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PROJECT EARPOP**SUBSATELLITE SEQUENCE OF LAUNCH EVENTS**

- ① SUBSATELLITE LAUNCHED BY TIID ON HOST VEHICLE
- ② SEPARATION SEQUENCE INITIATED BY HOST VEHICLE STORED COMMAND THAT MAY BE PROGRAMMED FROM THE GROUND
- ③ FIRST BURN INITIATED BY SUBSATELLITE STORED COMMAND
- ④ SECOND BURN INITIATED BY SUBSATELLITE STORED COMMAND
- ⑤ DEPLOYMENTS INITIATED BY A COMBINATION OF SUBSATELLITES STORED COMMAND AND REAL-TIME GROUND COMMANDS

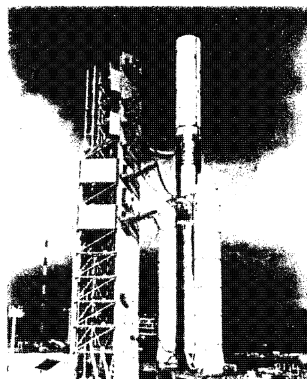
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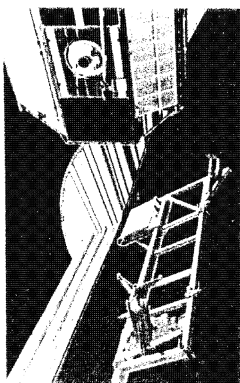
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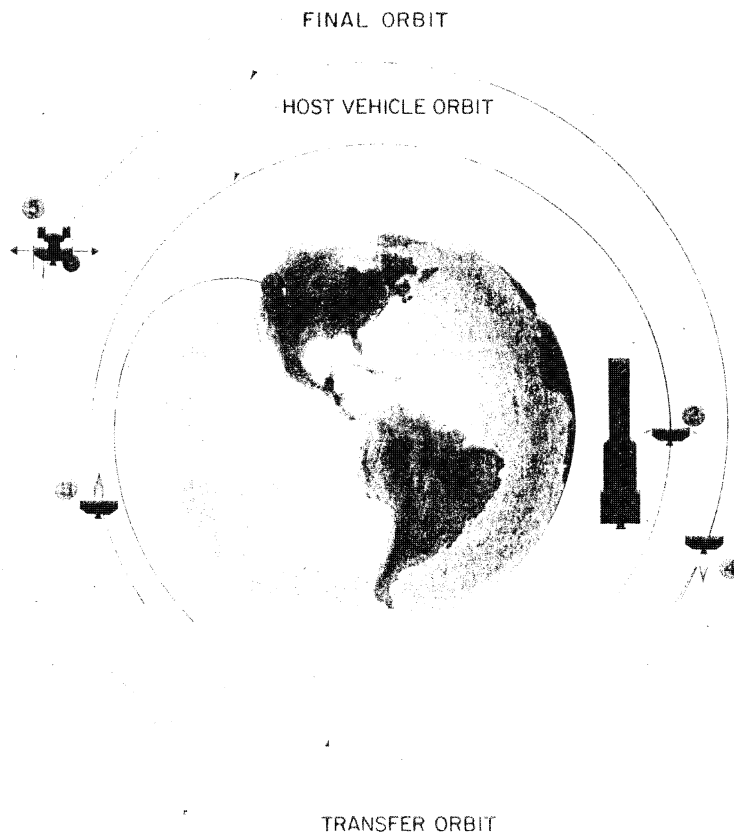
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1 LAUNCH



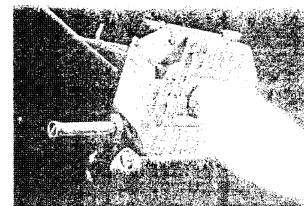
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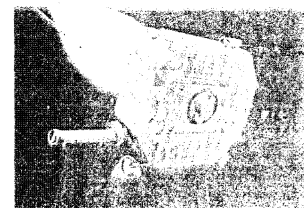
FINAL ORBIT

