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00:00:06,630 --> 00:00:04,390  
well good afternoon everybody welcome to

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00:00:08,950 --> 00:00:06,640  
nasa's johnson space center for our post

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00:00:11,430 --> 00:00:08,960  
mission management team press briefing

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00:00:12,870 --> 00:00:11,440  
joining us once again is leroy kane he's

5  
00:00:14,950 --> 00:00:12,880  
the deputy manager of the space shuttle

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00:00:16,950 --> 00:00:14,960  
program and the chairman of the mmt and

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00:00:18,550 --> 00:00:16,960  
he'll have some comments for you and

8  
00:00:20,070 --> 00:00:18,560  
then of course we'll take questions here

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00:00:21,750 --> 00:00:20,080  
and then out on the phone bridge that

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00:00:23,029 --> 00:00:21,760  
i'll turn it over to leroy

11  
00:00:25,109 --> 00:00:23,039  
thank you kyle

12  
00:00:27,189 --> 00:00:25,119  
good afternoon it's very nice to be here

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00:00:28,710 --> 00:00:27,199

with you again today i'm

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00:00:30,710 --> 00:00:28,720

pleased to report

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00:00:32,229 --> 00:00:30,720

that the rendezvous and docking of

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00:00:33,750 --> 00:00:32,239

atlantis to the international space

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00:00:35,590 --> 00:00:33,760

station was

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00:00:37,510 --> 00:00:35,600

absolutely flawless this morning i think

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00:00:39,350 --> 00:00:37,520

most of you hopefully had a chance to

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00:00:41,110 --> 00:00:39,360

see it i personally

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00:00:43,750 --> 00:00:41,120

felt privileged to be part of this team

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00:00:45,750 --> 00:00:43,760

as i as i watched it from my

23

00:00:47,190 --> 00:00:45,760

from my post in

24

00:00:49,670 --> 00:00:47,200

in the back

25

00:00:51,590 --> 00:00:49,680

halls of mission control today it was uh

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00:00:54,069 --> 00:00:51,600

it was really

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00:00:55,990 --> 00:00:54,079

moving to see the final docking of the

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00:00:58,790 --> 00:00:56,000

shuttle to the space station so

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00:01:00,310 --> 00:00:58,800

i believe this was the 37th docking of

30

00:01:01,510 --> 00:01:00,320

the shuttle to the international space

31

00:01:04,070 --> 00:01:01,520

station

32

00:01:05,590 --> 00:01:04,080

and for atlantis it would be the 12th

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00:01:07,109 --> 00:01:05,600

time that atlantis had docked to the

34

00:01:09,030 --> 00:01:07,119

station

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00:01:10,830 --> 00:01:09,040

and if you're counting over all dockings

36

00:01:13,190 --> 00:01:10,840

for for atlantis

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00:01:15,190 --> 00:01:13,200

atlantis had the most missions to the

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00:01:17,429 --> 00:01:15,200

mir station

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00:01:19,749 --> 00:01:17,439

tallying up seven total mir

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00:01:22,149 --> 00:01:19,759

mir flights so atlantis i believe is the

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00:01:25,030 --> 00:01:22,159

orbiter that has the most dockings to

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00:01:26,789 --> 00:01:25,040

space stations for that matter

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00:01:29,510 --> 00:01:26,799

things continue to go really well for us

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00:01:31,510 --> 00:01:29,520

it was a very good day this morning um

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00:01:33,109 --> 00:01:31,520

the crew's day continues for a couple

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00:01:34,230 --> 00:01:33,119

more hours here before they go to bed

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00:01:36,469 --> 00:01:34,240

and so they have a little bit more

48

00:01:38,310 --> 00:01:36,479

activity but it's been a very good day

49

00:01:41,030 --> 00:01:38,320

for us since i was here last to talk to

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00:01:43,109 --> 00:01:41,040

you it's been a great day for the crew

51  
00:01:44,469 --> 00:01:43,119  
on orbit for both the shuttle and the

52  
00:01:46,630 --> 00:01:44,479  
station crew

53  
00:01:48,069 --> 00:01:46,640  
as well as the entire team on the on the

54  
00:01:49,590 --> 00:01:48,079  
ground they've just done an outstanding

55  
00:01:51,270 --> 00:01:49,600  
job so

56  
00:01:53,429 --> 00:01:51,280  
in the in the mission management team

57  
00:01:55,350 --> 00:01:53,439  
today we talked only briefly about a few

58  
00:01:57,429 --> 00:01:55,360  
items we got a very good status overall

59  
00:01:59,830 --> 00:01:57,439  
of how things are going i talked to you

60  
00:02:01,429 --> 00:01:59,840  
yesterday about the cryogenics and we're

61  
00:02:03,030 --> 00:02:01,439  
very interested in that as we always are

62  
00:02:05,590 --> 00:02:03,040  
but in this case we

63  
00:02:06,789 --> 00:02:05,600

we would like as soon as possible to

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00:02:08,469 --> 00:02:06,799

understand whether or not we might not

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00:02:10,710 --> 00:02:08,479

have enough margin to

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00:02:12,150 --> 00:02:10,720

to extend by one day

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00:02:13,990 --> 00:02:12,160

our friends in the space station program

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00:02:14,790 --> 00:02:14,000

are very interested in that so

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00:02:18,390 --> 00:02:14,800

as

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00:02:20,150 --> 00:02:18,400

day and four hours of margin

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00:02:23,190 --> 00:02:20,160

approximately

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00:02:25,830 --> 00:02:23,200

and so tomorrow i believe the uh

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00:02:27,750 --> 00:02:25,840

and the space station program in the uh

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00:02:29,430 --> 00:02:27,760

in the space station international space

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00:02:30,550 --> 00:02:29,440

station program mission management team

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00:02:31,670 --> 00:02:30,560

in the morning they will begin

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00:02:33,270 --> 00:02:31,680

discussing

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00:02:35,910 --> 00:02:33,280

the plus one day and whether or not they

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00:02:38,470 --> 00:02:35,920

want to officially request that from us

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00:02:40,550 --> 00:02:38,480

and they'll work on the exact list of uh

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00:02:42,710 --> 00:02:40,560

tasks and

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00:02:43,990 --> 00:02:42,720

and job jar items that the crew would

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00:02:46,150 --> 00:02:44,000

perform

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00:02:47,430 --> 00:02:46,160

in the event that we were able to extend

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

the day so they'll be working on that

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00:02:51,830 --> 00:02:49,280

tomorrow and there's a chance we'll

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00:02:53,270 --> 00:02:51,840

discuss that in the mmt tomorrow uh it's

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00:02:54,869 --> 00:02:53,280

a little early for me to know whether or

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00:02:56,470 --> 00:02:54,879

not it'll be ready

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00:02:58,309 --> 00:02:56,480

for that discussion but in any case

91

00:03:01,509 --> 00:02:58,319

it'll be the next day or two and we'll

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00:03:02,949 --> 00:03:01,519

be able to have that discussion

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00:03:04,869 --> 00:03:02,959

the

94

00:03:07,509 --> 00:03:04,879

it may have been reported to you we had

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00:03:10,390 --> 00:03:07,519

where systems items are concerned

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00:03:12,630 --> 00:03:10,400

the crew today when they were doing the

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00:03:14,630 --> 00:03:12,640

configuration of all the all of the

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00:03:16,470 --> 00:03:14,640

on-board systems for the rendezvous and

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00:03:19,270 --> 00:03:16,480

