:04:33,120  
and then it maintains about a seven foot

129  
00:04:36,790 --> 00:04:34,880  
distance from the actual surface of the

130  
00:04:38,790 --> 00:04:36,800  
underside of the vehicle and it'll be

131  
00:04:40,950 --> 00:04:38,800  
located over the damaged site and then

132  
00:04:43,510 --> 00:04:40,960  
we'll take several images using the

133  
00:04:45,749 --> 00:04:43,520  
digital camera as well as taking data

134  
00:04:47,110 --> 00:04:45,759  
with the laser

135  
00:04:51,110 --> 00:04:47,120  
so that gives you an idea of that

136  
00:04:55,189 --> 00:04:52,950  
okay so that's what i want to show you

137  
00:04:57,510 --> 00:04:55,199  
in terms of graphics and charts

138  
00:04:59,590 --> 00:04:57,520

the the plan is that the focus

139

00:05:01,189 --> 00:04:59,600

inspection will start about the end of

140

00:05:03,990 --> 00:05:01,199

the cruise morning tomorrow so they'll

141

00:05:06,710 --> 00:05:04,000

get up tonight around 10 pm local time

142

00:05:08,870 --> 00:05:06,720

and by about 1 30 or so they'll be into

143

00:05:10,950 --> 00:05:08,880

the focus inspection procedures

144

00:05:12,790 --> 00:05:10,960

the pilot will be doing the uh the

145

00:05:15,029 --> 00:05:12,800

shuttle arm operations

146

00:05:17,110 --> 00:05:15,039

and two of the flight engineers

147

00:05:18,550 --> 00:05:17,120

will be doing the the station robotic

148

00:05:19,510 --> 00:05:18,560

arm operations

149

00:05:21,749 --> 00:05:19,520

um

150

00:05:23,510 --> 00:05:21,759

and and we will be doing as i said we'll

151  
00:05:25,110 --> 00:05:23,520  
be getting some digital camera shots and

152  
00:05:27,909 --> 00:05:25,120  
we'll be getting some shot some data

153  
00:05:29,990 --> 00:05:27,919  
with the laser three of the idc

154  
00:05:32,150 --> 00:05:30,000  
and two with the lcs

155  
00:05:33,909 --> 00:05:32,160  
it's about a two hour task in total it

156  
00:05:36,310 --> 00:05:33,919  
it probably is actually not quite two

157  
00:05:37,990 --> 00:05:36,320  
hours but we blocked it for two hours

158  
00:05:39,990 --> 00:05:38,000  
to go ahead and get the data that we

159  
00:05:41,270 --> 00:05:40,000  
want to with this one site

160  
00:05:45,510 --> 00:05:41,280  
the

161  
00:05:47,590 --> 00:05:45,520  
focus inspection will be positioned on

162  
00:05:49,830 --> 00:05:47,600  
the other side of the orbiter

163  
00:05:52,310 --> 00:05:49,840

uh slightly away from the orbiter and

164

00:05:54,550 --> 00:05:52,320

with a vantage point looking underneath

165

00:05:56,550 --> 00:05:54,560

and around the the uh

166

00:05:58,469 --> 00:05:56,560

so it'll have a vantage point looking

167

00:06:01,189 --> 00:05:58,479

toward the orbiter but it'll be able to

168

00:06:03,270 --> 00:06:01,199

to uh to provide some camera views for

169

00:06:06,230 --> 00:06:03,280

clearance as we're as we're putting the

170

00:06:08,390 --> 00:06:06,240

boom in the arm over the the edge of the

171

00:06:09,830 --> 00:06:08,400

the payload door and the wing area and

172

00:06:10,870 --> 00:06:09,840

so it just provides us a little bit

173

00:06:13,110 --> 00:06:10,880

better

174

00:06:15,189 --> 00:06:13,120

