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NO. 131 DE-ORBITED, WITH 1-DAY OVERLAP
Overlap may result from delay of launches,
particularly from Plesetsk ICBM complex.

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Recce Satellites Cosmos 132 Launched, No. 131 De-orbited, with 1-Day Overlap

The Soviets launched Cosmos 132, which has been assessed as a reconnaissance satellite, from the Tyuratam Missile Test Range. The vehicle was launched at about 0800Z, 19 November, nearly 21 hours before Cosmos 131, another recce satellite, was de-orbited. This is the third time that the Soviets have had 2 reconnaissance satellites aloft simultaneously, all 3 instances occurring this year. This overlap of orbital time of recce satellites usually means that the launch of the first was delayed while the second was launched more or less on schedule. In all 3 cases, the apparently delayed launch occurred at Plesetsk, which has had much less launch experience than Tyuratam.

Cosmos 132's mission is believed to include medium-resolution photorecce. It is in an orbit of 65 degrees inclination, and it will probably be de-orbited on 27 November.

Cosmos 131, which was launched from a pad at the operational ICBM complex at Plesetsk, at about 0951Z, 12 November, was de-orbited at about 0454Z, 20 November, probably impacting in the USSR sometime between 0509Z and 0514Z. Its mission included high-resolution photoreconnaissance. (NORAD)

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