HOST VEHICLE ORBIT

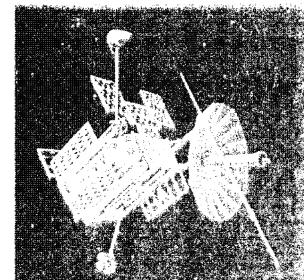
TRANSFER ORBIT



3 1ST BURN



4 2ND BURN



5 DEPLOYMENT

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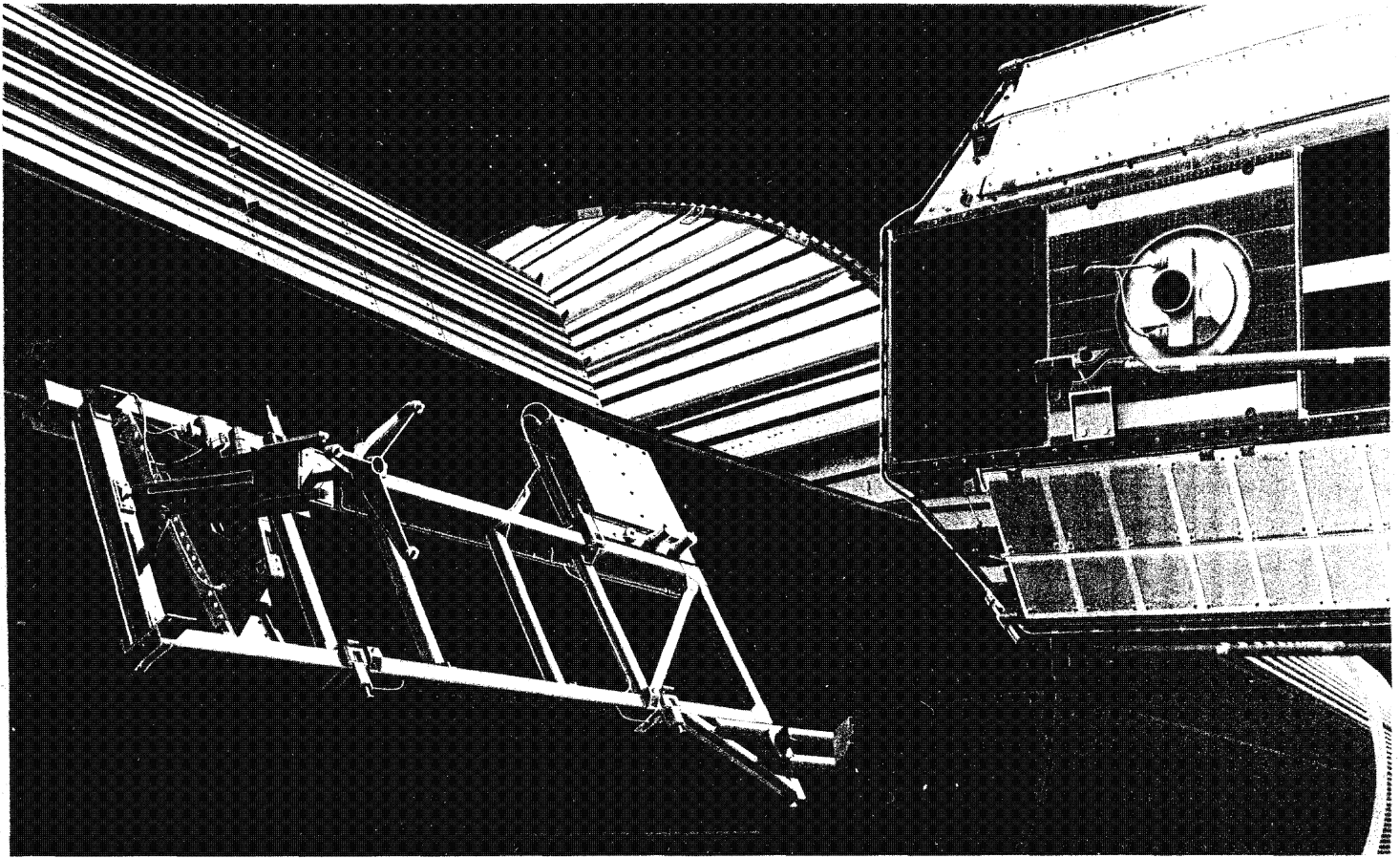
PROJECT EARPOP**SUBSATELLITE MISSION**

- **GENERAL SEARCH**
 - IDENTIFY NEW SIGNAL – 450 TO 1000 AND 1500 TO 1800 MHz
- **ELECTRONIC ORDER OF BATTLE (EOB)**
 - UPDATE LOCATION OF KNOWN RADARS
 - TIME CRITICAL REPORTING
- **TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE**
 - ASSESS RADAR CAPABILITY (PRIMARILY ABOVE 8 GHz)
- **COMINT MAPPING**
 - LOCATE COMMUNICATIONS LINKS FOR PRIME COLLECTORS
- **INTERCEPT AND GEOPOSITION** **EMITTERS**