proximity operations

100

00:03:20,790 --> 00:03:19,280

they had a a problem with gpc3 that's

101  
00:03:23,030 --> 00:03:20,800  
general purpose computer number three

102  
00:03:24,790 --> 00:03:23,040  
those are the onboard computers

103  
00:03:26,470 --> 00:03:24,800  
of which we have four for the primary

104  
00:03:29,270 --> 00:03:26,480  
software system

105  
00:03:30,309 --> 00:03:29,280  
and so on rendezvous prox ops

106  
00:03:32,630 --> 00:03:30,319  
day we

107  
00:03:35,030 --> 00:03:32,640  
we do what's called expand the set and

108  
00:03:37,030 --> 00:03:35,040  
we bring a third gpc into the set so we

109  
00:03:39,750 --> 00:03:37,040  
have some more redundancy

110  
00:03:41,030 --> 00:03:39,760  
for the proximity operations

111  
00:03:43,670 --> 00:03:41,040  
and

112  
00:03:45,509 --> 00:03:43,680  
when the crew did that operation today

113  
00:03:48,550 --> 00:03:45,519

gpc3

114

00:03:50,229 --> 00:03:48,560

uh had a small hiccup and it decided

115

00:03:51,830 --> 00:03:50,239

that it should be

116

00:03:54,309 --> 00:03:51,840

turned itself off essentially and it

117

00:03:56,470 --> 00:03:54,319

went to what we call halt

118

00:03:57,910 --> 00:03:56,480

and the signature is one whereby we're

119

00:04:00,789 --> 00:03:57,920

pretty certain that this was what we

120

00:04:02,949 --> 00:04:00,799

call a switch tease condition that is to

121

00:04:03,910 --> 00:04:02,959

say that when the crewman moves the

122

00:04:05,670 --> 00:04:03,920

switch

123

00:04:08,149 --> 00:04:05,680

from one position to the next in this

124

00:04:10,149 --> 00:04:08,159

case the what we call the mode switch

125

00:04:11,670 --> 00:04:10,159

it doesn't get quite seated in the

126

00:04:14,070 --> 00:04:11,680

intended

127

00:04:16,390 --> 00:04:14,080

location that it's going to and so the

128

00:04:18,870 --> 00:04:16,400

gpc doesn't understand

129

00:04:21,430 --> 00:04:18,880

an intermittent position between the the

130

00:04:22,950 --> 00:04:21,440

two poles of the switch and so it

131

00:04:24,790 --> 00:04:22,960

it shuts down and

132

00:04:26,390 --> 00:04:24,800

looking at the signature as i said we're

133

00:04:29,110 --> 00:04:26,400

pretty confident that's probably what we

134

00:04:31,990 --> 00:04:29,120

have here we've seen this signature on

135

00:04:34,710 --> 00:04:32,000

this vehicle on this gpc before

136

00:04:36,469 --> 00:04:34,720

and so that's a another indicator that

137

00:04:37,749 --> 00:04:36,479

so we're not overly concerned with that

138

00:04:39,030 --> 00:04:37,759

we're not actually even calling it an

139

00:04:41,030 --> 00:04:39,040

anomaly yet

140

00:04:42,710 --> 00:04:41,040

the team has uh

141

00:04:45,670 --> 00:04:42,720

has scheduled uh

142

00:04:47,270 --> 00:04:45,680

a data dump from that computer tomorrow

143

00:04:48,870 --> 00:04:47,280

during the cruise day

144

00:04:50,629 --> 00:04:48,880

and that dump will give us some more

145

00:04:52,950 --> 00:04:50,639

indications of the internal workings of

146

00:04:54,550 --> 00:04:52,960

the gpc and what it has logged in terms

147

00:04:55,670 --> 00:04:54,560

of any kind of errors and things of that

148

00:04:59,110 --> 00:04:55,680

nature

149

00:05:01,909 --> 00:04:59,120

but overall not a not a concern for us

150

00:05:03,110 --> 00:05:01,919

additionally uh fuel cell three the flow

151  
00:05:04,550 --> 00:05:03,120  
meter

152  
00:05:07,430 --> 00:05:04,560  
is uh is

153  
00:05:10,629 --> 00:05:07,440  
has apparently has an erratic transducer

154  
00:05:13,430 --> 00:05:10,639  
this is a very minor thing because

155  
00:05:16,310 --> 00:05:13,440  
this transducer is a secondary cue

156  
00:05:18,469 --> 00:05:16,320  
to indicate the consumption of the

157  
00:05:20,710 --> 00:05:18,479  
the cryogenics and the performance

158  
00:05:23,189 --> 00:05:20,720  
overall of the fuel cell and we have

159  
00:05:24,870 --> 00:05:23,199  
many other ways of determining both the

160  
00:05:26,469 --> 00:05:24,880  
performance and the and the cryo

161  
00:05:27,830 --> 00:05:26,479  
consumption so it's not an issue it's a

162  
00:05:30,070 --> 00:05:27,840  
nuisance and we've

163  
00:05:32,230 --> 00:05:30,080

and the team on the ground as uh

164

00:05:34,390 --> 00:05:32,240

has inhibited that so that we don't get

165

00:05:36,550 --> 00:05:34,400

any nuisance alarms from that

166

00:05:37,350 --> 00:05:36,560

so no issue with that item

167

00:05:39,430 --> 00:05:37,360

the

168

00:05:40,950 --> 00:05:39,440

team reported that we

169

00:05:43,029 --> 00:05:40,960

are following what might be a

170

00:05:45,510 --> 00:05:43,039

conjunction

171

00:05:47,830 --> 00:05:45,520

that is to say a piece of orbital debris

172

00:05:49,590 --> 00:05:47,840

an item that between us and the station

173

00:05:51,510 --> 00:05:49,600

as a docked unit we'll need to watch out

174

00:05:53,990 --> 00:05:51,520

for in the next couple days

175

00:05:56,310 --> 00:05:54,000

it looks right now like our point of

176  
00:05:59,029 --> 00:05:56,320  
closest approach would occur on the eva

177  
00:06:00,870 --> 00:05:59,039  
day flight day five

178  
00:06:03,350 --> 00:06:00,880  
during the eva

179  
00:06:06,710 --> 00:06:03,360  
however we don't really have a good pc

180  
00:06:09,189 --> 00:06:06,720  
on it yet and that's the probability of

181  
00:06:11,029 --> 00:06:09,199  
of collision and so that all needs to be

182  
00:06:12,550 --> 00:06:11,039  
computed we need to get some updated

183  
00:06:15,270 --> 00:06:12,560  
state vectors

184  
00:06:17,189 --> 00:06:15,280  
to give us the the best accurate

185  
00:06:19,510 --> 00:06:17,199  
information uh the navigation

186  
00:06:21,350 --> 00:06:19,520  
information about exactly where the

187  
00:06:22,710 --> 00:06:21,360  
shuttle station combined stack is in

188  
00:06:24,950 --> 00:06:22,720

inertial space

189

00:06:25,830 --> 00:06:24,960

a lot of times on rendezvous day when we

190

00:06:27,270 --> 00:06:25,840

dock

191

00:06:29,510 --> 00:06:27,280

there are a number of perturbations in

192

00:06:31,749 --> 00:06:29,520

the trajectory of both vehicles

193

00:06:34,469 --> 00:06:31,759

and so we can't say with any certainty

194

00:06:36,150 --> 00:06:34,479

whether we really have a conjunction

195

00:06:38,070 --> 00:06:36,160

but it's a potential is what i would say

196

00:06:40,150 --> 00:06:38,080

right now that we have a conjunction and

197

00:06:41,670 --> 00:06:40,160

if we do then we'll do our normal we'll

198

00:06:43,830 --> 00:06:41,680

work through our normal

199

00:06:46,309 --> 00:06:43,840

procedures and and processes for dealing

200

00:06:47,590 --> 00:06:46,319

with that and we'll probably know excuse

201  
00:06:48,870 --> 00:06:47,600  
me quite a bit better by about this time

202  
00:06:54,230 --> 00:06:48,880  
tomorrow whether that's really going to

203  
00:06:58,469 --> 00:06:56,230  
the damage assessment team i'll just

204  
00:07:00,629 --> 00:06:58,479  
give you a brief status there as you

205  
00:07:02,870 --> 00:07:00,639  
know the flight day 2 inspections were

206  
00:07:04,629 --> 00:07:02,880  
all completed and preliminarily we

207  
00:07:06,150 --> 00:07:04,639  
didn't see anything all the data was

208  
00:07:08,629 --> 00:07:06,160  
downlinked and the team has had an

209  
00:07:10,790 --> 00:07:08,639  
opportunity to go through all that data

210  
00:07:12,950 --> 00:07:10,800  
there's uh

211  
00:07:15,430 --> 00:07:12,960  
perhaps some of the final peer review

212  
00:07:17,430 --> 00:07:15,440  
remaining on the on the wing leading

213  
00:07:18,710 --> 00:07:17,440

edge in the nose cap systems but overall

214

00:07:19,830 --> 00:07:18,720

they look very good and we don't have

215

00:07:21,350 --> 00:07:19,840

any indications that we're going to have

216

00:07:23,749 --> 00:07:21,360

any problems there

217

00:07:25,990 --> 00:07:23,759

we did all but clear the uh the wing

218

00:07:28,309 --> 00:07:26,000

leading edge today in the mmt

219

00:07:30,390 --> 00:07:28,319

we'll do that when we do the

220

00:07:33,270 --> 00:07:30,400

the rest of the tps

221

00:07:35,749 --> 00:07:33,280

in in the next day or two but

222

00:07:37,749 --> 00:07:35,759

looks very good for the rcc

223

00:07:40,469 --> 00:07:37,759

on the rendezvous pitch maneuver the

224

00:07:43,270 --> 00:07:40,479

data from that is nearly all on the

225

00:07:45,749 --> 00:07:43,280

ground now the 400 millimeter data the

226

00:07:47,749 --> 00:07:45,759

800 millimeter data is on the ground and

227

00:07:49,110 --> 00:07:47,759

the team is reviewing all that data

228

00:07:51,350 --> 00:07:49,120

we still have the thousand millimeter

229

00:07:53,189 --> 00:07:51,360

data that was in the process of being

230

00:07:55,909 --> 00:07:53,199

downlinked when i when i walked over

231

00:07:57,589 --> 00:07:55,919

here this afternoon so i expect that to

232

00:08:00,230 --> 00:07:57,599

to be on the ground here and be assessed

233

00:08:02,469 --> 00:08:00,240

and we may be able to even preliminarily

234

00:08:03,830 --> 00:08:02,479

give the crew some indication before

235

00:08:05,430 --> 00:08:03,840

they go to sleep tonight about six

236

00:08:06,550 --> 00:08:05,440

o'clock in the evening

237

00:08:08,309 --> 00:08:06,560

um

238

00:08:10,710 --> 00:08:08,319

it just depends on if we get the rest

239

00:08:14,550 --> 00:08:10,720

of the data down and get for at least an

240

00:08:17,029 --> 00:08:15,749

the

241

00:08:18,710 --> 00:08:17,039

i think i may have mentioned yesterday

242

00:08:19,670 --> 00:08:18,720

the focus inspection meeting the meeting

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00:08:21,990 --> 00:08:19,680

where we

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00:08:25,430 --> 00:08:22,000

we talk about the the the dat team and

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00:08:27,029 --> 00:08:25,440

the other engineering and safety experts

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00:08:30,950 --> 00:08:27,039

around the program get together and talk

247

00:08:33,430 --> 00:08:30,960

about the likelihood or the need

248

00:08:35,909 --> 00:08:33,440

for a focused inspection and so the

249

00:08:38,149 --> 00:08:35,919

first of those is is tonight

250

00:08:40,070 --> 00:08:38,159

at 5 pm local time so

251

00:08:41,909 --> 00:08:40,080

look forward to to the results of that

252

00:08:43,350 --> 00:08:41,919

meeting i don't anticipate that there's

253

00:08:44,949 --> 00:08:43,360

anything we're going to need to look at

254

00:08:47,829 --> 00:08:44,959

based on all the preliminary data we

255

00:08:50,630 --> 00:08:47,839

have but we'll let everybody do our

256

00:08:52,870 --> 00:08:50,640

normal process here as we always do

257

00:08:55,110 --> 00:08:52,880

and then finally the

258

00:08:56,949 --> 00:08:55,120

the the ascent

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00:08:58,710 --> 00:08:56,959

trajectory and and flight dynamics

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00:09:01,590 --> 00:08:58,720

