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00:00:11,040 --> 00:00:08,210  
good afternoon and welcome to today's

2  
00:00:12,710 --> 00:00:11,050  
sts-135 mission status briefing the

3  
00:00:15,720 --> 00:00:12,720  
first for the final mission of Atlantis

4  
00:00:17,460 --> 00:00:15,730  
we have today quatie Oliver oho the lead

5  
00:00:19,109 --> 00:00:17,470  
flight director for this mission they'll

6  
00:00:20,310 --> 00:00:19,119  
start off with some opening comments and

7  
00:00:23,370 --> 00:00:20,320  
then we'll move on to your questions

8  
00:00:25,470 --> 00:00:23,380  
pottsy thank you good morning on good

9  
00:00:28,639 --> 00:00:25,480  
afternoon to some of you we've had an

10  
00:00:32,100 --> 00:00:28,649  
absolutely outstanding morning on orbit

11  
00:00:35,220 --> 00:00:32,110  
today we executed the inspection of the

12  
00:00:37,380 --> 00:00:35,230  
shuttles thermal protection system that

13  
00:00:39,689 --> 00:00:37,390

was carried out by manipulating the

14

00:00:42,180 --> 00:00:39,699

shuttle's robotic arm as well as the

15

00:00:44,580 --> 00:00:42,190

orbiter boom sensor system to do

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00:00:48,720 --> 00:00:44,590

detailed scans of the wing leading edge

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00:00:50,729 --> 00:00:48,730

the shuttles nose cap and other areas

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00:00:53,910 --> 00:00:50,739

associated with ground support

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00:00:56,750 --> 00:00:53,920

umbilicals those scans were executed in

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00:00:59,610 --> 00:00:56,760

absolute professional style by our crew

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00:01:02,310 --> 00:00:59,620

led by commander Chris Ferguson pilot

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00:01:04,560 --> 00:01:02,320

Doug Hurley mission specialists sandy

23

00:01:07,350 --> 00:01:04,570

Magnus and Rex Walheim they got through

24

00:01:11,670 --> 00:01:07,360

all of the activities of the inspection

25

00:01:14,550 --> 00:01:11,680

and ended up running about an hour to an

26  
00:01:16,260 --> 00:01:14,560  
hour and a half in ahead of time now as

27  
00:01:20,520 --> 00:01:16,270  
far as the efficiencies that they gained

28  
00:01:24,060 --> 00:01:20,530  
in in executing the activities about 30

29  
00:01:27,030 --> 00:01:24,070  
the 35 minutes of that time was was due

30  
00:01:28,950 --> 00:01:27,040  
to them just executing things quite well

31  
00:01:30,540 --> 00:01:28,960  
and being very efficient but they also

32  
00:01:32,190 --> 00:01:30,550  
chose to work through their their lunch

33  
00:01:34,290 --> 00:01:32,200  
break we get typically give them about

34  
00:01:35,460 --> 00:01:34,300  
an hour for lunch and so because they

35  
00:01:37,560 --> 00:01:35,470  
work through their lunch break to try to

36  
00:01:39,750 --> 00:01:37,570  
get ahead of the timeline we ended up

37  
00:01:42,210 --> 00:01:39,760  
completing the inspections an hour ahead

38  
00:01:44,400 --> 00:01:42,220

of schedule what the crew has left on

39

00:01:47,340 --> 00:01:44,410

their day today is check out of their

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00:01:49,620 --> 00:01:47,350

rendezvous tools as well as check out of

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00:01:51,360 --> 00:01:49,630

the orbiter docking system both of these

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00:01:53,100 --> 00:01:51,370

are required in preparation for

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00:01:57,180 --> 00:01:53,110

rendezvous and docking tomorrow

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00:01:59,250 --> 00:01:57,190

additionally we have a second of two

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00:02:01,980 --> 00:01:59,260

rendezvous burns that were on the plan

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00:02:03,960 --> 00:02:01,990

today we executed the so-called NC to

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00:02:06,990 --> 00:02:03,970

burn earlier today and now we're going

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00:02:08,609 --> 00:02:07,000

to execute the NC three burn in just a

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00:02:10,680 --> 00:02:08,619

couple of hours we're going to do that

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00:02:12,720 --> 00:02:10,690

that burned about an hour and a half

51  
00:02:13,730 --> 00:02:12,730  
earlier than we had originally scheduled

52  
00:02:16,550 --> 00:02:13,740  
it in the timeline

53  
00:02:19,820 --> 00:02:16,560  
and basically that's to give the crew

54  
00:02:21,200 --> 00:02:19,830  
credit for finishing the TPS inspections

55  
00:02:24,440 --> 00:02:21,210  
early we'll let them do their rendezvous

56  
00:02:26,990 --> 00:02:24,450  
burn early and thus we can give them a

57  
00:02:29,090 --> 00:02:27,000  
little bit more of a relaxed pre-sleep

58  
00:02:31,400 --> 00:02:29,100  
time frame tonight so there won't be as

59  
00:02:33,670 --> 00:02:31,410  
fatigue going into the critical phases

60  
00:02:37,610 --> 00:02:33,680  
of rendezvous and docking in the morning

61  
00:02:40,490 --> 00:02:37,620  
we continue to observe stellar

62  
00:02:42,560 --> 00:02:40,500  
performance from Atlantis the ship has

63  
00:02:44,000 --> 00:02:42,570

been performing in beautiful fashion

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00:02:47,120 --> 00:02:44,010

we're not tracking any significant

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00:02:48,680 --> 00:02:47,130

issues the spacecraft and her crew all

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00:02:51,620 --> 00:02:48,690

seemed to be doing very well and

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00:02:53,630 --> 00:02:51,630

honestly we we couldn't be more happy

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00:02:56,510 --> 00:02:53,640

with what we've seen from the crew n

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00:02:59,300 --> 00:02:56,520

from atlantis in this first half of

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00:03:01,930 --> 00:02:59,310

flight date too so we're looking forward

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00:03:03,800 --> 00:03:01,940

to a productive rest of the afternoon

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00:03:07,580 --> 00:03:03,810

looking forward to putting the crew to

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00:03:09,230 --> 00:03:07,590

bed on time they may even have have some

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00:03:11,840 --> 00:03:09,240

time to get to bed a little early if

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00:03:13,850 --> 00:03:11,850

they wish and I think we'll be in in

76  
00:03:15,230 --> 00:03:13,860  
good shape for an excellent rendezvous

77  
00:03:18,290 --> 00:03:15,240  
docking with the international space

78  
00:03:20,240 --> 00:03:18,300  
station tomorrow that concludes my

79  
00:03:22,850 --> 00:03:20,250  
opening comments and we'll be happy to

80  
00:03:24,350 --> 00:03:22,860  
take your questions okay we'll start

81  
00:03:26,510 --> 00:03:24,360  
here with questions of the Johnson Space

82  
00:03:28,270 --> 00:03:26,520  
Center in Houston and then we'll move on

83  
00:03:31,420 --> 00:03:28,280  
to our phone bridge participants

84  
00:03:34,600 --> 00:03:31,430  
questions from here in Houston Phil

85  
00:03:37,160 --> 00:03:34,610  
Phillips loss with NASA Space Flight com

86  
00:03:38,900 --> 00:03:37,170  
the crew got as you said the crew got

87  
00:03:42,490 --> 00:03:38,910  
way ahead of the timeline today on the

88  
00:03:45,530 --> 00:03:42,500

inspections is that typical for them and

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00:03:47,180 --> 00:03:45,540

do you think that's going to help you in

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00:03:49,400 --> 00:03:47,190

the during the docked phase with all the

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00:03:53,840 --> 00:03:49,410

work that needs to be done ok there's

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00:03:56,510 --> 00:03:53,850

great questions the performance of the

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00:03:59,210 --> 00:03:56,520

activities on flight day two are often

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00:04:02,180 --> 00:03:59,220

subject to a lot of variability depends

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00:04:06,560 --> 00:04:02,190

on the cruise how the crews are feeling

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00:04:07,760 --> 00:04:06,570

as well as as the overall tasking the

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00:04:10,070 --> 00:04:07,770

number of people we have on the flight

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00:04:12,560 --> 00:04:10,080

deck today I think we had a lot of

99

00:04:14,780 --> 00:04:12,570

things working in our favor first of all

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00:04:17,800 --> 00:04:14,790