information as we're doing the uh the

175

00:06:17,029 --> 00:06:15,199

maneuvers of the arm

176

00:06:18,950 --> 00:06:17,039

also the the actual maneuvers are what

177

00:06:19,749 --> 00:06:18,960

we call o-cast maneuvers so they're

178

00:06:21,830 --> 00:06:19,759

really

179

00:06:24,070 --> 00:06:21,840

programmed into the computer

180

00:06:25,830 --> 00:06:24,080

and they're they're done automatically

181

00:06:28,230 --> 00:06:25,840

so there's not there's there's very

182

00:06:29,270 --> 00:06:28,240

little manual flying involved with this

183

00:06:32,550 --> 00:06:29,280

task

184

00:06:34,870 --> 00:06:32,560

as it as the team has it laid out so

185

00:06:36,629 --> 00:06:34,880

that's in a nutshell that's the plan

186

00:06:39,510 --> 00:06:36,639

the um the team felt like we needed to

187

00:06:42,550 --> 00:06:39,520

get a little bit more data to be able to

188

00:06:43,749 --> 00:06:42,560

um get the analysis to the fidelity that

189

00:06:45,350 --> 00:06:43,759

we need to and take out the

190

00:06:47,110 --> 00:06:45,360

conservatism

191

00:06:50,710 --> 00:06:47,120

and and in that sense we'll be able to

192

00:06:52,629 --> 00:06:50,720

get a good sense for what we expect

193

00:06:54,309 --> 00:06:52,639

on on entry

194

00:06:55,270 --> 00:06:54,319

and see how much margin we have in this

195

00:06:56,790 --> 00:06:55,280

area

196

00:06:59,189 --> 00:06:56,800

once we get better fidelity on the

197

00:07:01,430 --> 00:06:59,199

imagery and get the lcs data

198

00:07:03,830 --> 00:07:01,440

so everything else continues to go well

199

00:07:06,790 --> 00:07:03,840

on orbit the team is

200

00:07:08,950 --> 00:07:06,800

is gearing up for the next spacewalk and

201  
00:07:11,270 --> 00:07:08,960  
in between now and then

202  
00:07:12,629 --> 00:07:11,280  
we'll of course do focus inspection and

203  
00:07:14,950 --> 00:07:12,639  
a few other activities that we have in

204  
00:07:16,790 --> 00:07:14,960  
the cruise timeline for tomorrow

205  
00:07:17,510 --> 00:07:16,800  
and then following that we will do the

206  
00:07:20,629 --> 00:07:17,520  
uh

207  
00:07:22,309 --> 00:07:20,639  
the monday is the after eva 2 on sunday

208  
00:07:24,629 --> 00:07:22,319  
monday is the

209  
00:07:26,950 --> 00:07:24,639  
soyuz undock which we talked about

210  
00:07:28,550 --> 00:07:26,960  
in the uh in the mmt and the immt

211  
00:07:31,110 --> 00:07:28,560  
yesterday and then

212  
00:07:32,870 --> 00:07:31,120  
i think you're aware that the immt

213  
00:07:35,670 --> 00:07:32,880

gave a go for a doc

214

00:07:37,830 --> 00:07:35,680

this morning and so that's all

215

00:07:39,909 --> 00:07:37,840

that that plan has been uh

216

00:07:40,710 --> 00:07:39,919

been fully reviewed and is ready to go

217

00:07:42,710 --> 00:07:40,720

so

218

00:07:45,350 --> 00:07:42,720

uh all in all things are going very well

219

00:07:46,869 --> 00:07:45,360

and that's pretty much a summary of the

220

00:07:48,469 --> 00:07:46,879

update i have for you today so i'm happy

221

00:07:50,469 --> 00:07:48,479

to take questions

222

00:07:51,830 --> 00:07:50,479

thanks leroy and just for the folks here

223

00:07:53,749 --> 00:07:51,840