experts came in they gave us the ascent

261

00:09:03,430 --> 00:09:01,600

quick look to summary today

262

00:09:05,430 --> 00:09:03,440

and it was very very good the the

263

00:09:07,910 --> 00:09:05,440

vehicle flew um

264

00:09:10,710 --> 00:09:07,920

uh quite well and uh and there were no

265

00:09:13,190 --> 00:09:10,720

issues uh with the ascent

266

00:09:15,190 --> 00:09:13,200

flight dynamics data to include all of

267

00:09:16,710 --> 00:09:15,200

the propulsion elements

268

00:09:18,470 --> 00:09:16,720

and all of the normal things that we

269

00:09:20,310 --> 00:09:18,480

look at in the in the quick look data in

270

00:09:21,829 --> 00:09:20,320

terms of the trajectory parameters and

271

00:09:24,150 --> 00:09:21,839

the winds and all of the things that

272

00:09:25,110 --> 00:09:24,160

affect the vehicle flight path

273

00:09:28,470 --> 00:09:25,120

as we

274

00:09:29,829 --> 00:09:28,480

ascend to orbit and so

275

00:09:31,990 --> 00:09:29,839

all of that looked very good there were

276

00:09:34,150 --> 00:09:32,000

a number of

277

00:09:36,389 --> 00:09:34,160

problems with the

278

00:09:38,870 --> 00:09:36,399

what this with the balloon system

279

00:09:40,870 --> 00:09:38,880

that we use the gym spheres and the

280

00:09:42,230 --> 00:09:40,880

and the balloons that we use to uh to

281

00:09:43,590 --> 00:09:42,240

evaluate the wins in the weather on

282

00:09:47,670 --> 00:09:43,600

launch day

283

00:09:50,470 --> 00:09:47,680

and the team has such a robust set of

284

00:09:53,430 --> 00:09:50,480

backup procedures and down modes

285

00:09:55,509 --> 00:09:53,440

and off ramps for all of those

286

00:09:57,350 --> 00:09:55,519

scenarios that it

287

00:09:59,110 --> 00:09:57,360

barely made it to

288

00:10:00,470 --> 00:09:59,120

management's attention all the things

289

00:10:02,630 --> 00:10:00,480

that they were working on launch day and

290

00:10:03,829 --> 00:10:02,640

they did it quite seamlessly with with

291

00:10:05,670 --> 00:10:03,839

what turns out to be a pretty

292

00:10:07,350 --> 00:10:05,680

challenging day because the balloons

293

00:10:09,190 --> 00:10:07,360

were tending to ice up

294

00:10:10,230 --> 00:10:09,200

at uh at some of the higher altitudes

295

00:10:12,150 --> 00:10:10,240

and so

296

00:10:14,550 --> 00:10:12,160

they did an outstanding job working

297

00:10:16,389 --> 00:10:14,560

through all that and again just another

298

00:10:18,870 --> 00:10:16,399

example of things that were going on

299

00:10:20,310 --> 00:10:18,880

behind the scenes on launch day any one

300

00:10:22,790 --> 00:10:20,320

of which could have prevented us from

301  
00:10:23,509 --> 00:10:22,800  
being able to actually launch on friday

302  
00:10:24,870 --> 00:10:23,519  
and

303  
00:10:26,949 --> 00:10:24,880  
team just did a great job all the way

304  
00:10:28,310 --> 00:10:26,959  
around so that was a very good status

305  
00:10:30,150 --> 00:10:28,320  
that they gave us today obviously there

306  
00:10:32,310 --> 00:10:30,160  
will be more in-depth

307  
00:10:34,310 --> 00:10:32,320  
review of all of that data but as we

308  
00:10:37,670 --> 00:10:34,320  
call it it's a quick look and and as a

309  
00:10:39,350 --> 00:10:37,680  
quick look goes it looked very very good

310  
00:10:41,750 --> 00:10:39,360  
um

311  
00:10:44,389 --> 00:10:41,760  
and uh i think

312  
00:10:46,949 --> 00:10:44,399  
that's about all i have to report

313  
00:10:48,150 --> 00:10:46,959

um i i should mention the booster ops we

314

00:10:51,750 --> 00:10:48,160

have the

315

00:10:53,430 --> 00:10:51,760

the port

316

00:10:55,030 --> 00:10:53,440

the left-hand booster will be in the

317

00:10:57,910 --> 00:10:55,040

port tonight

318

00:11:01,110 --> 00:10:57,920

and then slip-ops will occur tomorrow

319

00:11:03,110 --> 00:11:01,120

with open assessment to occur on tuesday

320

00:11:05,190 --> 00:11:03,120

i think i mistakenly mentioned yesterday

321

00:11:06,790 --> 00:11:05,200

i think i was off by a day i was getting

322

00:11:07,670 --> 00:11:06,800

my flight days and calendar days mixed

323

00:11:09,110 --> 00:11:07,680

up

324

00:11:11,269 --> 00:11:09,120

and so

325

00:11:12,150 --> 00:11:11,279

the boosters are again one is in the

326

00:11:13,509 --> 00:11:12,160

port

327

00:11:14,949 --> 00:11:13,519

the left booster will be in tonight

328

00:11:15,990 --> 00:11:14,959

around midnight i think is what they

329

00:11:17,990 --> 00:11:16,000

said

330

00:11:19,910 --> 00:11:18,000

and then we'll do slip ups tomorrow

331

00:11:21,829 --> 00:11:19,920

morning and during the day tomorrow with

332

00:11:22,630 --> 00:11:21,839

open assessment on tuesday

333

00:11:26,829 --> 00:11:22,640

so

334

00:11:28,630 --> 00:11:26,839

able to expect the video from the

335

00:11:30,230 --> 00:11:28,640

boosters

336

00:11:32,230 --> 00:11:30,240

sometime on monday and so we'll look

337

00:11:34,949 --> 00:11:32,240

forward to that as well

338

00:11:36,949 --> 00:11:34,959

so with that again in summary the the

339

00:11:39,509 --> 00:11:36,959

mission is going exceedingly well we're

340

00:11:42,150 --> 00:11:39,519

very much looking forward to our

341

00:11:44,550 --> 00:11:42,160

multi-purpose logistic module operations

342

00:11:46,069 --> 00:11:44,560

tomorrow where we would pull the mplm

343

00:11:47,030 --> 00:11:46,079

out of the payload bay and move it over

344

00:11:48,949 --> 00:11:47,040

on to

345

00:11:51,350 --> 00:11:48,959

on the space station and get on with the

346

00:11:52,470 --> 00:11:51,360

transfer of all this critical cargo in

347

00:11:54,710 --> 00:11:52,480

earnest

348

00:11:56,230 --> 00:11:54,720

and the crew is finishing up with a few

349

00:11:58,949 --> 00:11:56,240

items to prepare for that activity

350

00:12:00,870 --> 00:11:58,959

tomorrow to include handing off the obss

351

00:12:02,790 --> 00:12:00,880

the robotic boom that we use

352

00:12:04,069 --> 00:12:02,800

ultimately tomorrow to

353

00:12:06,870 --> 00:12:04,079

to help us

354

00:12:08,389 --> 00:12:06,880

move the mplm over to the station and so

355

00:12:10,230 --> 00:12:08,399

they're winding up their activities on

356

00:12:11,910 --> 00:12:10,240

board and they're finishing up what has

357

00:12:13,430 --> 00:12:11,920

been a very productive and successful

358

00:12:15,030 --> 00:12:13,440

day on orbit so

359

00:12:17,350 --> 00:12:15,040

with that i'd be happy to answer any

360

00:12:19,430 --> 00:12:17,360

questions you have okay great take them

361

00:12:20,550 --> 00:12:19,440

here and then out on the phone bridge

362

00:12:22,069 --> 00:12:20,560

and of course

363

00:12:24,069 --> 00:12:22,079

as before you have to walk up to the

364

00:12:26,069 --> 00:12:24,079

microphone or nobody on the net is going

365

00:12:28,069 --> 00:12:26,079

to be able to hear you so

366

00:12:30,389 --> 00:12:28,079

spelling bee contestant number one mark

367

00:12:32,710 --> 00:12:30,399