even though we did have we do have a

101  
00:04:20,990 --> 00:04:17,810  
smaller crew and of course that tends to

102  
00:04:24,110 --> 00:04:21,000  
put pressure on getting the activities

103  
00:04:26,850 --> 00:04:24,120  
completed on time we did have fewer

104  
00:04:30,059 --> 00:04:26,860  
bodies for the crew to trip over all

105  
00:04:32,700 --> 00:04:30,069  
so we are flying a very experienced crew

106  
00:04:35,339 --> 00:04:32,710  
that knows how to adapt to space

107  
00:04:38,010 --> 00:04:35,349  
conditions and so I think they're their

108  
00:04:40,740 --> 00:04:38,020  
adaptation to spaces has gone very

109  
00:04:43,290 --> 00:04:40,750  
quickly relative to what we sometimes

110  
00:04:44,730 --> 00:04:43,300  
see from from from other crews and so

111  
00:04:47,760 --> 00:04:44,740  
all of these things taken in tandem

112  
00:04:49,409 --> 00:04:47,770  
their experience really allowed us to to

113  
00:04:51,480 --> 00:04:49,419

get ahead on the timeline and to execute

114

00:04:54,600 --> 00:04:51,490

things efficiently so we're quite

115

00:04:57,629 --> 00:04:54,610

pleased we have seen this type of

116

00:04:59,309 --> 00:04:57,639

performance before although I think the

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00:05:01,320 --> 00:04:59,319

performance of this particular crew on

118

00:05:03,209 --> 00:05:01,330

this set of activities is is probably

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00:05:05,129 --> 00:05:03,219

near record breaking I think we we

120

00:05:06,929 --> 00:05:05,139

really were able to squeeze out

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00:05:12,209 --> 00:05:06,939

considerable efficiencies from this crew

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00:05:15,029 --> 00:05:12,219

today thanks mark Kuro for aviation week

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00:05:16,830 --> 00:05:15,039

I had a couple of questions one I wonder

124

00:05:18,839 --> 00:05:16,840

during the inspection at least from what

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00:05:20,640 --> 00:05:18,849

you could see in the control center did

126

00:05:26,010 --> 00:05:20,650

anything jump out or did you see

127

00:05:28,529 --> 00:05:26,020

basically pretty normal TPS ok not a

128

00:05:32,040 --> 00:05:28,539

great question we did not see anything

129

00:05:34,469 --> 00:05:32,050

so far that gave us great pause nothing

130

00:05:36,749 --> 00:05:34,479

that was that was immediately visible to

131

00:05:39,300 --> 00:05:36,759

the naked eye now of course as you know

132

00:05:41,279 --> 00:05:39,310

the process of analyzing the data we get

133

00:05:44,700 --> 00:05:41,289

from the sensor package on the OB SS

134

00:05:46,980 --> 00:05:44,710

takes several hours and we do expect

135

00:05:49,559 --> 00:05:46,990

that process to go normally so we'll

136

00:05:52,050 --> 00:05:49,569

hear official word concerning the

137

00:05:54,570 --> 00:05:52,060

condition of the reinforced

138

00:05:55,800 --> 00:05:54,580

carbon-carbon components of the thermal

139

00:05:59,399 --> 00:05:55,810

protection system will probably hear

140

00:06:00,719 --> 00:05:59,409

that late tomorrow maybe maybe early in

141

00:06:02,429 --> 00:06:00,729

the morning depending on how the

142

00:06:04,320 --> 00:06:02,439

engineers are doing but there was

143

00:06:05,579 --> 00:06:04,330

nothing that that immediately gave us

144

00:06:07,920 --> 00:06:05,589

pause or that we were concerned about

145

00:06:09,689 --> 00:06:07,930

going into the inspection and we also

146

00:06:11,360 --> 00:06:09,699

saw a very good debris performance from

147

00:06:15,510 --> 00:06:11,370

the tank on the way uphill yesterday so

148

00:06:19,079 --> 00:06:15,520

that also that also was very encouraging

149

00:06:20,670 --> 00:06:19,089

to us in fact we were extremely happy

150

00:06:23,219 --> 00:06:20,680

with the launch yesterday as you can

151  
00:06:25,019 --> 00:06:23,229  
imagine which is a testament not only to

152  
00:06:26,760 --> 00:06:25,029  
the the excellent performance of the

153  
00:06:28,420 --> 00:06:26,770  
team there at Kennedy Space Center but

154  
00:06:30,310 --> 00:06:28,430  
also the

155  
00:06:32,320 --> 00:06:30,320  
the wonderful performance of the asset

156  
00:06:35,650 --> 00:06:32,330  
team under the leadership of mr. Richard

157  
00:06:37,870 --> 00:06:35,660  
Jones so we were very comfortable and

158  
00:06:40,390 --> 00:06:37,880  
very happy looking at the TPS going into

159  
00:06:41,860 --> 00:06:40,400  
the inspection today and we'll see what

160  
00:06:45,550 --> 00:06:41,870  
the detailed scans revealed to us

161  
00:06:48,730 --> 00:06:45,560  
tomorrow thanks my other question sort

162  
00:06:52,090 --> 00:06:48,740  
of had to do with the the pace of work

163  
00:06:55,030 --> 00:06:52,100

you mentioned today that the that Chris

164

00:06:57,730 --> 00:06:55,040

Ferguson and his crew got a head 60 to

165

00:06:59,050 --> 00:06:57,740

90 minutes in fact there's a lot to do

166

00:07:01,680 --> 00:06:59,060

on this mission and I wonder how

167

00:07:04,180 --> 00:07:01,690

cognizant you are in the control center

168

00:07:06,460 --> 00:07:04,190

of trying to kind of stay up on

169

00:07:09,520 --> 00:07:06,470

everything so that you don't fall behind

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00:07:11,050 --> 00:07:09,530

and I guess that's kind of a quality not

171

00:07:13,240 --> 00:07:11,060

a quantitative question but I just

172

00:07:15,970 --> 00:07:13,250

wonder how conscious you are trying to

173

00:07:17,530 --> 00:07:15,980

make sure that they they don't fall back

174

00:07:21,490 --> 00:07:17,540

into a corner where they can't dig

175

00:07:23,320 --> 00:07:21,500

themselves out okay for all of the the

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00:07:24,960 --> 00:07:23,330

controllers in on the flight control

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00:07:27,820 --> 00:07:24,970

team starting with the flight director

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00:07:30,700 --> 00:07:27,830

myself Capcom as well as the other

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00:07:33,700 --> 00:07:30,710

controllers we all try to imagine

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00:07:36,480 --> 00:07:33,710

ourselves executing the activities the

181

00:07:38,410 --> 00:07:36,490

crew has to execute each systems

182

00:07:40,930 --> 00:07:38,420

discipline specialist in the flight

183

00:07:44,680 --> 00:07:40,940

control room monitors their activities

184

00:07:47,200 --> 00:07:44,690

and and our first mandate really is to

185

00:07:48,940 --> 00:07:47,210

to stay abreast of what the crew is

186

00:07:50,920 --> 00:07:48,950

doing and try to imagine and visualize

187

00:07:54,150 --> 00:07:50,930

what they're doing is they prepare to

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00:07:56,740 --> 00:07:54,160

throw switches as they are executing

189

00:07:59,890 --> 00:07:56,750

robotics operations as they work today

190

00:08:01,510 --> 00:07:59,900

for the TPS inspection and and the

191

00:08:03,220 --> 00:08:01,520

benefit that we as mission controllers

192

00:08:06,520 --> 00:08:03,230

can provide to the crew is that we can

193

00:08:09,640 --> 00:08:06,530

having imagine what they are doing and

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00:08:11,920 --> 00:08:09,650

and and and having focused intently on

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00:08:14,500 --> 00:08:11,930

each of their tasks we can try to

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00:08:16,000 --> 00:08:14,510

anticipate areas where they might run

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00:08:17,470 --> 00:08:16,010

into problems areas where they might

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00:08:21,190 --> 00:08:17,480

have some tackling conflicts and

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00:08:23,770 --> 00:08:21,200

recommend some some some redirection if

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00:08:26,140 --> 00:08:23,780

you will or some additional efficiencies

201  
00:08:27,970 --> 00:08:26,150  
which might not have been built into the

202  
00:08:29,290 --> 00:08:27,980  
pre-flight timeline and which the crew

203  
00:08:30,970 --> 00:08:29,300  
themselves might not have been able to

204  
00:08:33,220 --> 00:08:30,980  
think of and so that's one of the things

205  
00:08:35,110 --> 00:08:33,230  
that work in our favor today is is we

206  
00:08:37,420 --> 00:08:35,120  
had not only wonderful performance from

207  
00:08:41,020 --> 00:08:37,430  
the crew but my flight control team also

208  
00:08:42,190 --> 00:08:41,030  
did a fantastic job doing what I asked

209  
00:08:44,110 --> 00:08:42,200  
them to do and what what

210  
00:08:47,680 --> 00:08:44,120  
they have trained to do which is to look

211  
00:08:49,480 --> 00:08:47,690  
ahead to stay in perfect lockstep with

212  
00:08:52,750 --> 00:08:49,490  
the crew and we actually did recommend

213  
00:08:55,660 --> 00:08:52,760

some some surgical changes to the

214

00:08:58,450 --> 00:08:55,670

sequence of events that allowed them to

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00:09:03,250 --> 00:08:58,460

