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September 13

Dear Mom & Dad,

Houston is hot & steamy - it reminds me of a DC that is tropical. Everything is going well. The crew is great. Judy Gerlich (J.K.) especially has been very helpful - she has flown before in a spacecraft; the crew has except Michael Smith, the pilot, and me.

This week we spent getting introduced to lots of people, setting up our offices, meeting the crew, tasting the food and getting our t-shirts, flight suits and helmets fitted. Next week I am going to see an eye doctor about glasses - no one has worn contacts except one person as an experiment. But perhaps, by my flight, it will be okay. I am also going to look into getting fitted with the special vision contacts.

I am not giving my address out to anyone down here - the press has been unbelievable. Steve has it & I gave it to Carol Bradley. I'll write to Cathy & Steve & Lise & Kit.

My home address is 801 E. NASA Rd 1, Webster, Texas 77598 and my phone # is
unlisted, etc.: 713-480-7643. I also have a Johnson Space Center address where I can receive mail & if anyone wishes to write please give them the following:

JOHNSON SPACE CENTER
MAIL CODE CA/B // CHRISTA MCAULIFFE.
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77058

Thank you again for all the help. Steve & the kids seem to be doing well & all having a good time playing with the microwave. I even had to hear it keeps me quiet on the phone!

Enclosed are some clipping - I'll try to keep getting 2 papers -

Love

Christa