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USSR: Preparations are under way for a manned space event that evidently is scheduled to take place within the next several weeks. Several space support ships in the Atlantic are on stations that have been used in the past to monitor manned Soyuz SPACE OPERATIONS. IN ADDITION - AN SL-13 SPACE BOOSTER--THE THREE STAGE VERSION OF THE SL-12 IN ADDITION: AN SL-13 SPACE BOOSTER--IS BEING CHECKED OUT AT TYURATAM, AND SOX 50X1 ITS PAYLOAD WILL BE A SALYUT SPACE STATION. If so, the pending mission probably will be similar to the one conducted last year involving Soyuz 11 and a Salyut station. The timing of the upcoming mission probably depends on the results of the tests of the unmanned Soyuz. spacecraft -- Cosmos 496 -- Launched Monday, 50X1 **CIA Statute**

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