to extract the maximum efficiency from

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00:09:05,230 --> 00:09:03,260

from from their great performance dan

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00:09:06,820 --> 00:09:05,240

vergano with USA Today I two questions

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

the first is could you discuss a little

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00:09:10,210 --> 00:09:08,840

bit about what goes into the decision

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00:09:11,680 --> 00:09:10,220

about extending the mission at this

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00:09:13,840 --> 00:09:11,690

point is it mostly how much fuel and

222

00:09:15,430 --> 00:09:13,850

repellent gets used in the maneuver with

223

00:09:17,440 --> 00:09:15,440

the space station tomorrow or is it sort

224

00:09:19,540 --> 00:09:17,450

of overall performance that sort of

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00:09:22,210 --> 00:09:19,550

builds you the margin to do that okay

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00:09:24,040 --> 00:09:22,220

it's actually all the above as far as

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00:09:26,080 --> 00:09:24,050

what what goes into our decision to

228

00:09:30,010 --> 00:09:26,090

extend a day in fact I'm glad you asked

229

00:09:32,020 --> 00:09:30,020

that because we do have have some run

230

00:09:34,510 --> 00:09:32,030

time on our fuel cells and and what I

231

00:09:36,850 --> 00:09:34,520

can report to you today is that with

232

00:09:38,410 --> 00:09:36,860

respect to our most limiting consumable

233

00:09:40,930 --> 00:09:38,420

which in this case is the cryogenic

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00:09:43,720 --> 00:09:40,940

oxygen and hydrogen required to generate

235

00:09:46,390 --> 00:09:43,730

electrical power with respect to those

236

00:09:50,050 --> 00:09:46,400

consumables we lift it off with

237

00:09:53,410 --> 00:09:50,060

sufficient oxygen and hydrogen to to

238

00:09:57,430 --> 00:09:53,420

give us what we believe is about 20 22

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00:10:00,250 --> 00:09:57,440

23 hours above our nominal 12 plus zero

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00:10:03,130 --> 00:10:00,260

plus two day timeline so we are

241

00:10:07,090 --> 00:10:03,140

executing the power conserving measures

242

00:10:08,500 --> 00:10:07,100

that we develop pre-flight and so we're

243

00:10:10,810 --> 00:10:08,510

going to continue to watch the system

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00:10:15,250 --> 00:10:10,820

over the next day or two and I fully

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00:10:16,960 --> 00:10:15,260

expect that by about flight day 4 will

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00:10:20,230 --> 00:10:16,970

be able to report to you that that we

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00:10:22,450 --> 00:10:20,240

are seeing stable enough margins to

248

00:10:24,760 --> 00:10:22,460

where we can recommend extending a day

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00:10:26,890 --> 00:10:24,770

we carried sufficient propellant to

250

00:10:28,810 --> 00:10:26,900

orbit with us to extend today with no

251  
00:10:31,120 --> 00:10:28,820  
problem and as I said we've got

252  
00:10:33,160 --> 00:10:31,130  
sufficient quantity of other consumables

253  
00:10:36,010 --> 00:10:33,170  
and the crew seems to be doing very well

254  
00:10:38,860 --> 00:10:36,020  
so I think we will probably get there

255  
00:10:40,780 --> 00:10:38,870  
again don't take that to the bank until

256  
00:10:43,870 --> 00:10:40,790  
until until we talk in another day or

257  
00:10:46,120 --> 00:10:43,880  
two but right now everything is is on

258  
00:10:48,400 --> 00:10:46,130  
track for us to be able to extend the

259  
00:10:49,540 --> 00:10:48,410  
day as long as we continue to see good

260  
00:10:51,370 --> 00:10:49,550  
performance from the crew good

261  
00:10:52,750 --> 00:10:51,380  
performance from the spacecraft and as

262  
00:10:55,870 --> 00:10:52,760  
long as the other mission activity

263  
00:10:58,480 --> 00:10:55,880

go nominally and my second question was

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00:10:59,710 --> 00:10:58,490

regarding just the quickness with which

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00:11:01,990 --> 00:10:59,720

they are able to do the inspection today

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00:11:04,000 --> 00:11:02,000

could you just maybe I'm repeating that

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00:11:06,490 --> 00:11:04,010

the previous question but how much of

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00:11:07,900 --> 00:11:06,500

that was this sort of crew being doing

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00:11:09,700 --> 00:11:07,910