in the room we do have a set of these

224

00:07:55,909 --> 00:07:53,759

charts printed out on the counter and

225

00:07:58,230 --> 00:07:55,919

they'll be on the nasa website in the

226

00:07:59,830 --> 00:07:58,240

shuttle section of the nasa portal under

227

00:08:01,350 --> 00:07:59,840

news and media resources for those who

228

00:08:02,550 --> 00:08:01,360

are on the line and we'll start here

229

00:08:04,710 --> 00:08:02,560

with seth

230

00:08:07,909 --> 00:08:04,720

thank you seth bourne sign ap

231

00:08:09,350 --> 00:08:07,919

leroy first have you started contingency

232

00:08:10,710 --> 00:08:09,360

if you find

233

00:08:13,510 --> 00:08:10,720

something you don't like with the

234

00:08:15,270 --> 00:08:13,520

focused inspection for an eva have you

235

00:08:16,469 --> 00:08:15,280

identified who it would be and when it

236

00:08:18,550 --> 00:08:16,479

would be

237

00:08:21,670 --> 00:08:18,560

no we have not okay

238

00:08:25,430 --> 00:08:24,070

look looking at this you've

239

00:08:27,670 --> 00:08:25,440

you said the pilot

240

00:08:29,189 --> 00:08:27,680

it's it is uh

241

00:08:30,869 --> 00:08:29,199

greg johnson's going to do the shuttle

242

00:08:32,949 --> 00:08:30,879

arm but it's really not much of his

243

00:08:33,909 --> 00:08:32,959

operation he it's almost all programmed

244

00:08:36,149 --> 00:08:33,919

in right

245

00:08:37,589 --> 00:08:36,159

well he'll do the program he'll he'll do

246

00:08:39,190 --> 00:08:37,599

the operations in terms of the

247

00:08:42,149 --> 00:08:39,200

procedures that are associated with the

248

00:08:43,990 --> 00:08:42,159

shuttle rms system he'll be responsible

249

00:08:46,790 --> 00:08:44,000

for all of those and the final one is

250

00:08:48,070 --> 00:08:46,800

how many photos overall

251  
00:08:50,870 --> 00:08:48,080  
you know with the just the camera not

252  
00:08:52,310 --> 00:08:50,880  
the laser are you looking for um i think

253  
00:08:54,150 --> 00:08:52,320  
you said it and i may have missed it

254  
00:08:56,150 --> 00:08:54,160  
three three just three photos looking

255  
00:08:57,670 --> 00:08:56,160  
for three images with the digital camera

256  
00:09:02,389 --> 00:08:57,680  
and we're looking for two data takes

257  
00:09:04,389 --> 00:09:02,399  
with the lcs the laser system thank you

258  
00:09:07,670 --> 00:09:04,399  
philip

259  
00:09:09,350 --> 00:09:07,680  
phillips loss with [nasaspaceflight.com](http://nasaspaceflight.com)

260  
00:09:10,710 --> 00:09:09,360  
i guess first the first the simple

261  
00:09:12,550 --> 00:09:10,720  
question which is

262  
00:09:14,949 --> 00:09:12,560  
are is everything else that you reviewed

263  
00:09:17,350 --> 00:09:14,959

cleared for entry in terms of a uh

264

00:09:19,269 --> 00:09:17,360

ascent debris standpoint

265

00:09:20,630 --> 00:09:19,279

it is we've cleared everything else we

266

00:09:23,430 --> 00:09:20,640

cleared the other sites i showed you

267

00:09:25,750 --> 00:09:23,440

today again and then uh yesterday

268

00:09:27,269 --> 00:09:25,760

and even before we came here first time

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00:09:29,509 --> 00:09:27,279

