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NOTES

USSR: PREPARATIONS ARE INTENSIFYING FOR THE LAUNCH OF THE SOVIETS' LARGEST SPACE BOOSTER--THE J-VEHICLE; THE FIRING COULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO. SATELLITE PHOTOGRAPHY OF 1 SEPTEMBER SHOWS ALL FOUR STAGES OF THE VEHICLE AND A PAYLOAD ERECTED ON A LAUNCH PAD AT TYURATAM. CHECKOUT HAS BEEN UNDER WAY ON THE BOOSTER FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

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THE POSITIONING OF SOVIET SPACE SUPPORT SHIPS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN SUGGESTS THAT THE UPCOMING MISSION INVOLVES SENDING AN UNMANNED SPACECRAFT TO THE MOON WITH RECOVERY EITHER IN THE INDIAN OCEAN OR IN THE SOVIET UNION. OTHER SHIPS ARE ON STATION IN THE ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC OCEANS, APPARENTLY TO SUPPORT ANOTHER PENDING SPACE MISSION--A MANNED SOYUZ FLIGHT--AND SOME OF THESE COULD ALSO BE USED TO MONITOR THE J-VEHICLE EVENT. BOTH PREVIOUS TESTS OF THIS BOOSTER--ONE IN JULY 1969 AND ANOTHER IN JUNE 1971--FAILED SHORTLY AFTER LIFTOFF. CIA Statute

CIA Statute

USSR: THE LENGTHENED VARIANT OF THE Y-CLASS BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE APPARENTLY IS UNDERGOING INITIAL SEA TRIALS IN THE WHITE SEA. RECENT SATELLITE PHOTOGRAPHY OF SEVERODVINSK, WHERE THE SUBMARINE HAS BEEN FITTING OUT, SHOWED THAT IT WAS NO LONGER AT THE SHIPYARD. THIS NEW CLASS SUBMARINE WILL CARRY 12 LONG-RANGE SS-NX-8 MISSILES. FOLLOWING SUCCESSFUL SEA TRIALS, THE NEW SUBMARINE PROBABLY WILL CONDUCT FIRINGS OF THE SS-NX-8 BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. CIA Statute

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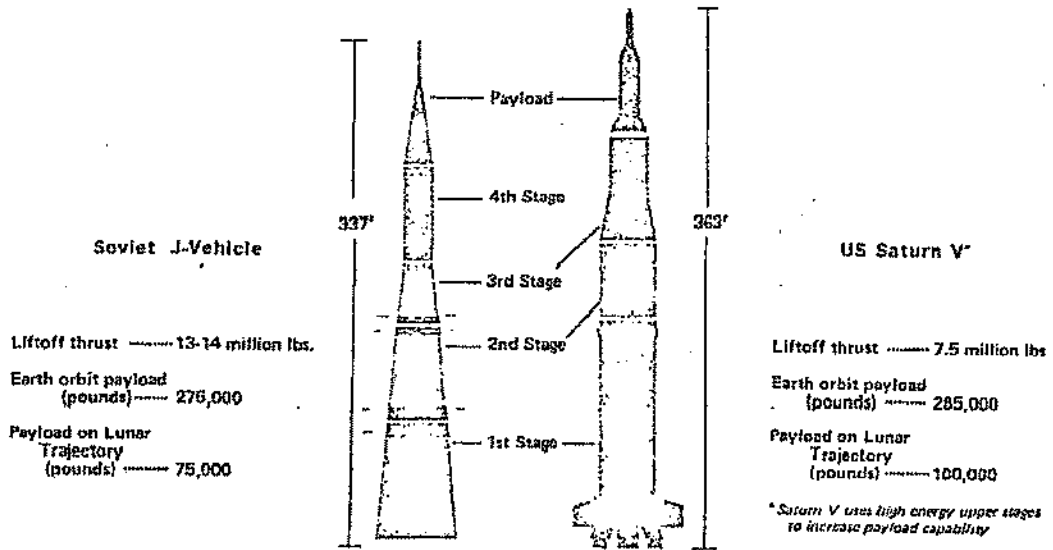
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Soviets Preparing to Launch J-Vehicle



J - Vehicle on Pad at Launch Complex J, Tyuratam