this a good job of this and how much of

270

00:11:11,670 --> 00:11:09,710

it was not seeing any marks that made

271

00:11:13,630 --> 00:11:11,680

you or problems and made you stop and

272

00:11:15,970 --> 00:11:13,640

inspect more carefully in a position

273

00:11:19,000 --> 00:11:15,980

okay well let me let me further address

274

00:11:23,380 --> 00:11:19,010

by saying that that the the presence or

275

00:11:25,150 --> 00:11:23,390

absence of any issues or any occlusions

276

00:11:28,120 --> 00:11:25,160

or imperfections in the thermal

277

00:11:30,280 --> 00:11:28,130

protection system that has no bearing on

278

00:11:34,420 --> 00:11:30,290

the amount of time that it takes we have

279

00:11:36,010 --> 00:11:34,430

a very set pattern of scan over the RCC

280

00:11:38,170 --> 00:11:36,020

that we will execute in all cases

281

00:11:40,150 --> 00:11:38,180

whether there are any areas of concern

282

00:11:44,260 --> 00:11:40,160

now if there are areas of concern that

283

00:11:47,380 --> 00:11:44,270

we identify prior to the scan we may may

284

00:11:49,930 --> 00:11:47,390

take additional time to stop and stare

285

00:11:53,260 --> 00:11:49,940

if you will once we get to that point in

286

00:11:55,330 --> 00:11:53,270

the scan but but but generally that has

287

00:11:57,550 --> 00:11:55,340

no bearing on it what would really

288

00:11:59,800 --> 00:11:57,560

allowed us to get from the beginning of

289

00:12:02,230 --> 00:11:59,810

the the TPS inspection to the end this

290

00:12:05,470 --> 00:12:02,240

time as quickly as we did I believe was

291

00:12:07,090 --> 00:12:05,480

was a positive convergence of all of the

292

00:12:09,250 --> 00:12:07,100

positive behaviors that we've tried to

293

00:12:12,220 --> 00:12:09,260

build into this aspect of the mission

294

00:12:14,200 --> 00:12:12,230

starting with the flight plan our flight

295

00:12:16,630 --> 00:12:14,210

activities officer and other planners

296

00:12:19,300 --> 00:12:16,640

put together a very efficient sequence

297

00:12:22,660 --> 00:12:19,310

of events in cooperation with all of the

298

00:12:24,730 --> 00:12:22,670

the various subsystem owners who make

299

00:12:27,730 --> 00:12:24,740

the input so we started with an

300

00:12:29,830 --> 00:12:27,740

efficient plan the training team

301  
00:12:33,580 --> 00:12:29,840  
contributed tremendously to the success

302  
00:12:35,560 --> 00:12:33,590  
today in training our crew to execute

303  
00:12:37,270 --> 00:12:35,570  
these activities efficiently as well as

304  
00:12:39,310 --> 00:12:37,280  
training the flight control team and

305  
00:12:41,200 --> 00:12:39,320  
training us together and challenging us

306  
00:12:43,300 --> 00:12:41,210  
to think about where we can extract

307  
00:12:45,580 --> 00:12:43,310  
further efficiencies and then of course

308  
00:12:48,610 --> 00:12:45,590  
there is the actual on-orbit crew who is

309  
00:12:51,130 --> 00:12:48,620  
is very experienced in and have given

310  
00:12:54,190 --> 00:12:51,140  
great attention to finding ways to be

311  
00:12:58,150 --> 00:12:54,200  
efficient and finding ways to leverage

312  
00:13:00,490 --> 00:12:58,160  
the human resource that they have on

313  
00:13:03,190 --> 00:13:00,500

board in the best possible manner so you

314

00:13:05,860 --> 00:13:03,200

put all of these things together and

315

00:13:09,910 --> 00:13:05,870

and it ended up working to our benefit

316

00:13:12,580 --> 00:13:09,920

today in past missions we may have a

317

00:13:15,250 --> 00:13:12,590

great performance in say three out of

318

00:13:16,990 --> 00:13:15,260

four of these areas and and we may

319

00:13:19,720 --> 00:13:17,000

finish on time or may finish only

320

00:13:24,190 --> 00:13:19,730

slightly later than we planned and in

321

00:13:27,160 --> 00:13:24,200

other missions we might see some some

322

00:13:29,620 --> 00:13:27,170

misalignment with respect to satellite

323

00:13:33,220 --> 00:13:29,630

availability and our ability to get the

324

00:13:35,920 --> 00:13:33,230

sensor data down in real-time as as as

325

00:13:37,710 --> 00:13:35,930

well as we did today so it really is a

326

00:13:42,040 --> 00:13:37,720

combination of all of these factors

327

00:13:44,290 --> 00:13:42,050

which no one of which is more important

328

00:13:46,090 --> 00:13:44,300

than the other in my view that it really

329

00:13:48,490 --> 00:13:46,100

that have really worked 22 the good

330

00:13:52,120 --> 00:13:48,500

today so hopefully that that helps

331

00:13:53,680 --> 00:13:52,130

explain that a bit more okay we're going

332

00:13:55,600 --> 00:13:53,690

to go now questions from the phone

333

00:13:58,900 --> 00:13:55,610

bridge I think first hour less does the

334

00:14:01,300 --> 00:13:58,910

Associated Press yes thanks Seth

335

00:14:04,600 --> 00:14:01,310

Borenstein at 8p and if I I do have a

336

00:14:06,850 --> 00:14:04,610

follow-up just going that you're saying

337

00:14:09,670 --> 00:14:06,860

you said you were on a near record pace

338

00:14:12,990 --> 00:14:09,680

for efficiency here also you can't help

339

00:14:16,150 --> 00:14:13,000

in those when looking at the flight

340

00:14:18,040 --> 00:14:16,160

execute package no anomalies whatsoever

341

00:14:21,820 --> 00:14:18,050

I'm wondering if you can look at this

342

00:14:24,420 --> 00:14:21,830

and have you seen such a clean first

343

00:14:29,140 --> 00:14:24,430

full day in orbit combined with such a

344

00:14:31,870 --> 00:14:29,150

such an efficient day I'm wondering if

345

00:14:36,220 --> 00:14:31,880

this is you know once you've got into

346

00:14:38,800 --> 00:14:36,230

over one of the cleanest best most

347

00:14:41,530 --> 00:14:38,810

efficient flights you've seen apne I

348

00:14:43,900 --> 00:14:41,540

know you you're relatively new in the

349

00:14:47,610 --> 00:14:43,910

position but in general is this one of

350

00:14:50,350 --> 00:14:47,620

the best so start so far to a mission I

351  
00:14:52,600 --> 00:14:50,360  
think this is certainly one of the

352  
00:14:55,750 --> 00:14:52,610  
better starts that we have seen and i'll

353  
00:14:59,410 --> 00:14:55,760  
tell you one area where i think that

354  
00:15:02,860 --> 00:14:59,420  
Atlantis has really helped us is the the

355  
00:15:05,800 --> 00:15:02,870  
absence of anomalies also equals the

356  
00:15:07,480 --> 00:15:05,810  
relative absence of distraction from the

357  
00:15:09,610 --> 00:15:07,490  
efficiencies that you try to gain and

358  
00:15:11,530 --> 00:15:09,620  
executing the nominal timeline you know

359  
00:15:13,330 --> 00:15:11,540  
even though we we haven't had really

360  
00:15:15,470 --> 00:15:13,340  
serious problems with a shuttle in a

361  
00:15:18,949 --> 00:15:15,480  
while when you do have the

362  
00:15:21,920 --> 00:15:18,959  
mendham heater failure or a sensor bias

363  
00:15:24,889 --> 00:15:21,930

or some other little thing you know we

364

00:15:26,930 --> 00:15:24,899

go through a fairly rigorous process to

365

00:15:28,670 --> 00:15:26,940

try to examine anomalies and to try to

366

00:15:31,160 --> 00:15:28,680

make sure that they are not symptoms of

367

00:15:32,629 --> 00:15:31,170

more serious problems that might be

368

00:15:34,069 --> 00:15:32,639

threatening to the the mission or

369

00:15:37,819 --> 00:15:34,079

threatening to the spacecraft or crew

370

00:15:39,310 --> 00:15:37,829

and so examining every failure or every

371

00:15:41,569 --> 00:15:39,320

anomaly that we have does take

372

00:15:43,400 --> 00:15:41,579

considerable mental resource on the part

373

00:15:44,900 --> 00:15:43,410

of our flight control team the relative

374

00:15:47,480 --> 00:15:44,910

absence of that I think has allowed our

375

00:15:50,060 --> 00:15:47,490

team to focus more on executing the the

376

00:15:51,769 --> 00:15:50,070

nominal timeline and so one has to

377

00:15:53,870 --> 00:15:51,779

believe that that's that's helped

378

00:15:57,470 --> 00:15:53,880

contribute to the the efficiency of

379

00:16:00,319 --> 00:15:57,480

today's so far follow up on that here

380

00:16:03,759 --> 00:16:00,329

you are it is one of the cleanest best

381

00:16:07,069 --> 00:16:03,769

flights ever it is also the last one

382

00:16:09,680 --> 00:16:07,079