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SUBSATELLITE MISSION



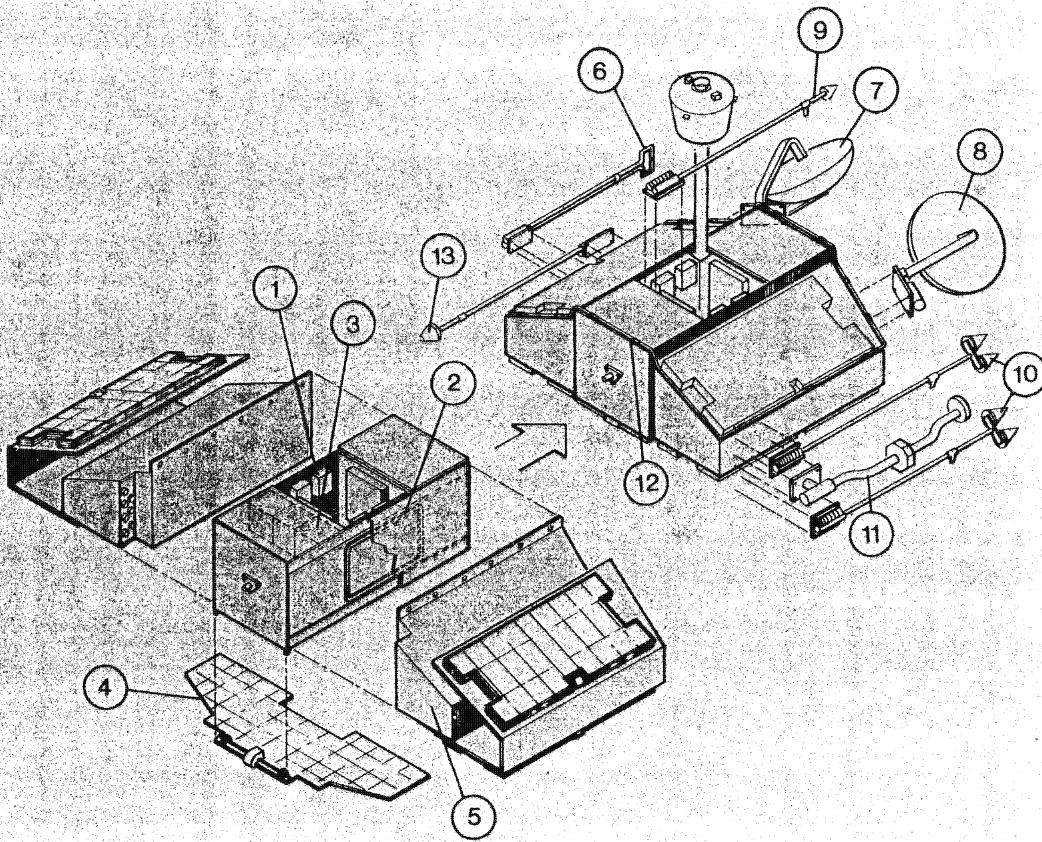
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|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| ① | TRANSMITTERS, 4 (CONIC) | ⑦ | PAYLOAD ANTENNA, 12-18 GHz (LMSC) |
| ② | SRCS COIL (LMSC) | ⑧ | PAYLOAD ANTENNA, 8-12 GHz (LMSC) |
| ③ | TAPE RECORDERS, 3 (LEC) | ⑨ | -Y TT&C ANTENNA (LMSC) |
| ④ | SOLAR ARRAY PANELS, 5 (LMSC) | ⑩ | OMNI-ANTENNA, 4/8-8/12 GHz (LMSC) |
| ⑤ | PAYLOADS
RAQUEL (E-SYSTEMS)
URSALA (MOTOROLA) | ⑪ | PAYLOAD ANTENNA, 4-8 GHz (LMSC) |
| ⑥ | OMNI-ANTENNA, 12-18 GHz (LMSC) | ⑫ | ACS COIL (LMSC) |
| | | ⑬ | +Y TT&C ANTENNA (LMSC) |

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FLIGHT SUMMARY

VEHICLE	MISSION	FREQUENCY RANGE	OPERATIONAL LIFE					MOS	OPS	STATUS
			1963	1964	1965	1966	1967			
4201	MAP INNER VAN ALLEN BELT		7-1	9-15				2	130	TERMINATED
4001	SOVIET TELEMETRY		10-30		5-22			19	1502	MISSION COMPLETE
4101	SOVIET TELEMETRY		12-19	3-9				3	231	TAPE RECORDER FAILURE
4301	GENERAL SEARCH VHF			7-8	8-6			1	18	TAPE RECORDER FAILURE
4202	MAP INNER VAN ALLEN BELT			8-4		11-1		15	359	MISSION COMPLETE
4302	ANTI-SATELLITE RADAR SEARCH			10-23	2-23			4	490	MISSION COMPLETE
4401	SOVIET TELEMETRY	61-76 MHz			4-28		1-25	21	2308	MISSION COMPLETE
4402		4.9 - 5.15 GHz 4.0 - 8.0 GHz			6-27		3-16	21	3385	MISSION COMPLETE
4403	ANTI-SATELLITE RADAR SEARCH	100-250 MHz			8-3		7-28	20	3244	MISSION COMPLETE
4404	DIRECTION FINDING PRE-DETECTION INTERCEPT	168-178 MHz 153-163 MHz				5-14		0	0	SHORT CIRCUIT FAILURE
4405	X AND S BAND SEARCH AND D/F	2.1 - 4.0 GHz 8.0 - 12.0 GHz					8-16 10-15	14	2878	MISSION COMPLETE
4406		4.0 - 8.0 GHz 4.9 - 4.15 GHz					9-16 1-20	4	553	TAPE RECORDER FAILURE

