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Camera malfunction mars flight

# Voyager 2 develops problem

United Press International PASADENA, Calif. — Voyager 2 developed a mysterious problem today that froze its cameras in a useless position pointing to outer space, marring what had been a perfect encounter with Saturn

NASA engineers hoped to correct the problem but could not say immediately whether they could nor how long it would take.

But Jet Propulsion Laboratory spokesman Frank Bristow said that given the time needed to analyze the problem, and the three-hour time period needed to get a radio signal across a billion miles of space and a return signal to earth, it appeared "this will take at least all day."

The spacecraft continued on course and most other instruments continued working, but the camera malfunction meant "we are losing pictures in real time, pictures we cannot replace," Bristow said.

The spacecraft had already returned 10,000 to 12,000 of the scheduled 18,500 photos, Bristow

The mishap also apparently rendered useless the infrared ultraviolet and light polarity instru-

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ments, which are on the same camera platform, he said. The spacecraft was still relatively close to Saturn — 380,000 miles at 11 a.m. EDT — and moving away at more than 34,000 mph, its cameras beaming back a picture of a dark sky surrounding what appeared to be a single lonely star.

Optical navigators were going to try to determine from the pic-ture the exact direction the camera was pointing, JPL spokesmen said, but it was known that it was stuck "away from the sun" to-ward the interstellar blankness. "We could roll the whole

spacecraft to realign the camera if we had to, but we're not going to take a chance of worsening the

problem until we study it very thoroughly," Bristow said.

"This is a time for caution and analysis before acting." Voyager made its closest approach to Saturn on schedule at 11:24 EDT Tuesday, sending back pictures and data and then plunged behind the planet, which blocked radio contact with JPL for 93 minutes as expected. Contact was reestablished as expected at 2:59 p.m. EDT, but the camera problem was not noticed for more than half an hour when scheduled picture an hour when scheduled picture

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President Reagan's top aide, Edwin C. Meese, the White House counsel, helicoptered from the Reagan ranch, north of Santa

Barbara, for a briefing by JPL Director Bruce Murray and NASA Administrator James M. Beggs to tell them the president was "very much interested in continuing our space exploration and space transportation systems.

'I think you will find a very receptive administration as far as space exploration and development goes, obviously within budget contraints," Meese said. But he refused to discuss specific space programs.

At its closest, Voyager skimmed just 62,617 miles above Saturn's pale yellow cloud tops, giving sci-entists their closest look ever at its bands of cold gas storms, ripped

by 1,100 mph winds. They appeared to be formed of so many thousands of strands the mission confirmed suspicions raised by Voyager 1 the traditional picture of a half dozen large and

separate rings has "gone by the board," said Dr. Bradford Smith, imaging team leader. Further evidence of the ham-

mering taken by moons in Saturn crowded system was seen in clos looks at what Smith dubbed, "th hamburger moon," Hyperion A discshaped object, Hyperion orbits with its axis in an inprobab position, suggesting it was purched out of alignment in a coll-

Fred Scarf, principal plasm wave investigator, played for re-porters a recording the "sound" of Voyager crossing the planet's box shock, the point in space wher the solar wind strikes the planes magnetic field and flows around it

Speeded up to eight times it real speed, the tape sounded lie the ringing of unearthly church bells, deep gongs mixed with higher peals rising and falling at the createst many different peaks are supported by the createst many different peaks are considered. the spacecraft moved through the fluctuating waves, with a deeper insistent background note, like the ominous shark music from the

### Nixon's lawyers confirm bribe

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Former
President Richard Nixon last year
paid a fired Pentagon official
\$142,000 to avoid a trial in a lawsuit the ex-whistleblower brought against him, Nixon's lawyers con-

The payment was part of an out-of-court settlement between Nixon and A. Ernest Fitzgerald, who charged he was fired by Nixon for disclosing cost overruns on the C-5A transport plane. He had

Looking for special treasure? sought \$3.5 million. Nixon's attorneys want the court to rule on whether he is protected from suits brought for acts he may have committed as presi-

> The payment to Fitzgerald be-came known earlier this month when lawyers for former National Security Council staffer Morton Halperin asked the Supreme Court to strike the case from its docket on grounds it had been set-

> Halperin is suing Nixon over wiretaps placed on his home tele-phone for 21 months in an effort to find the source of national security leaks, and that case is pending be-fore the high court.

Halperin's lawyers said Nixon bought his way out of' the Fitzgerald trial with the out-of-court settlement the court papers said call for a payment of \$142,000 and

does not succeed in avoiding a

Halperin and his family contend their constitutional rights were violated by the wiretaps — partd a crackdown on leaks within the Nixon administration.

In June, the high court upheld Halperin's right to sue in a 44 decision that allowed Halperin's return to court to seek as much 2 \$1.26 million in damages for viola-

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Justice William Rehnquist danot participate in the decision. He was a Justice Department official during the Nixon administration.
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push for damages, the cour announced it would hear Nixon's claim of immunity from civil suits in Fitzgerald's case. Halperin's lawyers hope

avoid a high-court ruling in the Fitzgerald case because it could lead to a decision shielding presidents absolutely from such suits for damages

Such a ruling would nullify Halperin's suit and deprive him of a

"Because of the secret agr ment between Nixon and Fitzgerald, it is apparent Nixon's primary interest in the instant case is gaining a second chance at defeating the Halperins," Mark Lynch, Halperin's lawyer an additional \$28,000 if Nixon

#### Two former CBS officials appointed to NBC posts

United Press International NEW YORK — Two former CBS executives have been named range planning and policy issue

general adviser and vice chairman for NBC, network Chairman
Grant Tinker announced.

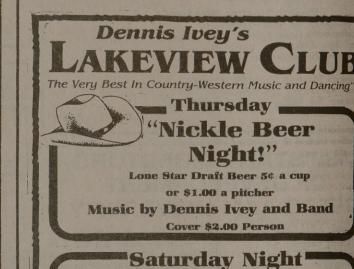
Irwin Segelstein, who has sered
as president of NBC Television A spokesman said the appoint-

ments, announced Tuesday, would be the last changes "for some time" in the network's top management.

Richard Salant, a 27-year CBS veteran and former CBS news president who joined NBC in May 1979 as vice chairman of the

board, will become general adviser to NBC management on long Salant's replacement will be

Under the new alignment Tinker said, the business and administration divisions of the corporation will report to Segelstein while operating divisions such as the television and radio networks and stations would re port to Robert Mulholland, NBC president.



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