care that means don't you find it a

383

00:16:11,629 --> 00:16:09,690

little ironic and disturbing that here

384

00:16:16,970 --> 00:16:11,639

you're reaching sort of the pinnacle of

385

00:16:20,990 --> 00:16:16,980

efficiency and and you know just flying

386

00:16:23,449 --> 00:16:21,000

well and and it ends um in a way

387

00:16:25,460 --> 00:16:23,459

wouldn't it be easier if the shuttles

388

00:16:30,670 --> 00:16:25,470

were showing their age at the end then

389

00:16:33,370 --> 00:16:30,680

showing just maturity instead of age

390

00:16:36,790 --> 00:16:33,380

yeah I can certainly appreciate your

391

00:16:40,160 --> 00:16:36,800

observation I personally instead of

392

00:16:43,069 --> 00:16:40,170

focusing on the the irony I tend to look

393

00:16:46,009 --> 00:16:43,079

at the opportunity on this the last

394

00:16:48,439 --> 00:16:46,019

shuttle mission of the program I'm very

395

00:16:51,470 --> 00:16:48,449

grateful that the spacecraft is behaving

396

00:16:55,340 --> 00:16:51,480

as well as it is so that we can finish

397

00:16:58,220 --> 00:16:55,350

strong finish safely as as you all have

398

00:17:01,069 --> 00:16:58,230

heard me say before my team's number one

399

00:17:04,429 --> 00:17:01,079

focus is on ending this mission and

400

00:17:08,090 --> 00:17:04,439

ending the program as safely as we have

401  
00:17:10,039 --> 00:17:08,100  
flown last missions and so the the great

402  
00:17:13,699 --> 00:17:10,049  
condition the spacecraft is is really

403  
00:17:15,500 --> 00:17:13,709  
helping us to to do that so far and I

404  
00:17:18,500 --> 00:17:15,510  
see that as a tremendous tremendous

405  
00:17:20,840 --> 00:17:18,510  
opportunity it helps us enjoy the

406  
00:17:22,579 --> 00:17:20,850  
mission more honestly when we're not as

407  
00:17:24,169 --> 00:17:22,589  
worried about falling behind the

408  
00:17:26,480 --> 00:17:24,179  
timeline and of course we still have to

409  
00:17:28,399 --> 00:17:26,490  
be very vigilant you know this is just

410  
00:17:29,390 --> 00:17:28,409  
flight day two we've got we've got

411  
00:17:31,370 --> 00:17:29,400  
plenty more opportunities

412  
00:17:35,510 --> 00:17:31,380  
to fall behind and experience problems

413  
00:17:39,560 --> 00:17:35,520

but we'll do our best to avoid that okay

414

00:17:41,420 --> 00:17:39,570

I think next up is CBS oh yeah watch

415

00:17:43,520 --> 00:17:41,430

this bill Harwood just a real quick when

416

00:17:45,320 --> 00:17:43,530

looking ahead to talking can you talk a

417

00:17:46,850 --> 00:17:45,330

little bit in detail about what the crew

418

00:17:48,800 --> 00:17:46,860

does with four people on board for

419

00:17:50,360 --> 00:17:48,810

docking that makes a little more of a

420

00:17:53,690 --> 00:17:50,370

challenge than when you have safe six or

421

00:17:56,570 --> 00:17:53,700

seven on board Thanks sure thing the big

422

00:17:58,010 --> 00:17:56,580

thing for my team did to be cognizant of

423

00:18:00,110 --> 00:17:58,020

in that and the thing that we have put

424

00:18:03,470 --> 00:18:00,120

some extra emphasis on in training is

425

00:18:06,470 --> 00:18:03,480

the fact that as we get to those closer

426  
00:18:08,330 --> 00:18:06,480  
terminal phases of the approach and

427  
00:18:10,130 --> 00:18:08,340  
docking pretty much all of the crew

428  
00:18:13,280 --> 00:18:10,140  
members all four of them will be on the

429  
00:18:16,070 --> 00:18:13,290  
flight deck each of them playing a

430  
00:18:18,890 --> 00:18:16,080  
different and critical role in in

431  
00:18:20,870 --> 00:18:18,900  
actually executing the the safe approach

432  
00:18:22,970 --> 00:18:20,880  
and docking for instance commander Chris

433  
00:18:25,430 --> 00:18:22,980  
Ferguson will will be at the stick if

434  
00:18:27,440 --> 00:18:25,440  
you will controlling the thrusters and

435  
00:18:30,110 --> 00:18:27,450  
and guiding the spacecraft into the

436  
00:18:33,560 --> 00:18:30,120  
approaching docking the pilot Doug

437  
00:18:35,300 --> 00:18:33,570  
Hurley will be assisting with management

438  
00:18:37,750 --> 00:18:35,310

of the guidance navigation control

439

00:18:40,040 --> 00:18:37,760

system management of the autopilot

440

00:18:42,110 --> 00:18:40,050

management of the thruster

441

00:18:44,270 --> 00:18:42,120

configurations which have to change a

442

00:18:46,550 --> 00:18:44,280

few times between the various phases of

443

00:18:48,560 --> 00:18:46,560

the approaching docking mission

444

00:18:51,080 --> 00:18:48,570

specialist sandy Magnus and Rex Walheim

445

00:18:54,220 --> 00:18:51,090

will be doing a combination of

446

00:18:56,360 --> 00:18:54,230

communicating with the ground as well as

447

00:18:59,990 --> 00:18:56,370

sitting on the International Space

448

00:19:02,570 --> 00:19:00,000

Station with the manual range-finding

449

00:19:04,850 --> 00:19:02,580

devices like the handheld laser and so

450

00:19:07,160 --> 00:19:04,860

when you think about the flow of things

451  
00:19:08,720 --> 00:19:07,170  
that that have to occur there on the

452  
00:19:10,880 --> 00:19:08,730  
flight deck for a successful perch and

453  
00:19:13,220 --> 00:19:10,890  
docking all four of them will really be

454  
00:19:17,060 --> 00:19:13,230  
engaged especially as we get very close

455  
00:19:18,620 --> 00:19:17,070  
after we execute the RPM and and start

456  
00:19:20,540 --> 00:19:18,630  
to maneuver on to the v-bar for the

457  
00:19:23,270 --> 00:19:20,550  
final approach and so what that means

458  
00:19:25,040 --> 00:19:23,280  
for us is that if there are sort of any

459  
00:19:27,110 --> 00:19:25,050  
random things and I don't want to say

460  
00:19:29,630 --> 00:19:27,120  
necessarily random but but miscellaneous

461  
00:19:31,640 --> 00:19:29,640  
things is a good term miscellaneous

462  
00:19:34,340 --> 00:19:31,650  
systems reconfigurations that have to be

463  
00:19:36,080 --> 00:19:34,350

done because we're going to be filling

464

00:19:37,760 --> 00:19:36,090

water bags to prepare to transfer to the

465

00:19:39,890 --> 00:19:37,770

ISS which means that we'll have some

466

00:19:42,649 --> 00:19:39,900

switch throws that we have to execute

467

00:19:44,749 --> 00:19:42,659

from time to time to fill the water

468

00:19:47,419 --> 00:19:44,759

to start the phils stop the phils change

469

00:19:49,039 --> 00:19:47,429

bags reconfigure the pressure control

470

00:19:50,749 --> 00:19:49,049

system to manage the pressure in the

471

00:19:53,210 --> 00:19:50,759

cabin various other ancillary things

472

00:19:55,419 --> 00:19:53,220

that are not directly related to

473

00:19:58,999 --> 00:19:55,429

actually physically flying the bird

474

00:20:01,070 --> 00:19:59,009

those things we've got fewer hands and

475

00:20:02,570 --> 00:20:01,080

fewer minds available to really give

476  
00:20:05,389 --> 00:20:02,580  
attention to those things which means

477  
00:20:08,149 --> 00:20:05,399  
that for MCC we have to be much more

478  
00:20:10,580 --> 00:20:08,159  
surgical in how we call up those

479  
00:20:12,049 --> 00:20:10,590  
instructions and how we manage the

480  
00:20:14,119 --> 00:20:12,059  
systems because we're used to having

481  
00:20:16,159 --> 00:20:14,129  
plenty of people around either on the

482  
00:20:18,440 --> 00:20:16,169  
mid-deck or the flight deck to to

483  
00:20:20,389 --> 00:20:18,450  
reconfigure the heaters on the cryogenic

484  
00:20:24,289 --> 00:20:20,399  
oxygen and nitrogen and hydrogen tanks

485  
00:20:25,369 --> 00:20:24,299  
or to start and stop water backfills we

486  
00:20:28,249 --> 00:20:25,379  
just have to be a little bit more

487  
00:20:30,200 --> 00:20:28,259  
judicious about how we how we manage

488  
00:20:33,349 --> 00:20:30,210

those systems so that we can delay those

489

00:20:38,419 --> 00:20:33,359

calls when appropriate and get them in

490

00:20:45,769 --> 00:20:38,429

when we've got the opportunity I think

491

00:20:48,169 --> 00:20:45,779

that's from your bill but we're not

492

00:20:51,969 --> 00:20:48,179

hearing mr. Harwood any further so let's

493

00:20:55,879 --> 00:20:51,979

move on to Targ malik with space com

494

00:20:57,979 --> 00:20:55,889

thank you classy it's a tag nozzle space

495

00:21:03,219 --> 00:20:57,989

