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## More remains found of Challenger astronauts

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Divers retrieved more remains of Challenger's astronauts Wednesday as the county medical examiner reported that NASA had prevented a legal dispute by agreeing to let his staff observe the autopsies.

The remains were recovered by divers dropped overboard from the salvage ship USS Preserver in an area where the shuttle cabin and crew remains were located Friday 100 feet beneath the Atlantic surface, 18 miles northeast of the launch pad, sources close to the investigation reported.

The sources reported the Preserver recovery effort was progressing well and that among other items picked up were a storage locker containing personal effects of one of the crew members, parts of the flight deck and two spacesuits that were aboard in case an emergency space walk had to be made.

A four-man search sub-marine, meanwhile, located a piece of solid rocket booster that a Navy spokeswoman said could be from the segment of the right booster believed responsible for the shuttle explosion.

The 4-foot-by-5-foot piece of debris from the rear part of a rocket, weighing 400 to 500 pounds, is believed to contain propellant and part of the external tank attachment ring, said Lt. Cmdr. Deborah Burnette.

The remains of the astronauts came into dispute when sources said the medical examiner's office might seek a court order unless the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and Air Force turned over the remains in accordance with state law. The law requires the local medical examiner to conduct an autopsy on any person who is slain or dies by accident.

The statutes apply even if deaths occur on federal property, or, as in the case of the Challenger accident, they occur away from any jurisdiction but are brought into one.

Some remains of the astronauts killed when Challenger exploded 73 seconds after launch on Jan. 28 were brought ashore secretly. Saturday night and were taken to nearby Patrick Air Force Base for examination by forensic ex-perts, sources said.

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#### Reagan pans critics as Habib begins envoy trip

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washington (AP) — President Reagan, trying to bolster his case for military aid for Nicaraguan rebels, sent special envoy Philip Habib to Central America Wednesday and said critics who claim the United States is not interested in a negotiated settlement "are making ridiculous noises."

There was renewed talk about compromise between the White House and Congress on the \$100 million package Reagan has proposed, but administration officials said privately the president had not heard any proposals he deemed acceptable.

Reagan, himself, said he was not trying to signal a will-ingness to compromise but would listen to any offer. He did not rule out the possibility of delaying delivery of aid for up to 75 days, to give negotiations a chance. "We're continuing to talk about all possibilities like

that," Reagan said.

Yet presidential spokesman Larry Speakes said. "We're not interested in anything short of getting the president's package approved, without restrictions."

Ifabib's mission drew fire from Nicaraguan President

(Reagan) is trying to impress on international public opinion that he is interested in a negotiated solution, but what he really wants to do is complement his policy of war

Habib's three-nation itinerary does not include a stop in Nicaragua. "You don't go where you're not invited." Rosgan

The Nicareguen embassy in Washington, however, said liabib was welcome in Managua "if the administration honestly wants to negotiate."

Reagan said Habib has the authority to visit Nicaragua for talks with the Sandinista regime "if anything comes up that would show that there might be any prospect or any profit in

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