to talk about tile

270

00:09:31,670 --> 00:09:29,519

damage we had cleared the rcc the wing

271

00:09:35,030 --> 00:09:31,680

leading edge so we just have this one

272

00:09:37,910 --> 00:09:35,040

site remaining okay thanks and then um

273

00:09:39,829 --> 00:09:37,920

what what's the plan the execution plan

274

00:09:42,150 --> 00:09:39,839

in terms of reducing the data from the

275

00:09:44,790 --> 00:09:42,160

focus inspection for the team going

276

00:09:47,110 --> 00:09:44,800

forward after tomorrow morning

277

00:09:48,630 --> 00:09:47,120

okay so so tomorrow morning by the time

278

00:09:50,870 --> 00:09:48,640

the team

279

00:09:52,870 --> 00:09:50,880

comes in they will have uh all we'll

280

00:09:54,710 --> 00:09:52,880

have all the data on the ground

281

00:09:56,710 --> 00:09:54,720

and they will be able to to begin

282

00:09:57,750 --> 00:09:56,720

processing that data it'll get processed

283

00:10:00,230 --> 00:09:57,760

by our

284

00:10:01,750 --> 00:10:00,240

uh the the imagery and the laser experts

285

00:10:03,350 --> 00:10:01,760

first and then they'll hand that off to

286

00:10:04,790 --> 00:10:03,360

the folks that need to do the structural

287

00:10:06,069 --> 00:10:04,800

and the thermal and the aerothermal

288

00:10:07,590 --> 00:10:06,079

analyses

289

00:10:09,110 --> 00:10:07,600

it's important

290

00:10:10,630 --> 00:10:09,120

for the photo lab folks to be able to

291

00:10:12,949 --> 00:10:10,640

get the data so that we can get a more

292

00:10:14,870 --> 00:10:12,959

accurate dimensional assessment of this

293

00:10:16,710 --> 00:10:14,880

cavity and that's really key

294

00:10:19,030 --> 00:10:16,720

to the overall

295

00:10:21,670 --> 00:10:19,040

structural and thermal assessment

296

00:10:23,350 --> 00:10:21,680

and so it'll kind of go in that sequence

297

00:10:25,030 --> 00:10:23,360

and there'll be some

298

00:10:26,790 --> 00:10:25,040

some

299

00:10:28,949 --> 00:10:26,800

iteration between

300

00:10:31,509 --> 00:10:28,959

the the various analyses as they go on

301  
00:10:33,670 --> 00:10:31,519  
and i expect that in less than 24 hours

302  
00:10:35,990 --> 00:10:33,680  
we'll have their final answer

303  
00:10:37,750 --> 00:10:36,000  
and just depending on

304  
00:10:39,750 --> 00:10:37,760  
on um

305  
00:10:41,590 --> 00:10:39,760  
you know how how good the the data is

306  
00:10:43,430 --> 00:10:41,600  
and i expect it to be very good frankly

307  
00:10:45,350 --> 00:10:43,440  
given our experience with this

308  
00:10:47,269 --> 00:10:45,360  
it it's a good chance that it'd probably

309  
00:10:49,590 --> 00:10:47,279  
be less than 24 hours when we'll be

310  
00:10:51,350 --> 00:10:49,600  
ready to talk about what we think in

311  
00:10:53,670 --> 00:10:51,360  
terms of this site

312  
00:10:57,750 --> 00:10:53,680  
thanks mark

313  
00:11:00,630 --> 00:10:57,760

i have a couple questions which i think

314

00:11:02,790 --> 00:11:00,640

i can kind of roll together

315

00:11:05,269 --> 00:11:02,800

i think the approach is going to give

316

00:11:08,389 --> 00:11:05,279

you a three-dimensional view that will

317

00:11:10,470 --> 00:11:08,399

tell you what's exposed and the depth of

318

00:11:13,670 --> 00:11:10,480

the

319

00:11:16,310 --> 00:11:13,680

tile damage if i'm understanding this

320

00:11:18,230 --> 00:11:17,430

yes

321

00:11:30,550 --> 00:11:18,240

it

322

00:11:33,030 --> 00:11:30,560

equivalent of a three-dimensional

323

00:11:35,990 --> 00:11:33,040

body that represents the part of the

324

00:11:38,550 --> 00:11:36,000

cavity that's that's vacated

325

00:11:40,230 --> 00:11:38,560

