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### LIGHTSATS STATUS

- NRO has long history of lightsat development

-- One example: lightsats launched

--- Tophat 334# LEO satellite launched 11/70

Most recent: Gloria I, 200 # LEO Gloria II,

- Current Efforts

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 COMINT and Rapid Reporting Interferometry Experiment (CARRIE) - COMINT mapping experiment planned for first Taurus launch, Fall, 1992



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# **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

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# LIGHTSAT STUDIES



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### TACTICAL SIGINT SMALL SATELLITE

- Investigate small SIGINT tactical support satellite concepts in response to validated requirements.

-- Establish understanding of validated requirements through the development of a requirements data base

--- Use validate COFIR tactical requirements

--- Data base contains OPINTEL scenarios, weapon platforms, SOIs, and parametric information.

--- Searched over 120 NSA date bases

-- Apply existing or near term technology to the development of a SIGINT small satellite to meet tactical support requirements

- Two implementing contractors will investigate:

-- Mission Analysis to include use of conventional assets available to tactical commander.

-- Spacecraft and Launch Vehicle

-- Satellite System Configuration

-- Small Satellite Technology

-- System Design and evaluation with respect to design goals

-- Ground Support Concept maximizing present architecture

-- Development of roadmap for Concept Demonstration

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<u>GL</u> (	DRIA-1 (7243)							
<b>G</b> 7	Small spacecraft (approx 250 lbs.)							
	Experimental payload collecting the 30-38 GHZ RF Band							
	<ul> <li>Mission is general search</li> <li>Pulse and CW receivers</li> <li>Approx geolocation accuracy</li> </ul>							
	Designed for one year mission							
	Mission terminated in Jan 91							
<u>GLORIA-2 (7244)</u>								
	Same design as GLORIA-1 except collection payload of 18-26 GHZ							
-	Design modifications to provide additional of critical components (mass memory, etc.)							

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## GLORIA LIGHTSATS

•	Gloria I / Mission 7243
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	30-38 GHz General Search
	BUS Contractor: Ball Space Systems, Boulder CO
	270 lbs (including P/L), octogonal strucure
	Spin Stabilized (30 rpm)
	90 nm altitude raising propulsion
	Magnetic attitude control
	SGLS compatible TT&C
	P/L Contractor: E-Systems, Garland TX
,	- One Year MMD Design Goal
	Operational 16 Months, currently in Carataker Status
- 0	loria II / Mission 7244
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-	- 18-26 GHz General Search
- D	ifferences between G-I and G-II
-	- Payload target frequency range
-	- Uplink encrytion added to G-II
<b>5</b>	- parts improved for G-II
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<u>Veh#Veh Name</u>	Launch Date	Duration	Launch Method	Veh Wt	Alt (NM)	Incl (deg)	Mission Descr
7340 TopHat II	10 Apr 74	70 mos	T-III R/S	378	270	96.4	same as TopHat I plus short copy
7341 Raquel I	29 Oct 74	63 mos	T-III R/S	542	270	96.4	General search; mainbeam & sidelobe TI; 4-18 GHz
7343 Ursala III	8 Jul 76	95 mos	T-III R/S	566	270	96.4	Same as U-I; 2-18 GHz
7345 Raquel IA	16 Mar 78	126 mos	T-III R/S	590	340	96.5	Same as R-I
7344 Ursala IV	16 Mar 79	35 mos	T-III R/S	591	340	96.5	Same as U-III
7241 Lorri I	18 Jun 80	8 mos	Pallet on large host		180	97	General Search 26-42 GHz

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<u>Veh#Veh Name</u> 7346 Farrah I	e Launch <u>Date</u> 11 May 82	<u>Duration</u> In use	Launch <u>Method</u> T-III R/S	Veh <u>Wt</u> 777	Alt (NM 382	Incl <u>) (deg)</u> 96.5	Mission Descr General Search; mainbeam and sidelobe TI; monopulse DF 2-18 GHz;
7347 Farrah II	25 Jun 84	In use	T-III R/S	773	382	96.5	Same as F-I
7242 Lorri II	18 Apr 86	FAILED T	OACHIEV	'E ORE	BITO.2	2	
7247 Gloria I							General search 30-38 GHz

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### LIGHTSATS

### CARRIE (LICOM)

- A technology lightweight satellite payload for COMM mapping for the tactical commander
  - -- Capability to detect and map signals for the tactical user

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	Location accuracy to within
	200 Signal locations can be made available on a single 15 min. pass over target area
	System recognizes
<u> </u>	Payload weight 40 pounds, payload power 64 watts

-- On-board processing with direct downlink to EPDS/TEP Vans

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CARRIE LIGHTSAT PROGRAM

- CARRIE: COMINT And Rapid Reporting Interferometry Experiment
  - -- 100-850 MHz COMINT mapping experimental payload
  - -- Spacecraft bus electronics based on Gloria designs/hardware
    - --- Structure and mechanisms are new designs
  - -- Planned launch on the first TAURUS booster in Fall 1992
  - --- Ridesharing with TAOS companion spacecraft
- Program funded by DARPA; managed by
  - -- DARPA/NRO relationship defined in Memorandum of Agreement Annex for execution of the Advanced Space Technology Program
- Primary mission is to conduct experiments demonstrating the utility of dedicated tactical overhead SIGINT
  - -- Streamlined tasking requests
  - -- On-board processing and Geolocation
  - -- Direct downlink to EPDS vans

--- Within hours of the request and minutes of the collect

- Secondary mission is to support national collection requirements on a non-interference basis between tactical demonstrations and after the first year of operations.
- Contractors: AIL, Melbourne, NY, COMINT mapping payload; Ball Asrospace, Boulder, CO, spacecraft & payload integration

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## JOINT DARPA/SAFSP SMALL SATELLITE INITIATIVES

- SAFSP currently has three joint projects with DARPA on small satellite related efforts
  - -- CARRIE a small, direct downlink, PROFORMA, COMINT mapper will be covered under a separate point paper

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