out comment i've got i think one in a

496

00:21:07,279 --> 00:21:03,229

follow-up one is a referring to the

497

00:21:09,169 --> 00:21:07,289

surveys today you mentioned near record

498

00:21:10,129 --> 00:21:09,179

breaking or record-setting of with

499

00:21:11,440 --> 00:21:10,139

decreased performance today i was

500

00:21:15,169 --> 00:21:11,450

wondering if you had kind of an exact

501  
00:21:16,969 --> 00:21:15,179  
number in terms of how long it took or

502  
00:21:19,879 --> 00:21:16,979  
or if they had a really efficient number

503  
00:21:22,219 --> 00:21:19,889  
of robotic arm moves if you had any of

504  
00:21:24,529 --> 00:21:22,229  
those kinds of statistics for the survey

505  
00:21:27,529 --> 00:21:24,539  
today that would be great I apologize to

506  
00:21:30,469 --> 00:21:27,539  
our Chi I really don't I'd have to go

507  
00:21:33,109 --> 00:21:30,479  
back through all of the the previous TPS

508  
00:21:37,099 --> 00:21:33,119  
surveys that we've done typically the

509  
00:21:40,039 --> 00:21:37,109  
crews do run they're either able to get

510  
00:21:41,960 --> 00:21:40,049  
ahead or finish on time by working

511  
00:21:44,719 --> 00:21:41,970  
through lunch in fact I daresay most of

512  
00:21:47,450 --> 00:21:44,729  
the crews work through their lunch time

513  
00:21:49,810 --> 00:21:47,460

to do the inspections a lot of times

514

00:21:52,310 --> 00:21:49,820

what we will see and what is typical of

515

00:21:54,950 --> 00:21:52,320

the flight day two inspections is that

516

00:21:56,750 --> 00:21:54,960

we we tend to run a bit behind

517

00:21:58,580 --> 00:21:56,760

on executing the first part of the

518

00:22:01,279 --> 00:21:58,590

inspection which is the starboard wing

519

00:22:04,909 --> 00:22:01,289

survey we tend to run behind sometimes

520

00:22:07,700 --> 00:22:04,919

because either communication coverage

521

00:22:09,110 --> 00:22:07,710

for the satellites doesn't line up for

522

00:22:11,630 --> 00:22:09,120

us because we share those satellites

523

00:22:13,340 --> 00:22:11,640

with other users of course and so

524

00:22:16,600 --> 00:22:13,350

sometimes that might delay us in

525

00:22:18,950 --> 00:22:16,610

execution of some of the activities

526

00:22:21,320 --> 00:22:18,960

sometimes the crews are just a little

527

00:22:23,480 --> 00:22:21,330

bit slower because they they just might

528

00:22:25,340 --> 00:22:23,490

not be feeling as well due to space

529

00:22:26,779 --> 00:22:25,350

adaptation and therefore they take a

530

00:22:28,909 --> 00:22:26,789

little bit of extra time to make sure

531

00:22:30,799 --> 00:22:28,919

that they do things right given that

532

00:22:33,139 --> 00:22:30,809

they're not necessarily feeling it

533

00:22:35,690 --> 00:22:33,149

they're at their peak and so what we

534

00:22:38,240 --> 00:22:35,700

usually see i would say tarik more often

535

00:22:41,419 --> 00:22:38,250

than not what we usually see is that for

536

00:22:43,580 --> 00:22:41,429

the first one or two phases of the

537

00:22:46,430 --> 00:22:43,590

inspection we are running a bit behind

538

00:22:48,409 --> 00:22:46,440

and then we sort of make up the deficit

539

00:22:50,450 --> 00:22:48,419

by working through the crews lunch such

540

00:22:52,880 --> 00:22:50,460

that at the end of the day we've sort of

541

00:22:55,340 --> 00:22:52,890

ended on time and so what was very

542

00:22:56,960 --> 00:22:55,350

unusual about today is that we didn't

543

00:22:59,570 --> 00:22:56,970

fall behind it all but we actually ran

544

00:23:01,519 --> 00:22:59,580

ahead and the crews still chose to

545

00:23:03,980 --> 00:23:01,529

contribute their their their lunch

546

00:23:05,330 --> 00:23:03,990

period to to work through the

547

00:23:07,279 --> 00:23:05,340

inspections and therefore we ended up

548

00:23:08,720 --> 00:23:07,289

getting very far ahead so I'm sorry I

549

00:23:09,649 --> 00:23:08,730

don't have an exact figure for you but

550

00:23:13,820 --> 00:23:09,659

that's probably the best way I could

551  
00:23:17,210 --> 00:23:13,830  
describe what's happened today thank you

552  
00:23:19,100 --> 00:23:17,220  
I think just a real quick ones that I'm

553  
00:23:22,490 --> 00:23:19,110  
just wondering with the only being for

554  
00:23:24,310 --> 00:23:22,500  
folks on the on the shuttle if they kind

555  
00:23:27,649 --> 00:23:24,320  
of mentioned at all to Mission Control

556  
00:23:29,899 --> 00:23:27,659  
evenly even in passing if it does feel a

557  
00:23:32,389 --> 00:23:29,909  
bit more roomier if it's a little bit

558  
00:23:35,539 --> 00:23:32,399  
more comfortable if they pull GA in like

559  
00:23:39,620 --> 00:23:35,549  
that okay the the crew has not mentioned

560  
00:23:41,630 --> 00:23:39,630  
anything about that to us however as a

561  
00:23:43,909 --> 00:23:41,640  
flight director I've gone through much

562  
00:23:46,430 --> 00:23:43,919  
of the training that the crews gone

563  
00:23:48,799 --> 00:23:46,440

through at least a lot of the the

564

00:23:50,120 --> 00:23:48,809

mock-up training in classroom training

565

00:23:52,399 --> 00:23:50,130

that they that they've gone through as

566

00:23:56,149 --> 00:23:52,409

part of my own certification and my

567

00:24:00,049 --> 00:23:56,159

Capcom who's a flown astronaut dr. Steve

568

00:24:03,379 --> 00:24:00,059

Robinson who's a veteran space flyer he

569

00:24:06,789 --> 00:24:03,389

very much helps calibrate us on what the

570

00:24:08,450 --> 00:24:06,799

cruise conditions might be in we

571

00:24:11,390 --> 00:24:08,460

understand

572

00:24:13,100 --> 00:24:11,400

sort of what they're doing from minute

573

00:24:16,100 --> 00:24:13,110

to minute and from activity to activity

574

00:24:18,260 --> 00:24:16,110

and we know for a fact that that the

575

00:24:21,980 --> 00:24:18,270

shuttle definitely feels roomier to them

576  
00:24:23,870 --> 00:24:21,990  
in fact it's probably usually much more

577  
00:24:25,790 --> 00:24:23,880  
cramped with six or seven people on

578  
00:24:27,440 --> 00:24:25,800  
board then then we usually hear because

579  
00:24:30,860 --> 00:24:27,450  
astronauts really don't don't don't like

580  
00:24:32,630 --> 00:24:30,870  
to complain at all so we know that that

581  
00:24:35,090 --> 00:24:32,640  
is creating some great conditions for

582  
00:24:37,490 --> 00:24:35,100  
them it's probably helping the

583  
00:24:40,430 --> 00:24:37,500  
environment as far as the the air

584  
00:24:41,840 --> 00:24:40,440  
quality and the air temperature feel

585  
00:24:43,550 --> 00:24:41,850  
much more comfortable to them without

586  
00:24:46,130 --> 00:24:43,560  
without an additional two or three

587  
00:24:47,750 --> 00:24:46,140  
bodies throwing heat and co2 into the

588  
00:24:50,600 --> 00:24:47,760

atmosphere so all these things I think

589

00:24:55,040 --> 00:24:50,610

they're probably they're probably quite

590

00:24:56,960 --> 00:24:55,050

comfortable right now thank you and just

591

00:24:59,360 --> 00:24:56,970

my last question I know that you started

592

00:25:00,890 --> 00:24:59,370

out o work on the station before

593

00:25:03,740 --> 00:25:00,900

switching the shuttle flight control and

594

00:25:06,830 --> 00:25:03,750

tomorrow will be the last shuttle

595

00:25:09,410 --> 00:25:06,840

docking at the space station and I'm

596

00:25:11,510 --> 00:25:09,420

wondering if what that might mean to you

597

00:25:13,490 --> 00:25:11,520

and your team and if you have any

598

00:25:15,230 --> 00:25:13,500

insights what that might mean to the the

599

00:25:17,030 --> 00:25:15,240

crew because I I know they'll be busy

600

00:25:20,000 --> 00:25:17,040

with the actions as opposed to with the

601  
00:25:23,120 --> 00:25:20,010  
reflecting on on on the moment in the

602  
00:25:25,430 --> 00:25:23,130  
morning tomorrow thanks well with each

603  
00:25:28,580 --> 00:25:25,440  
mission there are several events that

604  
00:25:30,590 --> 00:25:28,590  
really are defining moments I believe

605  
00:25:32,390 --> 00:25:30,600  
several nominal events that are defining

606  
00:25:35,660 --> 00:25:32,400  
moments in the mission launch of course

607  
00:25:38,110 --> 00:25:35,670  
is is is is one of the most important

608  
00:25:42,050 --> 00:25:38,120  
