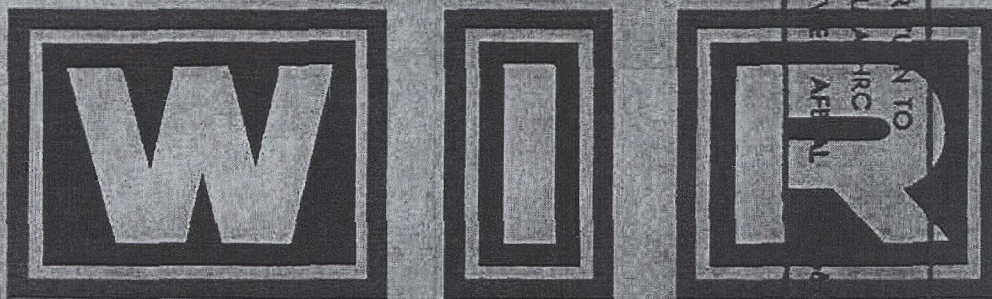




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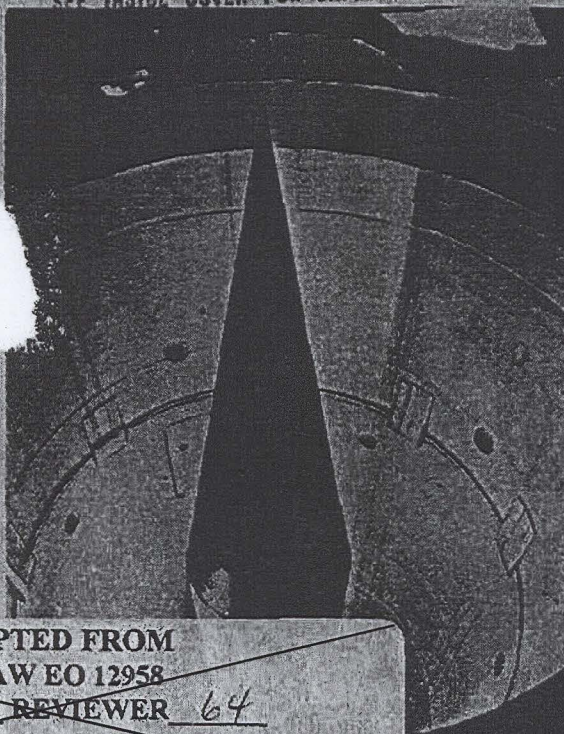
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### Space

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FORETOLD BY SMRIS MOVEMENTS

Do not return home after missile firings.  
SOVIET-JAPANESE EXCHANGE OF TV PROGRAMS  
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PROPOSED

Would be technically feasible.  
FRENCH RELOCATING SPACE MONITORING  
FACILITIES FOR NEW LAUNCHES

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### Upcoming Space Event of Unknown Type Foretold by SMRIS Movements

The two SMRISs (Soviet missile-range instrumentation ships) which supported the 27 August-6 September missile firings into the Pacific (see page ) did not return to home port, as would normally be the case, when TASS announced that the firings were ended. Instead, these ships, which also participate in certain types of Soviet space events, were re-fueled and left the missile impact area on a southerly heading. The fact that the Soviets have not announced closure of any other impact area for missile testing suggests that the ships are redeploying to support some pending space event.

The SMRISs have in the past taken up positions on the Zero Revolution Earth trace of Soviet manned space shots, Molniya communications satellites, and lunar and interplanetary probes.

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### Soviet-Japanese Exchange of TV Programs by 'Molniya' Satellite Reportedly Proposed

The USSR's Foreign Minister Gromyko recently proposed to Japan's Foreign Minister Shiina that the two nations exchange TV programs via the Soviets' Molniya communications satellites.

The Soviets appear to be eager to expand the use of the Molnias for "cultural exchange" purposes because it is politically expedient. It is also technically feasible. The matter was first raised by the Soviets in May 1965, shortly after the launch of the Soviets' first successful Molniya, but the recent reported proposal would be the first official offer, if it is confirmed. Japan could accept the Soviet proposal under a cultural agreement without violating its COMSAT obligations.

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The Molniya satellite functioned extremely well in the Franco-Soviet exchange of TV transmissions late last year; reportedly it provided better picture quality than the US's Early Bird.

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