into the into the extent you're willing

326

00:11:42,470 --> 00:11:40,240

has your sense

327

00:11:45,350 --> 00:11:42,480

since yesterday changed and i guess i

328

00:11:47,910 --> 00:11:45,360

would characterize that as

329

00:11:49,030 --> 00:11:47,920

this is something you need to examine

330

00:11:52,150 --> 00:11:49,040

but

331

00:11:55,030 --> 00:11:52,160

you're not seeing this as a as a hazard

332

00:11:56,870 --> 00:11:55,040

or a threat at this point

333

00:11:58,870 --> 00:11:56,880

you're correct mark that that hasn't

334

00:12:00,470 --> 00:11:58,880

changed again

335

00:12:02,150 --> 00:12:00,480

we don't view this as

336

00:12:04,389 --> 00:12:02,160

as

337

00:12:06,069 --> 00:12:04,399

there's nothing alarming here and and

338

00:12:07,110 --> 00:12:06,079

we're really not concerned

339

00:12:08,710 --> 00:12:07,120

we're doing

340

00:12:11,110 --> 00:12:08,720

what we understand and know that we need

341

00:12:13,350 --> 00:12:11,120

to go do in these scenarios

342

00:12:15,190 --> 00:12:13,360

this is one that

343

00:12:16,629 --> 00:12:15,200

we feel pretty confident that we're

344

00:12:19,350 --> 00:12:16,639

going to be able to clear it once we get

345

00:12:22,069 --> 00:12:19,360

some higher fidelity data

346

00:12:23,110 --> 00:12:22,079

and since we don't positively know that

347

00:12:25,590 --> 00:12:23,120

for sure

348

00:12:26,790 --> 00:12:25,600

we take it in this order we go get the

349

00:12:29,350 --> 00:12:26,800

better data

350

00:12:31,269 --> 00:12:29,360

do the higher fidelity more accurate

351

00:12:32,870 --> 00:12:31,279

less conservative analysis

352

00:12:34,230 --> 00:12:32,880

get the answer

353

00:12:35,509 --> 00:12:34,240

and from that answer determine if

354

00:12:36,550 --> 00:12:35,519

there's anything beyond that we need to

355

00:12:38,790 --> 00:12:36,560

do

356

00:12:41,110 --> 00:12:38,800

and so but our sense is

357

00:12:42,150 --> 00:12:41,120

just as you said that this is not one

358

00:12:43,750 --> 00:12:42,160

that ultimately we're going to be

359

00:12:46,069 --> 00:12:43,760

concerned about in all likelihood not

360

00:12:49,269 --> 00:12:46,079

have to do anything about after we get

361

00:12:50,470 --> 00:12:49,279

some better dimensional analysis um

362

00:12:52,389 --> 00:12:50,480

and uh

363

00:12:53,990 --> 00:12:52,399

and therefore thermal and structural

364

00:12:57,829 --> 00:12:54,000

analysis as a result of that that we

365

00:13:00,710 --> 00:12:58,710

okay

366

00:13:01,670 --> 00:13:00,720

no further questions right now here at

367

00:13:07,269 --> 00:13:01,680

the

368

00:13:11,590 --> 00:13:09,829

um thank you thank you very much james

369

00:13:12,790 --> 00:13:11,600

from florida today

370

00:13:14,470 --> 00:13:12,800

um

371

00:13:16,949 --> 00:13:14,480

leroy could you explain a little bit

372

00:13:20,310 --> 00:13:16,959

further what you get out of a focus

373

00:13:22,230 --> 00:13:20,320

inspection that you don't get um during

374

00:13:23,750 --> 00:13:22,240

flight day two just given that it's the

375

00:13:27,430 --> 00:13:23,760

same you know

376

00:13:32,470 --> 00:13:29,990

okay yeah james you you'll recall on the

377

00:13:34,710 --> 00:13:32,480

flight day two inspections that's really

378

00:13:37,750 --> 00:13:34,720

we're inspecting the leading edge in the

379

00:13:39,910 --> 00:13:37,760

nose cap and the crew cabin areas

380

00:13:41,829 --> 00:13:39,920

we don't really get this kind of data on

381

00:13:43,189 --> 00:13:41,839

the tile

382

00:13:45,670 --> 00:13:43,199

areas

383

00:13:47,750 --> 00:13:45,680

when we do the flight day two inspection

