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Two Soviet cosmonauts returned to earth yesterday three hours late, but with no complaints about the delay after more than a year in orbit — a world record for space flight.

Vladimir Titov and Musa Manarov spent 366 days in space in the Mir space station, shattering the previous 326-day record, which was also held by the Soviet Union.

Mr. Titov, 41, and Mr. Manarov, 37, returned home with some snaps of their trip — more than 12,000 scientific photographs — and a French friend.

Their Soyuz spacecraft landed

in Kazakhstan in Soviet Central Asia yesterday afternoon with French space explorer Jean-Loup Chretien aboard.

Mr. Chretien was blasted aloft with two other Soviet cosmonauts — Alexander Volkov and Sergei Krikalyov — to join the Mir crew last month. This is the second time Mr. Chretien has participated in a joint Soviet-French space mission.

The scheduled landing was delayed three hours because of problems with the Soyuz computer, Tass, the official Soviet news agency, said without elaboration. Tass said all three men were feeling well.

The Soyuz craft landed about

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