corral hey thanks uh mark crowe for

368

00:12:35,509 --> 00:12:32,720

aviation week uh do you have anything on

369

00:12:37,910 --> 00:12:35,519

the size or origin of the debris that

370

00:12:40,150 --> 00:12:37,920

you're tracking for a potential

371

00:12:42,230 --> 00:12:40,160

conjunction then i had a follow-up i

372

00:12:44,550 --> 00:12:42,240

don't mark what we were told today was

373

00:12:46,069 --> 00:12:44,560

very preliminary so i don't know what

374

00:12:48,310 --> 00:12:46,079

kind of object it is i don't even know

375

00:12:52,150 --> 00:12:48,320

what the object number is most of these

376

00:12:53,030 --> 00:12:52,160

objects are in our quote catalog

377

00:12:54,470 --> 00:12:53,040

and

378

00:12:56,150 --> 00:12:54,480

so no i don't have that information

379

00:12:57,829 --> 00:12:56,160

we'll probably have it later today or

380

00:12:59,190 --> 00:12:57,839

tomorrow

381

00:13:00,790 --> 00:12:59,200

thanks

382

00:13:02,150 --> 00:13:00,800

and i'll acknowledge this may not have

383

00:13:03,910 --> 00:13:02,160

an answer but

384

00:13:05,910 --> 00:13:03,920

it seems good to ask

385

00:13:07,910 --> 00:13:05,920

if you had to maneuver could you do it

386

00:13:10,069 --> 00:13:07,920

without interfering with the timing of

387

00:13:11,829 --> 00:13:10,079

the space walk or with the discussion

388

00:13:13,910 --> 00:13:11,839

about extending the mission if you had

389

00:13:16,389 --> 00:13:13,920

to maneuver include changing the space

390

00:13:17,829 --> 00:13:16,399

walk to accommodate that or am i way

391

00:13:18,550 --> 00:13:17,839

ahead

392

00:13:20,870 --> 00:13:18,560

well

393

00:13:23,350 --> 00:13:20,880

it's okay you're a little ahead and and

394

00:13:25,350 --> 00:13:23,360

that's okay um we um

395

00:13:27,350 --> 00:13:25,360

in all likelihood it would not interfere

396

00:13:29,670 --> 00:13:27,360

with what we're doing on the space walk

397

00:13:32,629 --> 00:13:29,680

if we do what a debris avoidance

398

00:13:35,110 --> 00:13:32,639

maneuver uh um to get away from an

399

00:13:37,829 --> 00:13:35,120

object in this case we would do it using

400

00:13:39,030 --> 00:13:37,839

the shuttle vrcs the small little

401  
00:13:41,350 --> 00:13:39,040  
thrusters

402  
00:13:43,509 --> 00:13:41,360  
and so in all likelihood we could do

403  
00:13:45,430 --> 00:13:43,519  
that in an operation where it's not

404  
00:13:47,509 --> 00:13:45,440  
going to impact what we're trying to do

405  
00:13:49,269 --> 00:13:47,519  
in the normally planned

406  
00:13:51,509 --> 00:13:49,279  
activities of the flight plan on that

407  
00:13:53,430 --> 00:13:51,519  
day so now having said that

408  
00:13:54,870 --> 00:13:53,440  
until i know what it is and and what

409  
00:13:58,389 --> 00:13:54,880  
kind of maneuver

410  
00:13:59,430 --> 00:13:58,399  
and and we have all of the details

411  
00:14:01,350 --> 00:13:59,440  
you know

412  
00:14:03,189 --> 00:14:01,360  
as you said to begin with it's it's a

413  
00:14:04,470 --> 00:14:03,199

little ahead in that sense but generally

414

00:14:06,470 --> 00:14:04,480

speaking i don't anticipate that's going

415

00:14:08,629 --> 00:14:06,480

to be any issue at all

416

00:14:09,990 --> 00:14:08,639

bill bill hardwood cbs was just a it's a

417

00:14:11,910 --> 00:14:10,000

related question it's almost what he

418

00:14:13,990 --> 00:14:11,920

answered in a different form the flight

419

00:14:15,430 --> 00:14:14,000

rule with the box that you guys maintain

420

00:14:16,870 --> 00:14:15,440

around the station

421

00:14:18,550 --> 00:14:16,880

is it the same box when the shuttle is

422

00:14:21,350 --> 00:14:18,560

attached to the dimensions different and

423

00:14:22,629 --> 00:14:21,360

and i don't understand um

424

00:14:23,829 --> 00:14:22,639

does the rule change if there's a

425

00:14:25,990 --> 00:14:23,839

spacewalk involved i don't know if

426  
00:14:28,310 --> 00:14:26,000  
there's i don't know how evas play into

427  
00:14:30,310 --> 00:14:28,320  
the box and what your rules are about

428  
00:14:32,150 --> 00:14:30,320  
what you can and can't do it's it's a

429  
00:14:34,150 --> 00:14:32,160  
good question bill i

430  
00:14:36,310 --> 00:14:34,160  
if the rule is different

431  
00:14:38,389 --> 00:14:36,320  
to be specific for

432  
00:14:40,310 --> 00:14:38,399  
while we're doing a space walk

433  
00:14:42,150 --> 00:14:40,320  
i'm not aware of that and i'll have to

434  
00:14:44,310 --> 00:14:42,160  
refresh my memory on the details of it

435  
00:14:47,189 --> 00:14:44,320  
in that regard and the team will brief

436  
00:14:48,629 --> 00:14:47,199  
us on on all of those specifics

437  
00:14:50,870 --> 00:14:48,639  
what they told us today was very

438  
00:14:52,150 --> 00:14:50,880

preliminary in terms of

439

00:14:53,829 --> 00:14:52,160

we just found out that we might have a

440

00:14:56,230 --> 00:14:53,839

conjunction so i didn't have a chance to

441

00:14:58,389 --> 00:14:56,240

go back and and review those specifics i

442

00:15:00,470 --> 00:14:58,399

don't think it's different if we've got

443

00:15:02,870 --> 00:15:00,480

folks outside versus not

444

00:15:04,389 --> 00:15:02,880

um but we'll we'll have those details

445

00:15:06,870 --> 00:15:04,399

tomorrow

446

00:15:08,470 --> 00:15:06,880

um genus and sarah abc news could be

447

00:15:10,550 --> 00:15:08,480

could you walk me through the process

448

00:15:12,710 --> 00:15:10,560

that you are going through now that you

449

00:15:14,629 --> 00:15:12,720

know about this conjunction what kind of

450

00:15:16,230 --> 00:15:14,639

teams are working on it what do they do

451  
00:15:19,030 --> 00:15:16,240  
who's involved i mean kind of would you

452  
00:15:20,310 --> 00:15:19,040  
paint that picture for me sure gina

453  
00:15:25,590 --> 00:15:20,320  
the

454  
00:15:26,550 --> 00:15:25,600  
objects

455  
00:15:29,030 --> 00:15:26,560  
is

456  
00:15:30,069 --> 00:15:29,040  
in the mountain the spacecom folks and

457  
00:15:30,870 --> 00:15:30,079  
and

458  
00:15:33,590 --> 00:15:30,880  
um

459  
00:15:35,750 --> 00:15:33,600  
or stratcom i i lose track of their name

460  
00:15:37,269 --> 00:15:35,760  
and it and it changes so often we can't

461  
00:15:38,629 --> 00:15:37,279  
even keep it correct in our flight rules

462  
00:15:40,470 --> 00:15:38,639  
but

463  
00:15:42,949 --> 00:15:40,480

at any rate that organization is

464

00:15:44,389 --> 00:15:42,959

responsible for overall keeping track of

465

00:15:45,269 --> 00:15:44,399

all the objects that are that are in

466

00:15:47,350 --> 00:15:45,279

orbit

467

00:15:48,870 --> 00:15:47,360

and so we have a process where there's a

468

00:15:51,269 --> 00:15:48,880

notification

469

00:15:53,590 --> 00:15:51,279

that goes to our flight dynamics and

470

00:15:55,829 --> 00:15:53,600

trajectory experts here

471

00:15:58,310 --> 00:15:55,839

in mission control for space station

472

00:15:59,910 --> 00:15:58,320