384

00:13:49,829 --> 00:13:47,760

we get the best data on the tile areas

385

00:13:51,670 --> 00:13:49,839

when we do the rendezvous pitch maneuver

386

00:13:53,509 --> 00:13:51,680

which is where these photographs came

387

00:13:56,470 --> 00:13:53,519

from that we've been working off of up

388

00:13:59,269 --> 00:13:57,829

i say thank you

389

00:14:00,629 --> 00:13:59,279

and

390

00:14:02,710 --> 00:14:00,639

wondering what

391

00:14:03,910 --> 00:14:02,720

what more you would have to say

392

00:14:05,269 --> 00:14:03,920

to um

393

00:14:07,350 --> 00:14:05,279

for it to

394

00:14:08,870 --> 00:14:07,360

become a greater concern obviously i

395

00:14:10,550 --> 00:14:08,880

understand you don't expect that but um

396

00:14:12,470 --> 00:14:10,560

what it would be essentially and i know

397

00:14:13,990 --> 00:14:12,480

you're trying to get a 3d model but

398

00:14:15,829 --> 00:14:14,000

would it be um

399

00:14:17,509 --> 00:14:15,839

is there like a depth that you could say

400

00:14:19,910 --> 00:14:17,519

that it would have to

401  
00:14:21,030 --> 00:14:19,920  
penetrate to for it to

402  
00:14:24,230 --> 00:14:21,040  
become

403  
00:14:26,389 --> 00:14:24,240  
more of a concern than it is now

404  
00:14:29,910 --> 00:14:26,399  
well james just in general terms for

405  
00:14:32,470 --> 00:14:29,920  
example if if we had a scenario where

406  
00:14:33,829 --> 00:14:32,480  
the uh the damage went all the way to

407  
00:14:35,350 --> 00:14:33,839  
the sip

408  
00:14:36,470 --> 00:14:35,360  
went all the way to the essentially the

409  
00:14:38,470 --> 00:14:36,480  
interface

410  
00:14:41,829 --> 00:14:38,480  
uh just between the tile

411  
00:14:44,389 --> 00:14:41,839  
bond and and the core pond structure

412  
00:14:47,269 --> 00:14:44,399  
that would be something that would would

413  
00:14:51,750 --> 00:14:47,279

need to be looked at in greater detail

414

00:14:53,350 --> 00:14:51,760

if it was a a clean

415

00:14:54,710 --> 00:14:53,360

clean break all the way to the edge of a

416

00:14:56,550 --> 00:14:54,720

tile for example when you went all the

417

00:14:59,509 --> 00:14:56,560

way down the sidewall the other other

418

00:15:01,350 --> 00:14:59,519

tile down to to the sip or to the what

419

00:15:03,269 --> 00:15:01,360

what's called the filler bar you know

420

00:15:05,269 --> 00:15:03,279

that's yet a different scenario if you

421

00:15:07,509 --> 00:15:05,279

had a combination of those two things

422

00:15:09,670 --> 00:15:07,519

that's probably even yet a worse case

423

00:15:13,030 --> 00:15:09,680

than those other two previous ones

424

00:15:15,750 --> 00:15:13,040

and all of those

425

00:15:17,430 --> 00:15:15,760

it it's really not about what we

426

00:15:19,430 --> 00:15:17,440

see

427

00:15:21,829 --> 00:15:19,440

in the in the photography or in the

428

00:15:24,829 --> 00:15:21,839

laser data per se it's about when we

429

00:15:27,269 --> 00:15:24,839

take that data and then go plug that

430

00:15:28,550 --> 00:15:27,279

into the thermal and the structural

431

00:15:30,949 --> 00:15:28,560

analyses

432

00:15:33,749 --> 00:15:30,959

so it won't be necessarily just as

433

00:15:35,910 --> 00:15:33,759

simple as looking at a picture a higher

434

00:15:38,310 --> 00:15:35,920

fidelity more close-up

435

00:15:41,030 --> 00:15:38,320

more clear picture if you will and

436

00:15:42,310 --> 00:15:41,040

saying yes it's good no it's bad

437

00:15:44,629 --> 00:15:42,320

it'll be a matter of taking that

438

00:15:46,069 --> 00:15:44,639

information and then translating that

439

00:15:47,990 --> 00:15:46,079

into

440

