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SIGINT RECONNAISSANCE FAILURES/ANOMALIES DURING PERIOD JUNE 1960 THRU MARCH 1973

PART I

Catastrophic Failures

Any component failure within launch or on-orbit vehicle which voided the mission.

<u>PROGRAM</u>	MISSION NUMBER	LAUNCH DATE	CAUSE OF FAILURE
GRAB II TAKI GRAB IV GRAB V	(1120)	Nov 60 13 Jan 62 24 Jan 62 23 May 62	Failed on launch. ACENA failed to orbit. No orbit due to last stage failure. Failed to achieve orbit.
RED VINO II	7206	28 Feb 63	Vehicle aborted on launch and was destroyed.

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PART II

Severe Mission Impacts

Any failure which has a significantly degrading effect upon the planned mission.

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GRAB I		22 Jun 60	Six-month expected life: 10-week actual life.
TAKI I	(1107)	16 Jun 61	Payload failed to intercept radar due to circuit malfunction.
WILD BILL I	(1109)	7 Jul 61	Payload recorder malfunction. 40% loss of data.
TEXAS PINT I	(1112)	30 Aug 61	Command system failed after first orbit due to blown fuse. 75% data loss thereafter.
TOPSOC II TOPSOC III GRAPE JUICE I	(1114) (1115) (1119)	18 Sep 61 13 Oct 61 12 Dec 61	400 cycles power failure end pass 34. 2 KC power failure end pass 31. Power failed first day. Lost T/M link end pass 9. Interference and spurious signal
			limited data.
NEW JERSEY I	(1131)	27 Jul 62	Locator finder technique proved unworkable due to clock failure.
RED VINO I	7203	5 Dec 62	Very low orbit achieved; went down on third day of 12-14 day mission. Eccentric orbit last R-0 pass 254
WILD BILL II TAKI III	7202 7204	13 Dec 62	suspect recorder failure. 12-14 day expected life; actual 6 days.
NEW JERSEY II	7204	7 Jan 63	12-14 day expected life; actual 6 days.
WILD BILL III	7207	12 Jun 63	Loss of power on Day 16 of 30-day mission.
POPPY		15 Jun 63	The three satellites orbited on non-nominal orbit caused by no second burn of AGENA.
PLYMOUTH ROCK	7208	29 Jun 63	Inverter failed on Day 11 of 17-day mission causing loss of all 3 phase power to payload.





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11 Jan 64

Wideband 50KC became inoperative as of

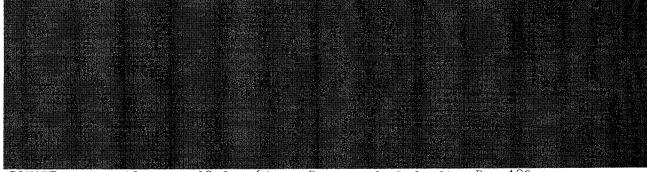
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LONG JOHN IV 7224

13 Jun 64

50KC recorder failed after 16 days of

20-day mission.

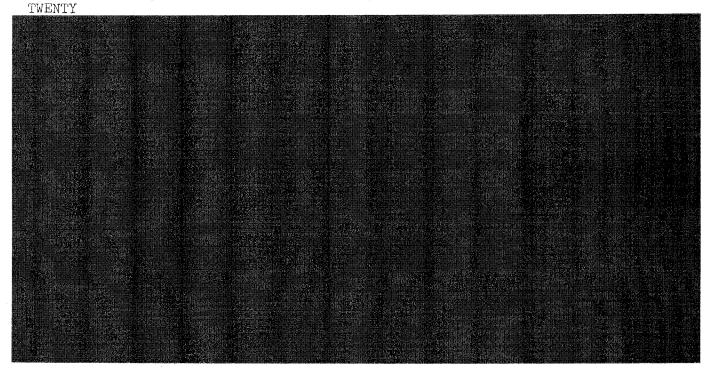


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28 Oct 65

Battery failed after Rev 183.



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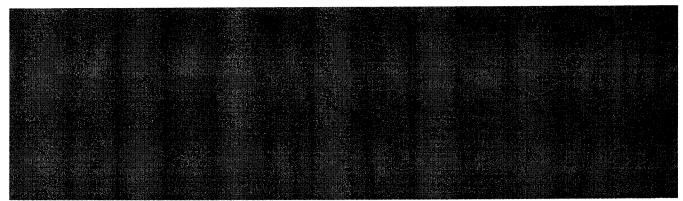
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PART III

Orbital Anomalies

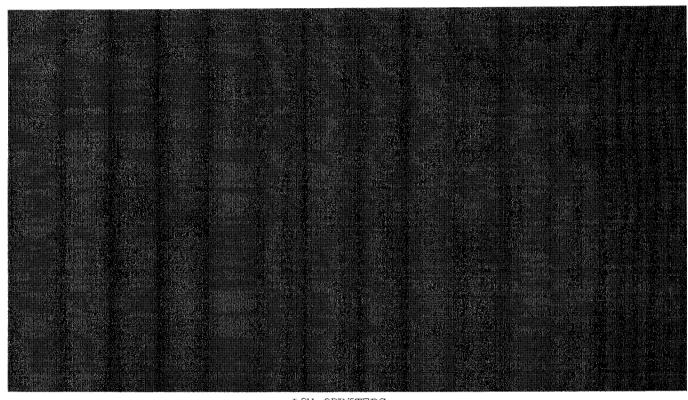
Any equipment failure or partial failure which occurred during the mission, but was of minimal impact as a result of: (1) the nature of the failure, (2) the ability to switch to a redundant system, and (3) the development of work-around procedures.

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ANOMALIES



LOW ORBITERS

WILD BILL	(1123)	27 Feb 62	Limited data acquired due to low TM signal strength.
WIID BILL IV	7216	15 Jun 63	Noisy data.
LONG JOHN II	7219		Wideband transmitter malfunction after MMD.
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LONG JOHN III	7222	15 Feb 64	Recorder failed after MMD.
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LOW ORBITERS (continued)

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ANOMALES

POPPY

30 Sep 69

Failure of three sub-satellites prior to

MMD. (Two failures within severely reduced capability.)

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