operations and first shuttle operations

473

00:16:02,150 --> 00:15:59,920

in the shuttle room that's the flight

474

00:16:04,790 --> 00:16:02,160

dynamics officer or the fido

475

00:16:05,990 --> 00:16:04,800

in the station room that's the

476

00:16:08,230 --> 00:16:06,000

topo

477

00:16:10,710 --> 00:16:08,240

which is trajectory operations and

478

00:16:12,310 --> 00:16:10,720

planning officer i believe at any rate

479

00:16:14,310 --> 00:16:12,320

they perform roughly the same function

480

00:16:17,430 --> 00:16:14,320

for the two different vehicles with some

481

00:16:21,269 --> 00:16:17,440

differences as you can imagine

482

00:16:23,269 --> 00:16:21,279

those folks are notified and they then

483

00:16:24,310 --> 00:16:23,279

notify the next level of management in

484

00:16:25,430 --> 00:16:24,320

this case it would be the flight

485

00:16:28,389 --> 00:16:25,440

director

486

00:16:29,269 --> 00:16:28,399

and then depending on the timing

487

00:16:31,749 --> 00:16:29,279

and

488

00:16:34,150 --> 00:16:31,759

whether or not the event is going to

489

00:16:35,670 --> 00:16:34,160

occur in the next 24 hours or 48 hours

490

00:16:36,470 --> 00:16:35,680

or 72 hours

491

00:16:38,470 --> 00:16:36,480

then

492

00:16:41,030 --> 00:16:38,480

the urgency and the level of

493

00:16:44,230 --> 00:16:41,040

notification goes up

494

00:16:45,189 --> 00:16:44,240

as the reaction time goes down

495

00:16:48,310 --> 00:16:45,199

so

496

00:16:50,790 --> 00:16:48,320

in this case we've got a couple of days

497

00:16:53,189 --> 00:16:50,800

it's a it's a few days away if you will

498

00:16:55,110 --> 00:16:53,199

and so

499

00:16:57,110 --> 00:16:55,120

we just got the notification today in

500

00:16:59,189 --> 00:16:57,120

the mission management team i imagine

501  
00:17:01,430 --> 00:16:59,199  
the mission ops team found out about it

502  
00:17:03,509 --> 00:17:01,440  
sometime earlier this morning

503  
00:17:05,429 --> 00:17:03,519  
and so there's a process of checks and

504  
00:17:07,829 --> 00:17:05,439  
balances between the flight dynamics

505  
00:17:08,949 --> 00:17:07,839  
team and the folks in the mountain who

506  
00:17:11,750 --> 00:17:08,959  
have the

507  
00:17:15,270 --> 00:17:13,750  
state vector data if you will for all

508  
00:17:18,390 --> 00:17:15,280  
the objects

509  
00:17:20,230 --> 00:17:18,400  
and so then they compare their notes and

510  
00:17:22,309 --> 00:17:20,240  
it's an iterative process from there

511  
00:17:24,549 --> 00:17:22,319  
until the time of

512  
00:17:28,230 --> 00:17:24,559  
the day or the hour of the day of

513  
00:17:30,630 --> 00:17:28,240

closest approach whereby we then assess

514

00:17:33,029 --> 00:17:30,640

what turns out to be the calculation for

515

00:17:35,590 --> 00:17:33,039

the probability of collision

516

00:17:37,590 --> 00:17:35,600

and then based on what the pc is

517

00:17:39,669 --> 00:17:37,600

and it changes with every new vector

518

00:17:41,350 --> 00:17:39,679

that we get

519

00:17:42,789 --> 00:17:41,360

we'll take action based on what's

520

00:17:44,870 --> 00:17:42,799

outlined in our flight rules and the

521

00:17:46,950 --> 00:17:44,880

guidance that's provided in those rules

522

00:17:49,590 --> 00:17:46,960

so there's a notification process from

523

00:17:51,510 --> 00:17:49,600

the mountain to us and from internal to

524

00:17:53,590 --> 00:17:51,520

the control center then it goes up the

525

00:17:55,590 --> 00:17:53,600

mission ops chain all the way up to

526

00:17:57,430 --> 00:17:55,600

higher management as may be necessary in

527

00:17:58,390 --> 00:17:57,440

the shuttle and or station program

528

00:18:00,390 --> 00:17:58,400

depending on whether or not there's

529

00:18:01,750 --> 00:18:00,400

going to be some action that's required

530

00:18:03,990 --> 00:18:01,760

and then in addition to that of course

531

00:18:04,710 --> 00:18:04,000

the station on their part they talk with

532

00:18:08,390 --> 00:18:04,720

the

533

00:18:10,549 --> 00:18:08,400

station

534

00:18:11,590 --> 00:18:10,559

and then so so the notification just

535

00:18:14,470 --> 00:18:11,600

goes on

536

00:18:16,390 --> 00:18:14,480

um and that's basically how it works for

537

00:18:17,430 --> 00:18:16,400

a given object

538

00:18:22,230 --> 00:18:17,440

robert

539

00:18:24,310 --> 00:18:22,240

um on the subject of uh adding an extra

540

00:18:26,870 --> 00:18:24,320

day to the mission uh given the the

541

00:18:28,470 --> 00:18:26,880

margins that you have now can you just

542

00:18:31,350 --> 00:18:28,480

maybe provide some examples of what

543

00:18:33,029 --> 00:18:31,360

would need to happen for you not to have

544

00:18:34,789 --> 00:18:33,039

that option any longer

545

00:18:37,110 --> 00:18:34,799

when you do consider it like what would

546

00:18:41,190 --> 00:18:37,120

prevent you at this point from

547

00:18:46,230 --> 00:18:43,750

well if we somehow came in and and said

548

00:18:47,909 --> 00:18:46,240

well our our cryo consumable

549

00:18:50,310 --> 00:18:47,919

calculations were wrong there was

550

00:18:52,390 --> 00:18:50,320

something we didn't take into account

551  
00:18:54,630 --> 00:18:52,400  
in other words we got that number wrong

552  
00:18:57,110 --> 00:18:54,640  
and we are suddenly something less than

553  
00:19:00,549 --> 00:18:57,120  
24 hours margin then it's not something

554  
00:19:04,390 --> 00:19:01,830  
barring that

555  
00:19:06,950 --> 00:19:04,400  
given that the station has a need

556  
00:19:07,909 --> 00:19:06,960  
and a very strong desire and a need for

557  
00:19:10,230 --> 00:19:07,919  
us to

558  
00:19:11,990 --> 00:19:10,240  
to add a day

559  
00:19:15,190 --> 00:19:12,000  
if we've got the margin then i'm

560  
00:19:17,190 --> 00:19:15,200  
probably willing to do it

561  
00:19:19,110 --> 00:19:17,200  
and there are other factors

562  
00:19:22,470 --> 00:19:19,120  
of extending the mission

563  
00:19:24,070 --> 00:19:22,480

and assuming all things are are

564

00:19:26,150 --> 00:19:24,080

more or less equal with those other

565

00:19:27,430 --> 00:19:26,160

factors to include

566

00:19:28,310 --> 00:19:27,440

the crews

567

00:19:30,789 --> 00:19:28,320

um

568

00:19:32,310 --> 00:19:30,799

schedule the crew's health the the team

569

00:19:33,990 --> 00:19:32,320

on the ground and the activities that

570

00:19:35,909 --> 00:19:34,000

they would like to to complete all of

571

00:19:37,909 --> 00:19:35,919

those things that if they're otherwise

572

00:19:40,950 --> 00:19:37,919

pretty much equal then then that's about

573

00:19:42,230 --> 00:19:40,960

the only thing that would prevent it

574

00:19:44,470 --> 00:19:42,240

yeah

575

00:19:46,630 --> 00:19:44,480

dan vegano with usa today uh leaving

576

00:19:47,990 --> 00:19:46,640

aside the conjunction issue um i was

577

00:19:50,150 --> 00:19:48,000

wondering if you could characterize the

578

00:19:52,549 --> 00:19:50,160