00:15:50,069 --> 00:15:48,000

the data that's necessary to run the

441

00:15:51,670 --> 00:15:50,079

models that do the thermal predictions

442

00:15:54,550 --> 00:15:51,680

and the structural predictions that then

443

00:15:56,230 --> 00:15:54,560

we can from that we can back out the

444

00:15:58,310 --> 00:15:56,240

margin that we have for the structure

445

00:16:01,749 --> 00:15:58,320

that lies underneath this area

446

00:16:07,030 --> 00:16:05,110

yes absolutely and and um

447

00:16:09,030 --> 00:16:07,040

and so uh other

448

00:16:11,189 --> 00:16:09,040

well those few crew members you

449

00:16:12,710 --> 00:16:11,199

mentioned are um

450

00:16:14,389 --> 00:16:12,720

sorry about that are

451

00:16:15,990 --> 00:16:14,399

at work on uh

452

00:16:18,069 --> 00:16:16,000

the inspection basically everything else

453

00:16:19,990 --> 00:16:18,079

will be going on as as normally

454

00:16:23,990 --> 00:16:20,000

timelines um

455

00:16:26,069 --> 00:16:24,000

morning yes that's correct thanks a lot

456

00:16:29,430 --> 00:16:26,079

okay our next uh phone bridge reporter

457

00:16:34,710 --> 00:16:31,189

thank you very much it's uh tarik malek

458

00:16:36,629 --> 00:16:34,720

from uh space.com and uh i guess just to

459

00:16:38,629 --> 00:16:36,639

to be clear on how the events will

460

00:16:40,150 --> 00:16:38,639

unfold tomorrow with the inspection um i

461

00:16:41,509 --> 00:16:40,160

know the crew had some time off that was

462

00:16:43,269 --> 00:16:41,519

scheduled it sounds like they'll still

463

00:16:45,350 --> 00:16:43,279

get that i just wanted to make sure

464

00:16:47,749 --> 00:16:45,360

that um that that would be the case and

465

00:16:50,710 --> 00:16:47,759

i'm wondering if there's any tasks

466

00:16:53,430 --> 00:16:50,720

that maybe you hoped to achieve uh in

467

00:16:55,829 --> 00:16:53,440

terms of get ahead uh with the transfer

468

00:16:58,150 --> 00:16:55,839

or anything that um that you're gonna

469

00:17:00,150 --> 00:16:58,160

have to put off uh in order to perform

470

00:17:01,829 --> 00:17:00,160

the um the two hours of extra inspection

471

00:17:03,350 --> 00:17:01,839

thanks

472

00:17:04,870 --> 00:17:03,360

yeah targ we talked a little bit about

473

00:17:06,710 --> 00:17:04,880

that yesterday and

474

00:17:08,949 --> 00:17:06,720

essentially we have

475

00:17:11,429 --> 00:17:08,959

a plan that we've had place as a

476

00:17:13,350 --> 00:17:11,439

placeholder on flight day six

477

00:17:15,029 --> 00:17:13,360

and in fact this focused inspection is

478

00:17:16,949 --> 00:17:15,039

taking less time than the placeholder

479

00:17:18,789 --> 00:17:16,959

that we had in place

480

00:17:20,549 --> 00:17:18,799

and so we're not losing any activities

481

00:17:23,750 --> 00:17:20,559

by doing this we're not losing any off

482

00:17:24,630 --> 00:17:23,760

time we're not losing any transfer time

483

00:17:27,510 --> 00:17:24,640

and

484

00:17:29,350 --> 00:17:27,520

so it's actually a more benign situation

485

00:17:34,310 --> 00:17:29,360

than what we had already in the timeline

486

00:17:38,150 --> 00:17:36,070

thank you

487

00:17:41,430 --> 00:17:38,160

okay uh sounds like that's all from

488

00:17:43,110 --> 00:17:41,440

taric so last but not least bill harwood

489

00:17:44,390 --> 00:17:43,120

yeah thanks leroy uh could you take a

490

00:17:46,950 --> 00:17:44,400

moment and just tell us how you did

491

00:17:48,150 --> 00:17:46,960

clear the yellow von i guess

492

00:17:49,669 --> 00:17:48,160

part of this you've already answered but

493

00:17:51,750 --> 00:17:49,679

i'm trying to make sure i understand how

