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RUSSIAN SPACE PROGRAM TAKES HIT AS MARS PROBE FALLS IN OCEAN
Atlanta Journal (AJ) - Monday, November 18, 1996
By: FROM OUR NEWS SERVICES
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/ME This story first ran in the Today's News edition of The Atlanta Journal.

TEXT:
DL=, /LP, /TX Sydney, Australia - A Russian Mars probe plunged into the Pacific Ocean, taking with it the danger of a nuclear contamination and, perhaps, the future of the Russian space program.

News that the craft carrying plutonium was plummeting toward Earth put Australian military and civil defense teams on high alert and sent Aussie gamblers scrambling to predict where it would land.

/TX But all bets were off when the Mars 96 spacecraft overshot Australia and plunked harmlessly into the South Pacific.

However, there was much harm done to the ailing Russian space program. Disappointed scientists are looking at a bleak future of shrinking budgets, aging facilities and dim prospects for new missions.

The space probe, which would have reached Mars in September, was already two years behind schedule by the time it lifted off late Saturday night at the Baikonur cosmodrome in the former Soviet republic of Kazakhstan.

Scientists blamed the delay on chronic money problems in a program that is receiving only one-fifth the cash it got in Soviet times.

James Oberg, an American specialist on Russian space activities, described Mars 96 as "a strikingly ambitious mission even for a healthy space program." But, he said, "you can't keep flaunting the odds indefinitely."

"There aren't any booster rockets. There isn't any money," one of the scientists on the project, Vladimir Utkin, told reporters last week.

"That was going to be an important Mars mission, and now it's in the drink," said David McKay, one of the NASA researchers who recently found meteorite evidence that life might once have existed on Mars.

Russia's Mars 96 spacecraft, which carried four radioactive plutonium batteries, spun out of control Sunday after a booster rocket failed in orbit shortly after blastoff.

Scientists attempting to track the craft predicted it would fall at 17,000 mph somewhere between the Timor Sea near Indonesia and the Australian capital, Canberra.

But Mars 96 took another tack, falling into the ocean near Easter Island about 620 miles west of Chile, said Alan Hodges, director of Emergency Management Australia.

Scientists theorized that the probe's trajectory had altered as it hit Earth's upper atmosphere.

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CAPTION:
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SF=, /CP, /TX Map: Likely crash site of Russian Mars probe.
Map shows the area of the South Pacific between Easter Island and South America where the Russian Mars probe is believed to have crashed; inset map locates in the area on a global view of the Western Hemisphere./
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