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1. In October 1967, one space reconnaissance mission (Program 110 GAMBIT-CUBED) was launched on 25 October 1967 for a ten day mission. This vehicle is now on orbit and is performing satisfactorily. Recovery is programmed for 4 November 1967. A total of 4,932 feet of film is available for mission use.

2. No new SIGINT launches were made in October 1967. The status of operating vehicles now on orbit follows:

a. Program 770 (EARPOP):

A failure of the wide band tape recorder used for mission 7162 in vehicle number 2723 has negated the multigroup capability in the 125 MHZ - 250 MHZ and 530 MHZ - 4200 MHZ frequency range. Two other payloads on this vehicle are operating satisfactorily to gather EOB and Directed Coverage data for missions 7230 and 7231. This vehicle was launched on 24 July 1967 with an expected life of thirty days.

b. Program 770 (POPPY):

Seven sphere-shaped vehicles now on orbit continue to operate satisfactorily.

c. Program 989 (SIGINT):

Only one P-11 type vehicle, mission 7320 launched 16 June 1967, continues to gather useful information. The most recent vehicle failure was launched on 16 August 1966 and had a tape recorder failure during October 1967.

3. The following launches are scheduled for November 1967:

a. Program 846 (CORONA J). This mission was originally scheduled for 25 October 1967 but was rescheduled for launch on 2 November when vehicle power problems occurred. A P-11 subsatellite will be launched from the Agena.

b. No Program 110 (GAMBIT-CUBED) vehicles are scheduled for this month.

c. Program 989 (SIGINT). The above P-11 subsatellite contains a new type of payload designed to obtain general search information for the ABM system. This payload will operate in the 250 MHZ to 2200 MHZ region.

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