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1. SEREBROV WILL BE IN FIRST CREW.

When Radio Moscow reported that the crew for the Soyuz-TM8 had been arrived on Baykonur they said that the first crew consisted of Viktorenko and Aleksandrov. Now they again speak about Viktorenko and Serebrov. So possibly there has been an editorial mistake. So please delete item 2 in MIRNEWS.002.

2. It is possible that shortly after the docking to MIR the Progress-M pushed the MIR station in a somewhat higher orbit. So all calculations for the launch of Soyuz-TM8 on 5/6 Sept. 1989 possibly have to be corrected.

3. One of the major differences between the Progress-M and its old predecessors is that the Pr-M has a return capsule to bring back to earth a payload to 150 KG. The Pr-M also has extra solarbatteries.

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