landing is one of the most important

609  
00:25:44,450 --> 00:25:42,060  
docking and undocking as well as the EV

610  
00:25:47,000 --> 00:25:44,460  
a's whenever there are EV a's on a

611  
00:25:50,270 --> 00:25:47,010  
mission those tend to be defining

612  
00:25:53,200 --> 00:25:50,280  
moments and very unique and well defined

613  
00:25:55,910 --> 00:25:53,210

milestones the docking tomorrow

614

00:26:00,110 --> 00:25:55,920

represents one of those milestones to me

615

00:26:02,570 --> 00:26:00,120

that will be a significant hurdle as far

616

00:26:06,710 --> 00:26:02,580

as accomplishing the the mission and

617

00:26:09,140 --> 00:26:06,720

concluding it safely and so you know my

618

00:26:11,410 --> 00:26:09,150

team generally tends to feel a great

619

00:26:14,570 --> 00:26:11,420

sense of relief and accomplishment

620

00:26:15,830 --> 00:26:14,580

whenever we successfully dock the

621

00:26:17,930 --> 00:26:15,840

shuttle to the International Space

622

00:26:20,870 --> 00:26:17,940

Station Space Station team I know feels

623

00:26:22,820 --> 00:26:20,880

the same way because I've been in that

624

00:26:24,410 --> 00:26:22,830

been in that boat and have worked worked

625

00:26:27,610 --> 00:26:24,420

a rendezvous and docking on the station

626

00:26:32,180 --> 00:26:27,620

side as well for me personally I

627

00:26:35,210 --> 00:26:32,190

consider it really a tremendous honor to

628

00:26:39,160 --> 00:26:35,220

use a term I you know that we heard

629

00:26:41,030 --> 00:26:39,170

earlier almost ironic that that I as a

630

00:26:43,430 --> 00:26:41,040

homegrown Space Station flight

631

00:26:44,690 --> 00:26:43,440

controller and somebody that started my

632

00:26:47,120 --> 00:26:44,700

flight director career on the space

633

00:26:49,880 --> 00:26:47,130

station side has the the privilege and

634

00:26:53,390 --> 00:26:49,890

it really is a privilege to be able to

635

00:26:55,340 --> 00:26:53,400

guide the very last space shuttle to its

636

00:26:57,680 --> 00:26:55,350

very last docking with the International

637

00:26:59,690 --> 00:26:57,690

Space Station I still feel a tremendous

638

00:27:02,060 --> 00:26:59,700

sense of responsibility for the space

639

00:27:04,760 --> 00:27:02,070

station even when I'm at the helm of the

640

00:27:06,620 --> 00:27:04,770

shuttle flight control team and I feel a

641

00:27:09,860 --> 00:27:06,630

tremendous responsibility for the space

642

00:27:13,280 --> 00:27:09,870

shuttle obviously and so I just feel a

643

00:27:16,700 --> 00:27:13,290

great sense of gratitude really at being

644

00:27:22,040 --> 00:27:16,710

able to participate in this historic

645

00:27:26,180 --> 00:27:22,050

rendezvous and docking you know okay

646

00:27:28,990 --> 00:27:26,190

we'll move on to Florida today thanks

647

00:27:31,040 --> 00:27:29,000

very much James Dean from Florida today

648

00:27:33,530 --> 00:27:31,050

class we just kind of following up on

649

00:27:37,310 --> 00:27:33,540

that last questions as you're reflecting

650

00:27:39,680 --> 00:27:37,320

on this stuff the the RPM if not a

651  
00:27:42,500 --> 00:27:39,690  
defining moment certainly among the more

652  
00:27:46,580 --> 00:27:42,510  
dramatic that we get to see during

653  
00:27:47,840 --> 00:27:46,590  
flights so just wondering maybe that's

654  
00:27:50,770 --> 00:27:47,850  
something you have a chance to sort of

655  
00:27:53,590 --> 00:27:50,780  
take in and enjoy more as opposed to the

656  
00:27:55,280 --> 00:27:53,600  
intensity of the docking operation and

657  
00:27:57,020 --> 00:27:55,290  
specifically I was wondering I don't

658  
00:28:00,110 --> 00:27:57,030  
remember seeing that thousand millimeter

659  
00:28:05,690 --> 00:28:00,120  
camera do you have extra cameras on this

660  
00:28:07,310 --> 00:28:05,700  
rpm fur is so for any reason okay on the

661  
00:28:10,540 --> 00:28:07,320  
last mission as you know we did use the

662  
00:28:15,500 --> 00:28:10,550  
the camera with the 1000 millimeter lens

663  
00:28:18,200 --> 00:28:15,510

to take pictures of endeavours TPS

664

00:28:20,930 --> 00:28:18,210

system endeavours tiles just to give us

665

00:28:24,020 --> 00:28:20,940

some higher resolution pictures the 800

666

00:28:25,730 --> 00:28:24,030

millimeter lens photos and the 400 that

667

00:28:28,030 --> 00:28:25,740

are standard they're more than

668

00:28:31,760 --> 00:28:28,040

sufficient the the 1000 millimeter

669

00:28:33,940 --> 00:28:31,770

photos just gave us even better data we

670

00:28:35,950 --> 00:28:33,950

plan to get one

671

00:28:38,289 --> 00:28:35,960

thousand millimeter photos on this rpm

672

00:28:39,759 --> 00:28:38,299

as well so we do have that called out in

673

00:28:41,740 --> 00:28:39,769

the the crews timeline and they're

674

00:28:43,990 --> 00:28:41,750

prepared to do that unless there are

675

00:28:45,700 --> 00:28:44,000

some problems that arise or some tasking

676

00:28:48,610 --> 00:28:45,710

issues that arise for the station crew

677

00:28:51,549 --> 00:28:48,620

that would preclude that for this RPM

678

00:28:55,659 --> 00:28:51,559

tomorrow I'm very much hoping that we

679

00:28:57,940 --> 00:28:55,669

end up having good good k you ban high

680

00:29:00,250 --> 00:28:57,950

data rate com coverage from the

681

00:29:01,779 --> 00:29:00,260

International Space Station on my last

682

00:29:06,039 --> 00:29:01,789

shuttle flight is lead flight director

683

00:29:07,590 --> 00:29:06,049

that was sts 113 february of 2010 we

684

00:29:10,240 --> 00:29:07,600

were fortunate because the trajectory

685

00:29:13,450 --> 00:29:10,250

for that for that launch worked out such

686

00:29:16,690 --> 00:29:13,460

that we had good line of sight with the

687

00:29:18,879 --> 00:29:16,700

ISS high rate communication system and

688

00:29:22,659 --> 00:29:18,889

the ISS was able to downlink in

689

00:29:25,149 --> 00:29:22,669

real-time video of the the shuttle and

690

00:29:27,100 --> 00:29:25,159

endeavour for that mission performing

691

00:29:30,250 --> 00:29:27,110

it's our rpm and that was a very very

692

00:29:31,899 --> 00:29:30,260

special moment for my controllers in the

693

00:29:34,870 --> 00:29:31,909

shuttle flight control room who were

694

00:29:36,879 --> 00:29:34,880

were heavily engaged in that rendezvous

695

00:29:38,860 --> 00:29:36,889

and docking I'm hoping that we have

696

00:29:40,990 --> 00:29:38,870

similar luck tomorrow if we don't then

697

00:29:44,080 --> 00:29:41,000

of course we'll do what we normally do

698

00:29:45,940 --> 00:29:44,090

which is again focus intensely on on on

699

00:29:48,850 --> 00:29:45,950

the execution of the activities watch

700

00:29:52,120 --> 00:29:48,860

the data so that we can can help the

701  
00:29:53,919 --> 00:29:52,130  
crew but hopefully we've got some good

702  
00:29:57,820 --> 00:29:53,929  
visuals that that we can get in real

703  
00:30:01,000 --> 00:29:57,830  
time to really commemorate I should say

704  
00:30:02,620 --> 00:30:01,010  
and help us enjoy these moments one of

705  
00:30:04,750 --> 00:30:02,630  
the things that I do think about on the

706  
00:30:06,669 --> 00:30:04,760  
rare occasion that that I'm not thinking

707  
00:30:09,070 --> 00:30:06,679  
about actual mission execution I think

708  
00:30:11,769 --> 00:30:09,080  
about something that gene Kranz said and

709  
00:30:14,259 --> 00:30:11,779  
in one of the specials that was that was

710  
00:30:16,990 --> 00:30:14,269  
filmed about the Apollo era how when he

711  
00:30:20,230 --> 00:30:17,000  
looks back on it he he remembers that

712  
00:30:23,169 --> 00:30:20,240  
that he and his team in his words didn't

713  
00:30:25,299 --> 00:30:23,179

didn't really enjoy the moment of

714

00:30:26,500 --> 00:30:25,309

landing on the moon as much as many

715

00:30:28,779 --> 00:30:26,510

other people did because they were so

716

00:30:30,669 --> 00:30:28,789

intensely focused on on the tasks that

717

00:30:32,740 --> 00:30:30,679

they had to perform which were

718

00:30:34,210 --> 00:30:32,750

monitoring the health and performance of

719

00:30:36,039 --> 00:30:34,220

the spacecraft making sure everything

720

00:30:38,049 --> 00:30:36,049

went well making sure that that nobody

721

00:30:39,950 --> 00:30:38,059

