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APOLLO SOYUZ SPACE TEST PROJECT



Apollo Docking — July 17, 1975 — 12:10 P.M. — The historic docking of the Apollo-Soyuz came 5 minutes ahead of schedule. The 2 space ships were 600 miles due west of Portugal as Apollo, gaining on Soyuz at the rate of 4 inches per second, latched onto the Soviet ship. It was a soft docking. The Apollo crewmen began checking the docking module which connects the 2 space ships and compromises the differences in pressure between Apollo and Soyuz. Stafford reported the smell of something like hot glue, but half an hour later the smell dissipated. Stafford and Slayton continued working toward the final hatch separating them from the Soviet ship.