

GEMINI-8 CREW ARRIVAL -- U.S. astronauts Neil Armstrong (left) and David Scott walk to the elevator at Cape Kennedy's Launch Complex #19 in Florida as they prepared to enter the Gemini-8 spacecraft for their orbital flight. They achieved the first docking in space March 16 when they joined their craft with an Agena target vehicle 6 hours 34 minutes after lift-off. The Agena was launched with an Atlas rocket 100 minutes before the Gemini-8 was sent into orbit atop a Titan II rocket. The Agena launch pad is approximately 1600 meters from Complex #19. The Gemini-8 flight was terminated early when the crew experienced trouble controlling the joined spacecraft and target vehicle. They returned to earth during the seventh orbit after 10 hours 40 minutes of flight and landed in the Pacific Ocean some 800 kilometers east of Okinawa. The flight was originally scheduled for three days. (66-909)

