

THE BALANCE OF COVERS FOR CHALLENGER'S 51-L MISSION

This is the final offering of event covers for mission 51-L of Challenger. These covers are in line with those done by SCCS on the other space shuttle missions and will give the cover specialist a chance to secure covers for all important events, both pre-mission and mission.

All of the covers listed below are cancelled on correct dates and time with the Houston Mailer's Permit Postmark hand cancel...the one that more and more collectors are turning to for space event covers cancelled in Houston.

- (1) Dec 13, 1985 FINAL PRE-FLIGHT PRESS CONFERENCE...This was held at the Johnson Space Center in Houston before gathered media members. With Christa McAuliff having the honor of being the first teacher in space, a lot of questions were directed to her.
- (2) Jan 22, 1986 CREW LEAVES HOUSTON FOR CANAVERAL...After several delays of Challenger's launch, a new date was set and the crew of 7 flew from Ellington Air Field, near JSC, to Cape Canaveral in NASA aircraft.
- (3) DOUBLE CANCELLED COVER (Jan 29, 1985...date of selection of original crew of 5 for 51-L) and second cancel (Jan 28, 1986...date Challenger exploded and killing of the crew.) In addition to the cachet in black, there is an additional rubber stamped cachet in red ink in two lines that reads "Challenger Explodes/ On Launch January 28, 1986"
- (4) DOUBLE CANCELLED COVER (Oct 4, 1985...date Gregory Jarvis was added to the crew) and second cancel (Jan 28, 1986...date Challenger exploded and killing of the crew.) In addition to the cachet in black, there is an additional rubber stamped cachet in red ink in two lines that reads "Challenger Explodes/On Launch January 28, 1986*."

None of these covers have been offered by us before. And with so much interest in this mission, it is advisable that each collector secure their needs now.

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Please send me the following 51-L mission covers:

Final Pre-Flight Press Conf. @ \$1.25	\$	_____
Crew Leaves Houston for Canaveral @ \$1.25		_____
Dbl Cancel cover (crew of 5) (1-29-85/1-28-86) @ \$2.50		_____
Dbl Cancel cover (Jarvis) (4 Oct 85)(Jan 28, 1986) @ \$2.50		_____
Postage and handling		_____ .25
Total remittance	\$	_____

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(Apr 86 #51-L-3) Please include one addressed, gummed label with order. Thanks.