got hurt killed as they as they

722

00:30:41,750 --> 00:30:39,960

attempted to land on the moon and

723

00:30:44,590 --> 00:30:41,760

and as the astronauts stepped out on the

724

00:30:46,790 --> 00:30:44,600

moon obviously our priority is

725

00:30:48,760 --> 00:30:46,800

monitoring the spacecraft making sure

726

00:30:52,460 --> 00:30:48,770

that everything is executed flawlessly

727

00:30:54,200 --> 00:30:52,470

but being able to see pictures in real

728

00:30:57,050 --> 00:30:54,210

time whenever we are fortunate enough to

729

00:30:59,540 --> 00:30:57,060

be able to get that without without

730

00:31:01,700 --> 00:30:59,550

having to downlink it later those are

731

00:31:04,730 --> 00:31:01,710

just bonuses that make the moment

732

00:31:06,830 --> 00:31:04,740

special so that these people with whom I

733

00:31:08,660 --> 00:31:06,840

have the privilege of sharing this

734

00:31:11,000 --> 00:31:08,670

mission you know we can look each other

735

00:31:13,370 --> 00:31:11,010

in the eye and you know today and and

736

00:31:15,440 --> 00:31:13,380

tomorrow and maybe a year or so from now

737

00:31:19,730 --> 00:31:15,450

and say wow do you remember when we we

738

00:31:21,230 --> 00:31:19,740

saw Atlantis doing a backflip underneath

739

00:31:24,850 --> 00:31:21,240

the space station for the very last time

740

00:31:27,680 --> 00:31:24,860

while wasn't that special so we'll see

741

00:31:31,400 --> 00:31:27,690

Thanks i also know that you've mentioned

742

00:31:33,980 --> 00:31:31,410

space adaptation a couple times can you

743

00:31:37,640 --> 00:31:33,990

speak a little bit too you know what's

744

00:31:41,390 --> 00:31:37,650

typical for you know any given crew or

745

00:31:42,980 --> 00:31:41,400

crew member to experience and I mean I

746

00:31:45,050 --> 00:31:42,990

know it varies every individual

747

00:31:48,770 --> 00:31:45,060

individual is different but is it

748

00:31:51,770 --> 00:31:48,780

something that having flown before you

749

00:31:53,300 --> 00:31:51,780

know automatically makes less likely or

750

00:31:56,720 --> 00:31:53,310

their start there's things these guys

751

00:31:58,790 --> 00:31:56,730

would learn to do to mitigate it or is

752

00:32:00,980 --> 00:31:58,800

it just kind of random or lucky whether

753

00:32:03,710 --> 00:32:00,990

you whether you feel it or not you know

754

00:32:05,000 --> 00:32:03,720

it's a it's a very complex subject one

755

00:32:08,690 --> 00:32:05,010

of the things that's fortunate is we

756

00:32:11,330 --> 00:32:08,700

have a tremendous amount of data from

757

00:32:12,560 --> 00:32:11,340

human subjects on space adaptation one

758

00:32:16,070 --> 00:32:12,570

of the things that we've seen from the

759

00:32:18,650 --> 00:32:16,080

data is that there is considerable

760

00:32:21,350 --> 00:32:18,660

variability based on on crew members

761

00:32:23,480 --> 00:32:21,360

there are some crew members who have

762

00:32:26,630 --> 00:32:23,490

flown in space for the very first time

763

00:32:29,120 --> 00:32:26,640

and barely get sick or barely have any

764

00:32:33,020 --> 00:32:29,130

issues there are some crew members who

765

00:32:36,440 --> 00:32:33,030

are veteran flyers and they you know

766

00:32:38,900 --> 00:32:36,450

have have have some discomfort like

767

00:32:41,390 --> 00:32:38,910

clockwork one of the things that we do

768

00:32:43,220 --> 00:32:41,400

know is that there are some some

769

00:32:44,900 --> 00:32:43,230

countermeasures there's some medical

770

00:32:47,090 --> 00:32:44,910

there's some pharmacological

771

00:32:50,210 --> 00:32:47,100

countermeasures they're just some good

772

00:32:52,270 --> 00:32:50,220

practice sort of things that that help

773

00:32:55,290 --> 00:32:52,280

with adaptation

774

00:32:57,820 --> 00:32:55,300

and and although there is not a direct

775

00:32:59,350 --> 00:32:57,830

physiological correlation between the

776

00:33:02,790 --> 00:32:59,360

number of times persons flown in space

777

00:33:05,080 --> 00:33:02,800

and how quickly they adapt some of those

778

00:33:07,570 --> 00:33:05,090

procedural countermeasures those things

779

00:33:09,460 --> 00:33:07,580

that that tend to help crewmembers adapt

780

00:33:11,910 --> 00:33:09,470

if you have flown before they tend to

781

00:33:14,170 --> 00:33:11,920

know those things they tend to be very

782

00:33:16,120 --> 00:33:14,180

well-versed in what has worked for them

783

00:33:18,010 --> 00:33:16,130

in the past and what doesn't work and so

784

00:33:20,110 --> 00:33:18,020

that might provide a bit of an advantage

785

00:33:24,010 --> 00:33:20,120

and of course each of these crew members

786

00:33:26,110 --> 00:33:24,020

is a lone crewmember so again that's

787

00:33:27,520 --> 00:33:26,120

that's not a precise answer but but then

788

00:33:29,830 --> 00:33:27,530

again we know with it when we're talking

789

00:33:31,930 --> 00:33:29,840

about human physiology there are

790

00:33:35,230 --> 00:33:31,940

relatively few precise answers because

791

00:33:36,880 --> 00:33:35,240

people are different just last real

792

00:33:38,980 --> 00:33:36,890

quick foam is a basically nausea we're

793

00:33:45,370 --> 00:33:38,990

talking about or is it like dizziness or

794

00:33:47,440 --> 00:33:45,380

anything else all debuff okay we'll

795

00:33:50,860 --> 00:33:47,450

bring the questions back here to Johnson

796

00:33:53,350 --> 00:33:50,870

Space Center nope so let's lost with

797

00:33:55,450 --> 00:33:53,360

NASA Space Flight calm again book hate a

798

00:33:58,960 --> 00:33:55,460

bookkeeping question on your crew

799

00:34:01,510 --> 00:33:58,970

margins do you need to get 24 hours

800

00:34:04,900 --> 00:34:01,520

above above your 12 plus zero or is it

801  
00:34:08,560 --> 00:34:04,910  
more than that okay great question for

802  
00:34:11,440 --> 00:34:08,570  
us to to really in in good conscience

803  
00:34:14,680 --> 00:34:11,450  
commit to an extra energy dependent day

804  
00:34:16,899 --> 00:34:14,690  
we like to see at least some positive

805  
00:34:19,210 --> 00:34:16,909  
margin above the additional day so for

806  
00:34:22,600 --> 00:34:19,220  
instance our baseline mission duration

807  
00:34:25,899 --> 00:34:22,610  
for this flight is 12 plus 0 plus 2 at

808  
00:34:28,180 --> 00:34:25,909  
launch we were able to show about 23

809  
00:34:32,050 --> 00:34:28,190  
hours so for us to commit to the extra

810  
00:34:33,970 --> 00:34:32,060  
day we want to see well over 24 hours it

811  
00:34:36,760 --> 00:34:33,980  
doesn't have to be 24 and a half per se

812  
00:34:40,570 --> 00:34:36,770  
but but if we are showing a stable

813  
00:34:42,520 --> 00:34:40,580

amount of margin that's that's over 24

814

00:34:44,740 --> 00:34:42,530

so that we know we've got that extra

815

00:34:46,899 --> 00:34:44,750

days sort of in the bank that's pretty

816

00:34:49,240 --> 00:34:46,909

much that's pretty much what would would

817

00:34:54,550 --> 00:34:49,250

give us a lot of confidence that we can

818

00:34:58,510 --> 00:34:54,560

we can count on that extra day anything

819

00:35:00,700 --> 00:34:58,520

else here all right with that will wrap

820

00:35:02,230 --> 00:35:00,710

up this briefing just a look ahead on

821

00:35:04,000 --> 00:35:02,240

the television schedule will have

822

00:35:04,690 --> 00:35:04,010

today's mission management team briefing

823

00:35:07,450 --> 00:35:04,700

at

824

00:35:09,339 --> 00:35:07,460

p.m. central for Eastern and then

825

00:35:13,240 --> 00:35:09,349

Atlantis's crew is scheduled to go to

826

00:35:15,190 --> 00:35:13,250

sleep at 629 p.m. central 729 Eastern

827

00:35:18,520 --> 00:35:15,200

remember that all the latest information

828

00:35:22,359 --> 00:35:18,530

on the sts-135 mission is available on

829

00:35:33,220 --> 00:35:22,369

the internet at www a COV thanks for

830

00:35:37,370 --> 00:35:35,120

you

831

00:35:39,410 --> 00:35:37,380

hi I'm James O'Connor I'm Christina

832

00:35:41,359 --> 00:35:39,420

Gosling I'm Kevin Metro cabbage I'm

833

00:35:43,279 --> 00:35:41,369

moose Kimball i'm jonathan hoffman and

834

00:35:45,140 --> 00:35:43,289

I'm pooja Joshi we are the attitude

835

00:35:46,970 --> 00:35:45,150

determination control officer team on