crew's activities in the coming week um

579

00:19:53,909 --> 00:19:52,559

when we write to our readers that uh

580

00:19:55,270 --> 00:19:53,919

they're resupplying the station that

581

00:19:57,029 --> 00:19:55,280

doesn't sound like they're too busy i

582

00:19:58,230 --> 00:19:57,039

was wondering if maybe you would have a

583

00:20:00,310 --> 00:19:58,240

different perspective before you could

584

00:20:02,710 --> 00:20:00,320

share your perspective on that well i'll

585

00:20:05,190 --> 00:20:02,720

certainly try the

586

00:20:06,470 --> 00:20:05,200

they will be busy i promise you that

587

00:20:09,909 --> 00:20:06,480

and

588

00:20:12,710 --> 00:20:09,919

um so tomorrow we do the the actual move

589

00:20:14,950 --> 00:20:12,720

of the large mplm from the payload bay

590

00:20:17,510 --> 00:20:14,960

to the space station and birth it

591

00:20:19,350 --> 00:20:17,520

and then essentially open up the hatch

592

00:20:20,549 --> 00:20:19,360

at the end of at the end of that

593

00:20:22,070 --> 00:20:20,559

activity

594

00:20:24,630 --> 00:20:22,080

and then the crew can begin to get in

595

00:20:27,430 --> 00:20:24,640

there and start to to pull things out

596

00:20:28,870 --> 00:20:27,440

and uh and actually begin the transfer

597

00:20:30,470 --> 00:20:28,880

operations

598

00:20:32,070 --> 00:20:30,480

on flight day five we have our space

599

00:20:35,270 --> 00:20:32,080

walk

600

00:20:37,669 --> 00:20:35,280

and then pretty much subsequent to that

601  
00:20:39,430 --> 00:20:37,679  
we have a number of significant blocks

602  
00:20:40,950 --> 00:20:39,440  
of time where we're doing

603  
00:20:41,750 --> 00:20:40,960  
pretty much

604  
00:20:44,950 --> 00:20:41,760  
uh

605  
00:20:47,830 --> 00:20:44,960  
devoting most of our time to the the sto

606  
00:20:50,310 --> 00:20:47,840  
the transfer stowage on on stowing and

607  
00:20:51,830 --> 00:20:50,320  
repacking of the of the mplm

608  
00:20:53,190 --> 00:20:51,840  
for the things that are returning in the

609  
00:20:55,909 --> 00:20:53,200  
mplm

610  
00:20:58,390 --> 00:20:55,919  
so i believe it's um

611  
00:20:59,750 --> 00:20:58,400  
i'll give you the exact number of hours

612  
00:21:01,510 --> 00:20:59,760  
we've got

613  
00:21:02,630 --> 00:21:01,520

about 30 hours

614

00:21:05,190 --> 00:21:02,640

of

615

00:21:06,230 --> 00:21:05,200

transfer for the mid deck

616

00:21:08,630 --> 00:21:06,240

so that's

617

00:21:10,549 --> 00:21:08,640

that's 30 man hours 30 person hours if

618

00:21:12,710 --> 00:21:10,559

you will of of work that has to be done

619

00:21:15,590 --> 00:21:12,720

to transfer items where the mid deck

620

00:21:18,149 --> 00:21:15,600

alone is concerned and we've got some

621

00:21:20,630 --> 00:21:18,159

nearly 130 hours of multi-purpose

622

00:21:21,669 --> 00:21:20,640

logistic module transfer

623

00:21:24,630 --> 00:21:21,679

so

624

00:21:28,710 --> 00:21:24,640

if you play all that out across

625

00:21:30,630 --> 00:21:28,720

an eight or so docked day mission

626  
00:21:32,310 --> 00:21:30,640  
plus a day or so

627  
00:21:33,750 --> 00:21:32,320  
and then you divide that up between the

628  
00:21:36,230 --> 00:21:33,760  
crew members that we have you can see

629  
00:21:37,750 --> 00:21:36,240  
that in addition to the other normally

630  
00:21:39,750 --> 00:21:37,760  
scheduled things that we do for any

631  
00:21:41,270 --> 00:21:39,760  
shuttle station dock mission

632  
00:21:42,630 --> 00:21:41,280  
we're going to be able to keep them

633  
00:21:45,830 --> 00:21:42,640  
pretty busy

634  
00:21:47,510 --> 00:21:45,840  
and so as is per normal

635  
00:21:49,110 --> 00:21:47,520  
the space station program and again i

636  
00:21:50,230 --> 00:21:49,120  
mentioned earlier

637  
00:21:52,789 --> 00:21:50,240  
they will

638  
00:21:55,669 --> 00:21:52,799

talk about this a good deal in their

639

00:21:57,590 --> 00:21:55,679

station mmt tomorrow morning i believe

640

00:21:59,110 --> 00:21:57,600

they will as per normal they will have a

641

00:22:02,149 --> 00:21:59,120

couple of

642

00:22:03,750 --> 00:22:02,159

job jar items undoubtedly

643

00:22:06,230 --> 00:22:03,760

on the space station side that they

644

00:22:08,390 --> 00:22:06,240

would ask for our help with in the event

645

00:22:10,870 --> 00:22:08,400

that we're able to extend a day

646

00:22:12,870 --> 00:22:10,880

so it's kind of like your list that you

647

00:22:14,470 --> 00:22:12,880

have at home right there are always

648

00:22:15,669 --> 00:22:14,480

things there's always work to do on the

649

00:22:17,669 --> 00:22:15,679

house

650

00:22:19,270 --> 00:22:17,679

it doesn't matter how much you've done

651  
00:22:21,990 --> 00:22:19,280  
already or

652  
00:22:24,549 --> 00:22:22,000  
or how new or how old the house is

653  
00:22:26,390 --> 00:22:24,559  
there's always a list of things to do

654  
00:22:27,990 --> 00:22:26,400  
sometimes it

655  
00:22:29,669 --> 00:22:28,000  
they're wish list items that you may

656  
00:22:31,110 --> 00:22:29,679  
never do

657  
00:22:32,789 --> 00:22:31,120  
and other times they're obviously items

658  
00:22:34,630 --> 00:22:32,799  
that are maintenance items or otherwise

659  
00:22:35,909 --> 00:22:34,640  
that you're definitely going to do

660  
00:22:37,270 --> 00:22:35,919  
and they have the same kind of thing on

661  
00:22:39,029 --> 00:22:37,280  
the space station

662  
00:22:40,870 --> 00:22:39,039  
and so

663  
00:22:42,149 --> 00:22:40,880

i mentioned that just to say that in

664

00:22:43,750 --> 00:22:42,159

addition to

665

00:22:45,350 --> 00:22:43,760

the additional work that we could do in

666

00:22:47,909 --> 00:22:45,360

terms of stowage and then setting up

667

00:22:49,350 --> 00:22:47,919

things on the station side of all of the

668

00:22:51,510 --> 00:22:49,360

of all of the uh

669

00:22:52,830 --> 00:22:51,520

the cargo that we're bringing up

670

00:22:55,029 --> 00:22:52,840

they will have

671

00:22:56,230 --> 00:22:55,039

unrelated job jar items that they will

672

00:22:59,270 --> 00:22:56,240

ask us to do and they will be

673

00:23:03,110 --> 00:22:59,280

prioritized and i'm

674

00:23:06,549 --> 00:23:04,310

to

675

00:23:08,470 --> 00:23:06,559

have very productive work for our

676  
00:23:10,710 --> 00:23:08,480  
four-person crew to do if we if we

677  
00:23:12,149 --> 00:23:10,720  
should extend a day

678  
00:23:13,430 --> 00:23:12,159  
if i could ask a second question i was

679  
00:23:14,870 --> 00:23:13,440  
wondering if could you put the

680  
00:23:16,310 --> 00:23:14,880  
conjunction a little bit of perspective

681  
00:23:18,950 --> 00:23:16,320  
you know there was the

682  
00:23:20,789 --> 00:23:18,960  
flyby a week or so ago

683  
00:23:22,230 --> 00:23:20,799  
you know our readers might suddenly

684  
00:23:24,070 --> 00:23:22,240  
think the thing is being bombarded could

685  
00:23:26,310 --> 00:23:24,080  
you sort of you know

686  
