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SOYUZ-TM11 DOCKED TO MIRCOMPLEX:

On 4 Dec. 1990 at 0957UTC S-TM11 docked to the forward docking port (P.Kh.O.). The approach and docking have been accomplished in an automatic mode under computer control and by the Kurssystem. So TsUP and the cosmonauts just observed the operation. So this meant not much radiotraffic during the approach, taking place during pass in orb. 27468, 0947-0956UTC. Just a few reports of distances and approach speeds could be logged. For instance at abt. 0953UTC distance 170 M. and appr. speed increasing 0.2, 0.3, 0.4 M/sec. The cosmonauts o/b MIR enjoyed visual observation of the approaching ship and very good TV images. During the approach the Japanese reporter Akiyama was recording a radioreport for his TBS company.

AFTER THE DOCKING:

The checks proved that all was in good order and already during the next pass (in orb. 27469, 1122-1133UTC, the cosmonauts met each other and just for LOS they started a TV report. The Japanese reporter continuously gave his comment.

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