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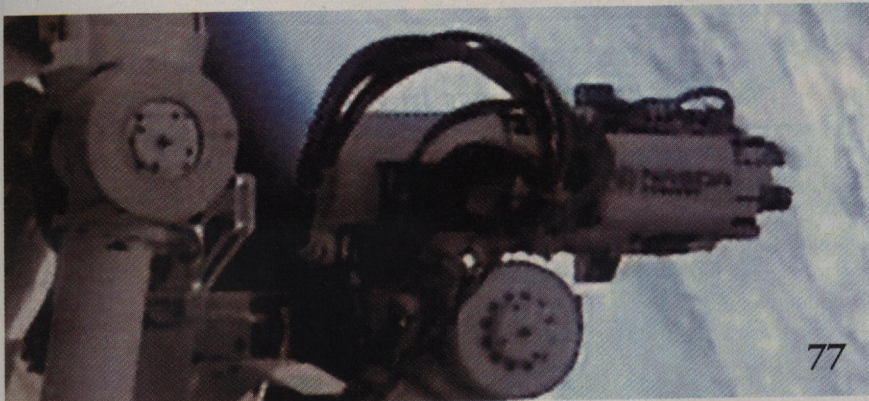
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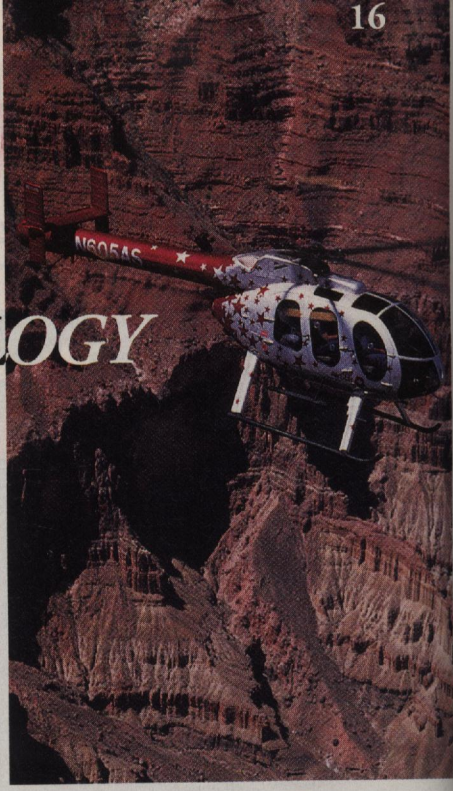
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A Boeing 757 is placed in a montage illustrating a landing ahead of threatening weather. The responsibility of regulatory authorities to oversee a safe aviation system is the focus of this week's cover story package (see p. 37). Photo montage by Erik Simonsen.

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