

USSR: Last week the Soviets used one launch vehicle to orbit eight satellites that are believed to be a part of a store-dump communications relay system. In contrast to the real-time relay systems, store-dump satellites can receive and record enciphered messages and some time later transmit them, probably on command while over the Soviet Union under more secure circumstances. The program began in 1964 and at present 24 of the satellites are transmitting. There are indications that the system is operational, but the 50X1 exact mission of these satellites have not been identified. The satellites could have applications for military or agent communications. The Soviets have

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two real-time communications satellite systems--Molniya 1 and 2--already in service. The Soviets have cloaked the store-dump communications satellite program in secrecy, announcing after each launch that the satellites are for space research. CIA Statute

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