00:23:27,590 --> 00:23:26,320  
how often does this come up

687  
00:23:29,110 --> 00:23:27,600  
well i don't have a number for you in

688  
00:23:30,470 --> 00:23:29,120

terms of how often

689

00:23:32,950 --> 00:23:30,480

it's um

690

00:23:36,630 --> 00:23:32,960

it's not uncommon

691

00:23:38,230 --> 00:23:36,640

there's a lot of junk in in orbit and

692

00:23:39,909 --> 00:23:38,240

there are a lot of objects that are

693

00:23:41,590 --> 00:23:39,919

being tracked and we have a very good

694

00:23:42,710 --> 00:23:41,600

process for

695

00:23:47,590 --> 00:23:42,720

for

696

00:23:49,029 --> 00:23:47,600

to avoid them in the in the cases where

697

00:23:51,590 --> 00:23:49,039

we need to avoid them

698

00:23:54,470 --> 00:23:51,600

so it's not uncommon

699

00:23:55,830 --> 00:23:54,480

and and what you see happening is in

700

00:23:58,149 --> 00:23:55,840

part anyway

701  
00:24:02,390 --> 00:23:58,159  
we have a number of objects that are

702  
00:24:05,190 --> 00:24:02,400  
essentially spent rocket bodies or other

703  
00:24:06,950 --> 00:24:05,200  
ranging in size of space debris

704  
00:24:08,870 --> 00:24:06,960  
and over time these things will drag

705  
00:24:10,070 --> 00:24:08,880  
down from their from their original

706  
00:24:11,669 --> 00:24:10,080  
orbits

707  
00:24:14,310 --> 00:24:11,679  
and so

708  
00:24:15,830 --> 00:24:14,320  
in some cases um

709  
00:24:20,230 --> 00:24:15,840  
there's a

710  
00:24:22,310 --> 00:24:20,240  
debris we see in the orbits that we

711  
00:24:24,230 --> 00:24:22,320  
worry about over time

712  
00:24:26,230 --> 00:24:24,240  
and that'll change it's not a constant

713  
00:24:27,510 --> 00:24:26,240

it changes because things drag down and

714

00:24:30,630 --> 00:24:27,520

they go away

715

00:24:32,390 --> 00:24:30,640

it changes because new things

716

00:24:33,510 --> 00:24:32,400

are in the orbit

717

00:24:34,310 --> 00:24:33,520

and

718

00:24:36,230 --> 00:24:34,320

so

719

00:24:37,990 --> 00:24:36,240

it's not a constant that happens once

720

00:24:38,950 --> 00:24:38,000

a day or twice a week or a hundred times

721

00:24:41,269 --> 00:24:38,960

a year

722

00:24:43,110 --> 00:24:41,279

um it's not unusual for us to have to

723

00:24:44,950 --> 00:24:43,120

deal with it we're having to deal with

724

00:24:47,350 --> 00:24:44,960

it more than we did

725

00:24:49,510 --> 00:24:47,360

10 years ago i don't know what it'll be

726  
00:24:52,310 --> 00:24:49,520  
like 10 years from now but there are a

727  
00:24:54,630 --> 00:24:52,320  
lot of experts that that could uh

728  
00:24:57,430 --> 00:24:54,640  
um could give us those prediction and

729  
00:24:59,750 --> 00:24:57,440  
have given us those us in the larger

730  
00:25:01,190 --> 00:24:59,760  
sense of a space community given those

731  
00:25:03,029 --> 00:25:01,200  
predictions to us

732  
00:25:06,310 --> 00:25:03,039  
and will continue to do so as we go

733  
00:25:08,549 --> 00:25:06,320  
forward so space debris is an issue and

734  
00:25:10,789 --> 00:25:08,559  
it's one of the things that as an agency

735  
00:25:12,470 --> 00:25:10,799  
we have some ideas about

736  
00:25:13,830 --> 00:25:12,480  
about how we might approach this for

737  
00:25:16,149 --> 00:25:13,840  
future vehicles

738  
00:25:18,310 --> 00:25:16,159

and some ways to to manage things and

739

00:25:22,070 --> 00:25:18,320

it's something that's constantly uh it's

740

00:25:22,080 --> 00:25:25,029

denise

741

00:25:28,549 --> 00:25:27,110

um just a quick clarification and then a

742

00:25:30,710 --> 00:25:28,559

follow-up um

743

00:25:33,190 --> 00:25:30,720

did your team first receive notification

744

00:25:35,669 --> 00:25:33,200

of this potential conjunction this

745

00:25:37,029 --> 00:25:35,679

afternoon or this morning

746

00:25:38,470 --> 00:25:37,039

i believe it was this morning i have to

747

00:25:39,990 --> 00:25:38,480

assume it was this morning i have an

748

00:25:41,350 --> 00:25:40,000

exact time for you because i didn't ask

749

00:25:42,789 --> 00:25:41,360

for the exact time

750

00:25:45,269 --> 00:25:42,799

but i have to assume it was this morning

751  
00:25:47,029 --> 00:25:45,279  
because i just found out at the mmt and

752  
00:25:49,830 --> 00:25:47,039  
right after lunchtime

753  
00:25:51,029 --> 00:25:49,840  
um and then what's the latest time that

754  
00:25:52,870 --> 00:25:51,039  
you would

755  
00:25:55,830 --> 00:25:52,880  
want to have a definitive decision about

756  
00:25:59,190 --> 00:25:55,840  
the adding an extra day

757  
00:26:01,909 --> 00:25:59,200  
we have a little bit of time to talk the

758  
00:26:03,990 --> 00:26:01,919  
the team has indicated that if we should

759  
00:26:06,070 --> 00:26:04,000  
add the plus one day for the doctor

760  
00:26:06,870 --> 00:26:06,080  
mission they would like to insert it

761  
00:26:08,950 --> 00:26:06,880  
after

762  
00:26:10,870 --> 00:26:08,960  
what is today flight day eight in the

763  
00:26:13,350 --> 00:26:10,880

nominal timeline

764

00:26:15,190 --> 00:26:13,360  
so in order to do that and to do it

765

00:26:16,950 --> 00:26:15,200  
efficiently and effectively

766

00:26:19,430 --> 00:26:16,960  
you'd really like to start having that

767

00:26:21,669 --> 00:26:19,440  
in the new timeline that you published

768

00:26:23,269 --> 00:26:21,679  
to the crew on board around about flight

769

00:26:25,029 --> 00:26:23,279  
day six

770

00:26:28,630 --> 00:26:25,039  
and so if i back up from that it'd be

771

00:26:30,470 --> 00:26:28,640  
nice to make a decision by fly day five

772

00:26:32,310 --> 00:26:30,480  
it's probably not necessarily required

773

00:26:34,230 --> 00:26:32,320  
before flight day six

774

00:26:35,350 --> 00:26:34,240  
but i don't see any reason we're not

775

00:26:36,789 --> 00:26:35,360  
going to be able to make that decision

776

00:26:39,909 --> 00:26:36,799

in the next day or two so it kind of

777

00:26:45,750 --> 00:26:42,230

okay let's go take a couple of uh phone

778

00:26:51,269 --> 00:26:45,760

bridge call in uh questions marcia dunn

779

00:26:55,430 --> 00:26:53,830

can you hear me there yeah go ahead

780

00:26:58,230 --> 00:26:55,440

yes i'm wondering is there any kind of

781

00:27:00,390 --> 00:26:58,240

early word on just how close that piece

782

00:27:04,549 --> 00:27:00,400

of debris might come to the shuttle

783

00:27:08,470 --> 00:27:06,470

i don't have any information beyond what

784

00:27:10,230 --> 00:27:08,480

i've already told you marcia it was a

785

00:27:12,310 --> 00:27:10,240

preliminary indication that we may have

786

00:27:13,510 --> 00:27:12,320

a conjunction we didn't have an initial

787

00:27:15,029 --> 00:27:13,520

pc

788

00:27:16,390 --> 00:27:15,039

a probability of collision because we

789

00:27:18,470 --> 00:27:16,400

didn't have good enough state vector

790

00:27:21,830 --> 00:27:18,480

information to compute that yet

791

00:27:23,510 --> 00:27:21,840

and so um next time i talk to you we'll

