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MSL-1 Returns Safely, Bringing Home Valuable Science Data

Space Shuttle Columbia touched down Thursday right on time at 5:47 a.m. CDT at KSC. Its 16-day flight successfully completed, Columbia brought home valuable information that will give scientists insight into areas such as fire safety, synthetic drugs, metal alloys and environmental cleanup methods. Marshall's Dr. Michael Robinson, lead scientist for the Microgravity Science Laboratory -1 mission, said, "Now it is time for researchers to get down to the task of analyzing the data."

Thursday's NASA TV Schedule

11:47 a.m.

(Approximate time)
STS-94 astronaut press conference with commander and other available crew members

Headquarters Looking for Slogan To Mark Agency's 40th Anniversary

With NASA's 40th Anniversary a little more than a year away, Headquarters is seeking a slogan to use during activities commemorating the Agency's founding on Oct. 1, 1958. Ideas should be submitted in writing to Steve Garber, NASA office of Policy and Plans, Code ZH, or by e-mail at "steve.garber@hq.nasa.gov". Deadline is July 31. The winner will receive an illustrated book on space exploration.