

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON



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Dear Mr. President:

I am forwarding herewith the Military Space Projects Report for the quarter ended June 30, 1959.

The DISCOVERER II satellite was successfully launched into a polar orbit on April 13, 1959, from the Pacific Missile Range. The timer command reset failed to adjust to the actual orbit period, which was less than planned; consequently, the biomedical capsule was not ejected in the planned recovery area. Search operations failed to locate the capsule, after it was reported seen in the Spitzbergen, Norway, area. DISCOVERER III, launched on June 3, 1959, and DISCOVERER IV, launched on June 25, 1959, experienced successful ascent, separation and orbit boost; however, both vehicles failed to achieve orbit. DISCOVERER V, originally scheduled for July 1, 1959, has been postponed until July 28, 1959.

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With great respect, I am

Faithfully yours,

Signed
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Deputy

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The President

The White House



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