792

00:27:24,549 --> 00:27:23,520

have quite a bit more data on that and

793

00:27:26,630 --> 00:27:24,559

probably

794

00:27:30,470 --> 00:27:26,640

in the interim as well i just don't have

795

00:27:32,310 --> 00:27:30,480

anything uh today in terms of pc

796

00:27:34,070 --> 00:27:32,320

what is the earliest

797

00:27:35,029 --> 00:27:34,080

that the

798

00:27:37,350 --> 00:27:35,039

shuttle

799

00:27:38,950 --> 00:27:37,360

station might perform the avoidance

800

00:27:40,870 --> 00:27:38,960

maneuver might it happen tomorrow would

801  
00:27:42,630 --> 00:27:40,880  
you tend to wait until uh tuesday

802  
00:27:45,990 --> 00:27:42,640  
morning

803  
00:27:48,710 --> 00:27:46,000  
it it it all depends on what the actual

804  
00:27:49,909 --> 00:27:48,720  
timing of the event is marcia there's a

805  
00:27:51,590 --> 00:27:49,919  
good chance that

806  
00:27:52,950 --> 00:27:51,600  
we might do something very late in the

807  
00:27:55,430 --> 00:27:52,960  
day tomorrow

808  
00:27:57,029 --> 00:27:55,440  
but that means we'd have to have

809  
00:27:58,470 --> 00:27:57,039  
a lot of data pretty quickly that we

810  
00:27:59,909 --> 00:27:58,480  
could iterate on

811  
00:28:01,269 --> 00:27:59,919  
and i don't know what kind of object it

812  
00:28:03,669 --> 00:28:01,279  
is i don't know what kind of orbit it's

813  
00:28:05,590 --> 00:28:03,679

in whether it's in a circular orbit or

814

00:28:07,590 --> 00:28:05,600

in all likelihood it's it's not circular

815

00:28:10,149 --> 00:28:07,600

it's somewhat elliptical

816

00:28:11,750 --> 00:28:10,159

it depends on the orbit it depends on

817

00:28:15,350 --> 00:28:11,760

which direction it's coming from there

818

00:28:19,430 --> 00:28:17,830

when we would want to do a maneuver

819

00:28:20,710 --> 00:28:19,440

but i would tell you it's possible we

820

00:28:22,630 --> 00:28:20,720

could do something as

821

00:28:25,590 --> 00:28:22,640

as early as late tomorrow

822

00:28:27,430 --> 00:28:25,600

um i just don't have enough data to tell

823

00:28:28,830 --> 00:28:27,440

you any more than that because i i don't

824

00:28:31,830 --> 00:28:28,840

know enough about the object in the

825

00:28:33,750 --> 00:28:31,840

orbit thank you

826

00:28:36,470 --> 00:28:33,760

see todd halverson florida today todd

827

00:28:41,830 --> 00:28:39,190

uh yes i am kyle thanks um

828

00:28:44,630 --> 00:28:41,840

uh leroy i was wondering if you could

829

00:28:46,470 --> 00:28:44,640

elaborate a little bit about the process

830

00:28:48,310 --> 00:28:46,480

you'll go through with the solid rocket

831

00:28:52,789 --> 00:28:48,320

boosters once they

832

00:28:55,830 --> 00:28:52,799

are back in port and over at hanger af

833

00:28:57,909 --> 00:28:55,840

and what ultimately is going to happen

834

00:29:00,789 --> 00:28:57,919

with these two

835

00:29:03,110 --> 00:29:00,799

solid rocket boosters are they going to

836

00:29:06,950 --> 00:29:03,120

stay at ksc are they going to utah could

837

00:29:12,310 --> 00:29:09,909

well the normal process in the slip

838

00:29:14,630 --> 00:29:12,320

operations is to begin to prepare the

839

00:29:16,870 --> 00:29:14,640

boosters so that you can

840

00:29:19,430 --> 00:29:16,880

take them out of the water obviously and

841

00:29:22,149 --> 00:29:19,440

then disassemble them

842

00:29:23,350 --> 00:29:22,159

the what we refer to as the the the

843

00:29:25,350 --> 00:29:23,360

booster

844

00:29:27,430 --> 00:29:25,360

aspects of the overall solid rocket

845

00:29:30,230 --> 00:29:27,440

motor or you know the the

846

00:29:31,830 --> 00:29:30,240

the nose cone and the nozzle and and

847

00:29:33,990 --> 00:29:31,840

things that that you can actually

848

00:29:35,430 --> 00:29:34,000

physically take apart and take off of

849

00:29:36,470 --> 00:29:35,440

the top and the bottom of the rocket if

850

00:29:38,389 --> 00:29:36,480

you will

851  
00:29:39,990 --> 00:29:38,399  
um and then open assessment gets a

852  
00:29:42,870 --> 00:29:40,000  
little bit more involved in terms of

853  
00:29:44,870 --> 00:29:42,880  
actually looking inside the motor

854  
00:29:46,389 --> 00:29:44,880  
ultimately these motors will

855  
00:29:48,870 --> 00:29:46,399  
the current plan is that they will go

856  
00:29:50,070 --> 00:29:48,880  
back to atk

857  
00:29:52,070 --> 00:29:50,080  
in utah

858  
00:29:55,909 --> 00:29:52,080  
and i don't know the details of their

859  
00:29:59,430 --> 00:29:57,190  
okay i think that's awesome thanks

860  
00:30:00,630 --> 00:29:59,440  
that's all for me kyle okay uh we're

861  
00:30:01,750 --> 00:30:00,640  
back here and everybody have any

862  
00:30:04,470 --> 00:30:01,760  
follow-ups

863  
00:30:06,310 --> 00:30:04,480

all right a couple of programming notes

864

00:30:08,149 --> 00:30:06,320

uh the crew heads to bed as leroy

865

00:30:09,590 --> 00:30:08,159

mentioned around six o'clock today

866

00:30:11,510 --> 00:30:09,600

central time

867

00:30:13,110 --> 00:30:11,520

flight day three highlights start at

868

00:30:14,950 --> 00:30:13,120

eight o'clock central

869

00:30:17,350 --> 00:30:14,960

and of course that'll be on the hour

870

00:30:19,830 --> 00:30:17,360

every hour except for one hour we'll

871

00:30:21,590 --> 00:30:19,840

play the launching our dream special

872

00:30:23,029 --> 00:30:21,600

space shuttle program video if you

873

00:30:25,990 --> 00:30:23,039

haven't seen that take a look at that

874

00:30:28,389 --> 00:30:26,000

that will be at 10 pm

875

00:30:30,789 --> 00:30:28,399

the next mission status briefing is at 8

876  
00:30:32,950 --> 00:30:30,799  
30 tomorrow morning so a little earlier

877  
00:30:34,389 --> 00:30:32,960  
than usual

878  
00:30:36,389 --> 00:30:34,399  
and

879  
00:30:38,470 --> 00:30:36,399  
the next mmt briefing we'll have is

880  
00:30:39,909 --> 00:30:38,480  
tomorrow afternoon at three same time

881  
00:30:42,549 --> 00:30:39,919  
after the meeting which is at one

882  
00:30:44,310 --> 00:30:42,559  
o'clock central um it's all out there on

883  
00:30:45,830 --> 00:30:44,320  
a nasa television schedule we're up to

884  
00:30:48,389 --> 00:30:45,840  
rev c

885  
00:30:51,070 --> 00:30:48,399  
right now so be sure to look for that

886  
00:30:55,029 --> 00:30:51,080  
out on the web at

887  
00:30:56,149 --> 00:30:55,039  
[www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov) slash shuttle tv

888  
00:30:57,990 --> 00:30:56,159

and

889

00:31:00,310 --> 00:30:58,000

we'll again we'll be back here tomorrow

890

00:31:01,750 --> 00:31:00,320

after the mmt so thanks a lot leroy and

891

00:31:10,870 --> 00:31:01,760

thanks everybody we'll head back to

892

00:31:16,230 --> 00:31:13,830

hi i'm michelle savoie lawrence baitland

893

00:31:18,630 --> 00:31:16,240

i'm faith knutson i'm taylor rasca i'm

894

00:31:20,230 --> 00:31:18,640

julie bryce field i'm erica halsey and

895

00:31:22,630 --> 00:31:20,240

we're the biomedical flight controllers