

PARACHUTE DEPLOYMENT -- The three main parachutes of the Apollo-16 spacecraft begin to fill with air some 3,050 meters above the Pacific Ocean. Atop them are drogue parachutes deployed earlier to brake the craft's speed after entry into earth's atmosphere. Live television broadcasts brought the deployment of parachutes and the descent to the water into millions of homes. Astronauts John Young, Charles Duke and Thomas Mattingly were concluding their highly successful 11-day mission to the Descartes highland area of the Moon.

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