494

00:17:53,750 --> 00:17:51,760

you can how some things can get cleared

495

00:17:56,710 --> 00:17:53,760

without an inspection whereas something

496

00:17:58,870 --> 00:17:56,720

like this one requires it thanks

497

00:18:01,669 --> 00:17:58,880

okay sure bill the

498

00:18:04,070 --> 00:18:01,679

the elevon site was a damaged site that

499

00:18:06,230 --> 00:18:04,080

dimensionally was was more benign than

500

00:18:07,350 --> 00:18:06,240

this one and even though that's in an

501  
00:18:09,510 --> 00:18:07,360  
area that

502  
00:18:11,510 --> 00:18:09,520  
that has the ability to see

503  
00:18:13,830 --> 00:18:11,520  
and normally we'll see

504  
00:18:15,430 --> 00:18:13,840  
a regime of higher heating than this

505  
00:18:17,110 --> 00:18:15,440  
particular area where we have this site

506  
00:18:19,350 --> 00:18:17,120  
of interest now

507  
00:18:21,750 --> 00:18:19,360  
the the damage area itself in terms of

508  
00:18:24,390 --> 00:18:21,760  
the overall dimensions and the depth

509  
00:18:25,909 --> 00:18:24,400  
was was much uh was different in the

510  
00:18:27,510 --> 00:18:25,919  
sense that when you look at the overall

511  
00:18:28,630 --> 00:18:27,520  
thickness of that tile which is quite a

512  
00:18:30,710 --> 00:18:28,640  
bit thicker

513  
00:18:32,710 --> 00:18:30,720

back there on the elevon

514

00:18:34,070 --> 00:18:32,720

the the analyses came back and said we

515

00:18:35,830 --> 00:18:34,080

had

516

00:18:38,390 --> 00:18:35,840

much more margin than we need to in that

517

00:18:40,310 --> 00:18:38,400

area so it's essentially

518

00:18:42,950 --> 00:18:40,320

taking each one

519

00:18:44,310 --> 00:18:42,960

unto themselves and in terms of they're

520

00:18:46,070 --> 00:18:44,320

all unique

521

00:18:47,430 --> 00:18:46,080

the tile thicknesses are all different

522

00:18:49,029 --> 00:18:47,440

because they have different functions

523

00:18:51,110 --> 00:18:49,039

based on where they are

524

00:18:53,510 --> 00:18:51,120

and so in the case of the elevon

525

00:18:55,909 --> 00:18:53,520

the damage is compared to the overall

526

00:18:58,549 --> 00:18:55,919

function and requirement for the tile to

527

00:19:00,549 --> 00:18:58,559

to protect the underlying surface was

528

00:19:01,830 --> 00:19:00,559

such that we we ended up with

529

00:19:03,190 --> 00:19:01,840

quite a bit more margin than we needed

530

00:19:09,029 --> 00:19:03,200

to so we didn't have to do anything else

531

00:19:09,039 --> 00:19:17,669

anything else bill

532

00:19:21,590 --> 00:19:19,350

well not hearing anything uh we'll come

533

00:19:23,430 --> 00:19:21,600

back here to houston

534

00:19:25,590 --> 00:19:23,440

any follow-up questions here in the

535

00:19:26,950 --> 00:19:25,600

briefing room

536

00:19:28,870 --> 00:19:26,960

okay

537

00:19:30,470 --> 00:19:28,880

well that will wrap up the briefing

538

00:19:31,909 --> 00:19:30,480

thank you very much for coming a

539

00:19:34,510 --> 00:19:31,919

reminder that those graphics are

540

00:19:37,590 --> 00:19:34,520

available on the nasa website at

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00:19:39,350 --> 00:19:37,600

www.nasa.gov in the shuttle section

542

00:19:41,190 --> 00:19:39,360

coming up a couple of programming notes

543

00:19:44,150 --> 00:19:41,200

the space station crew scheduled to

544

00:19:46,630 --> 00:19:44,160

begin at sleep shift at 4 31 pm central

545

00:19:48,150 --> 00:19:46,640

5 31 eastern and then we'll have our

546

00:19:50,310 --> 00:19:48,160

international space station flight

547

00:19:53,830 --> 00:19:50,320

director update from the mission control