

and that would be around 6 and a half. If they weighed 6 and a half times what they do on earth right now they're pressed pretty well into those couches. Must be a little hard to move with that much G force, isn't it?

SCHIRRA: At that time it is, although we can take up to 10 as normal re-entry with this vehicle. We've all been trained up to 14 or 15G, but we're lying on our back. It's not as if we were seated in a chair as they are now.

WLC: Well, we're just a few minutes from the end of the blackout. It should come at 41 minutes and 57 seconds after the —after the hour.

SCHIRRA: This is when those thrusters are really busy. They're pumping away like mad to keep this thing stable.

WLC: What are they doing to keep it stable right now?

SCHIRRA: Well, the attitude control system in each of the various thrusters is working very hard. The vehicle isn't totally stable at this lower point.

MISSION CONTROL: . . . reports . . . has visual contact.

SCHIRRA: Oh, that's good news.

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HORNET TO COVER THE SPLASHDOWN.

NESSEN: That fireball was the spacecraft, of course, coming down at a speed which caused the spacecraft to heat up to about 7,000 degrees, and it caused the spacecraft to glow, as you saw, like a meteor, but actually air conditioning inside that spacecraft kept the astronauts at a comfortable 75 degrees. We should be hearing the double sonic boom as the spacecraft comes down. The astronauts at this point are dressed in their two-piece white flight overalls.

