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TIFS... It stands for Total In-flight Simulator. It is a series of test flights which are simulations of Shuttle Orbiter test flights, with configuration testing and landing approaches. These are done with a flight crew of two, the same as a Space Shuttle flight.

The first flights were done in July 1978 and we serviced a set of four covers for the flights. These are now hard to find as a lot of collectors and even dealers did not get them. Those that did, we are told, got smaller than usual quantities. This was due to the time element and also to the tests being relatively unknown.

On October 12, a new series of flights (which will probably be about 6 covers) began and all servicers had only a few hours notice the day before they started. We, again, are going to do an amount "gestimated" upon the previous series and offer these now. But the offer will be going to not only those that previously got them but to the new people that have begun collecting SCCS covers since then. The set of six covers will be only \$5.25 postpaid. And we will reserve the covers as orders are received.

These tests should end about the end of October and if so, we will ship them out about 3 weeks after that. This will give us enough time to get the covers in Houston from Edwards, Calif., site of the flights, get type set and negatives made, and cachets printed.

TO: SPACE CITY COVER SOCIETY, P. O. Box 53545, Houston, Texas 77052

Please send me _____ set(s) of the new series of TIFS covers. I understand that these are \$5.25 per set of 6 POSTPAID. Enclosed is my remittance of \$ _____

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

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(Oct 79) Please include one addressed gummed label with order. Thank you.