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3. Schedule:

Secondary payloads and data receiving stations to be completed in time to meet scheduled TRANSIT launch dates and dates of other available vehicles.

4. Reports and Documentation:

- a. Monthly letter progress reports are required.
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