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KENNEDY SPACE CENTER SPACE SHUTTLE STATUS REPORT
TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 1995 (6:15 PM EDT)

LAUNCH DAY/FLIGHT DAY 1

MISSION: STS-71 -- 1st MIR DOCKING

VEHICLE: Atlantis/OV-104
LOCATION: Launch Pad 39-A
LAUNCH DATE and TIME: June 27 at 3:32 p.m. EDT
KSC LANDING DATE/TIME: July 7 at 10:57 a.m.
MISSION DURATION: 9 days, 19 hours, 24 minutes
CREW SIZE: 7 up, 8 down
ORBITAL ALTITUDE and INCLINATION: 196-245 statute miles/51.60 degrees

NOTE: The Space Shuttle Atlantis was successfully launched today on the 100th U.S. human space launch and the first mission to dock with Russia’s Mir Space Station. Launch occurred exactly on time and without any serious technical concerns at 3:32.19 p.m. EDT. Atlantis is now scheduled to dock with Mir on Thursday, June 29 at about 9 a.m. Undocking from Mir will occur on July 4 and Atlantis will land back at Kennedy Space Center’s Shuttle Landing Facility on July 7 at about 10:57 a.m.

No problems are being reported from the pad following launch. Also, the booster recovery ships have reported sighting the boosters. They will approach and begin making preparations to secure the spent boosters. Towing operations back to Cape Canaveral begin tomorrow.

Mission STS-71 status reports will be issued daily by the Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tx.

CREW FOR MISSION STS-71

Robert "Hoot" Gibson	Commander (CDR)
Charles Precourt	Pilot (PLT)
Ellen Baker	Mission Specialist (MS1)
Greg Harbaugh	Mission Specialist (MS2)
Bonnie Dunbar	Mission Specialist (MS3)
Anatoly Solovyev	Mir 19 Commander (MS4 - Ascent only)
Nikolai Budarin	Mir 19 Flight engineer (MS5 - Ascent only)
Vladimir Dezhurov	Mir 18 Commander (Entry only)
Gennady Strekalov	Mir 18 Flight engineer (Entry only)
Norm Thagard	Mir 18 Cosmonaut-Researcher (Entry only)

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