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Here's a little bit of Americana.
The launches of SAMOS I, II, and III
were the only SAMOS launches
announced to the press in any detail;
i.e., they were acknowledged as
photographic missions. Of the three,
only SAMOS II achieved orbit, on
January 31, 1961.


The attached message announces
the imminent decay -- probably
tomorrow -- of the Atlas booster,
after almost ten years (and
54,088 revolutions) in orbit.

The SAMOS vehicle, a readout
system which returned photo-
graphs of about 100 foot

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resolution, is still cata-
logued as being in
orbit.



Note:

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seen by Dr. Naha & Dr. M^cLoon

