



1
00:00:05,990 --> 00:00:03,590
in april of 1959

2
00:00:08,470 --> 00:00:06,000
air force colonel gordon cooper was

3
00:00:10,070 --> 00:00:08,480
selected as one of the original mercury

4
00:00:12,629 --> 00:00:10,080
seven astronauts

5
00:00:16,470 --> 00:00:12,639
roger has a lift off and the clock is

6
00:00:19,429 --> 00:00:16,480
operating on may 15 1963

7
00:00:22,230 --> 00:00:19,439
cooper launched from cape canaveral atop

8
00:00:24,710 --> 00:00:22,240
a mercury atlas rocket for the sixth and

9
00:00:27,910 --> 00:00:24,720
final flight of project mercury

10
00:00:31,349 --> 00:00:27,920
in his faith 7 spacecraft cooper orbited

11
00:00:33,670 --> 00:00:31,359
the earth 22 times making his flight the

12
00:00:36,389 --> 00:00:33,680
longest of the mercury mission

13
00:00:39,910 --> 00:00:36,399

this 34-hour journey allowed him to be

14

00:00:41,270 --> 00:00:39,920

the first astronaut to sleep in space

15

00:00:44,950 --> 00:00:41,280

near the end of the mission the

16

00:00:47,430 --> 00:00:44,960

spacecraft experienced a power failure

17

00:00:49,590 --> 00:00:47,440

taking the controls manually

18

00:00:52,709 --> 00:00:49,600

cooper re-entered phase seven into the

19

00:00:55,270 --> 00:00:52,719

atmosphere on may 16

20

00:00:56,470 --> 00:00:55,280

and classed down right on target in the

21

00:00:59,510 --> 00:00:56,480

pacific

22

00:01:02,630 --> 00:00:59,520

bringing project mercury to a close

23

00:01:05,670 --> 00:01:02,640

nasa celebrates the 50th anniversary of