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VEHICLE	MISSION	FREQUENCY RANGE	OPERATIONAL LIFE					MOS	OPS	STATUS	25X1
			1967	1968	1969	1970	1971				
4408		4.9 - 5.15 GHz 154-162 MHz	5-9 8-11					3	872	NO RESPONSE	
4409	SOVIET TELEMETRY	60-62 164-166 60-67 180-182 70-72 239-241 75-77 MHz	6-16	10-22				16	2255	RE-ENTERED	
4410	GENERAL SEARCH SOVIET ABM AND AES RADAR	250-2200 MHz	11-2 2-9					3	837	PAYLOAD FAILURE	
4412	DIRECT SEARCH AND PRE-DETECTION ANAL OF ABM AES RADAR	0.1 - 4.0 GHz	1-24	4-10				15	1714	TAPE RECORDER FAILURE	
4411	GENERAL SEARCH SOVIET ABM AND AES RADAR	2.1 - 4.0 GHz 1.0 - 2.0 GHz	3-14	3-7				12	3068	TAPE RECORDER FAILURE	
4420	GENERAL SEARCH AND EOB	4.0 - 8.0 GHz 8.0 - 12.0 GHz		6-20	1-13			18	4645	RE-ENTERED	
4413	GENERAL SEARCH SOVIET ABM AND AES RADAR	0.1 - 1.0 GHz		9-18	9-28			12	3327	RE-ENTERED	
4418	DIRECT SEARCH AND PRE-DETECTION ANAL OF ABM AES RADAR	0.5 - 4.0 GHz			3-19	9-24		18	2656	DORMANT	
4417	GENERAL SEARCH SOVIET ABM AND AES RADAR	2.1 - 4.0 GHz 1.0 - 2.0 GHz			5-1	2-16		10	2308	RE-ENTERED	
4419	SOVIET TELEMETRY	61-76 MHz 145-248 MHz			9-22	5-16		20	3436	RE-ENTERED	
4407	DIRECT SEARCH OF COMMUNICATIONS	60-70 MHz			9-30	8-17		11	1032	KILLED	

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VEHICLE	MISSION	FREQUENCY RANGE	OPERATIONAL LIFE					MOS	OPS	STATUS
			1970	1971	1972	1973	1974			
4422	GENERAL SEARCH AND DIRECTED SEARCH - SOVIET ABM AND AES RADARS	50-4020 MHz	3-4	11-9				20	5355	RE-ENTERED
4421	GENERAL SEARCH AND EOB MISSION FOR PULSED RADARS	4000-8000 MHz 8000-12000 MHz	5-20					32	4240	MISSION COMPLETE
4423	LOCATION AND TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE TROPOSPHERIC SCATTER COMMUNICATION LINKS	450-1000 MHz	11-18					42	12,607	CARETAKER
4427	MICROWAVE LOCATOR DETERMINE FREQUENCY FORMAT, BEAM DIRECTION	1.2 - 2.2 GHz 3.4 - 3.9 GHz		9-10	11-11			1	190	P/L FAILED
4424	ABMR DIRECTED SEARCH AND TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE POLARIZATION AND POWER	151-165 MHz 387-526 MHz 860-960 MHz 1500-2500 MHz			1-20			28	8451	OPERATIONAL
4425	GENERAL SEARCH AND EOB FOR PULSED AND CW RADARS	2000-12000 MHz			7-7			22	5725	OPERATIONAL
4426	GENERAL SEARCH AND EOB PULSED AND CW RADARS	2000-12000 MHz					11-10	5	1665	OPERATIONAL
4428	LOCATION AND TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE TROPOSPHERIC SCATTER COMMUNICATION LINKS	450-1000 MHz					4-10	1	323	OPERATIONAL

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PROJECT EARPOP**TOPHAT II****MISSION**

GENERAL SEARCH AND LOCATION OF TROSPHERIC
SCATTER COMMUNICATION LINKS

FREQUENCY RANGE

450 TO 1000 MHz

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

WEIGHT: 378 POUNDS

ANTENNAS: 2 SETS OF EXPANDABLE OMNI UNITS
3 TELEMETRY AND COMMAND

INCENTIVE LIFE

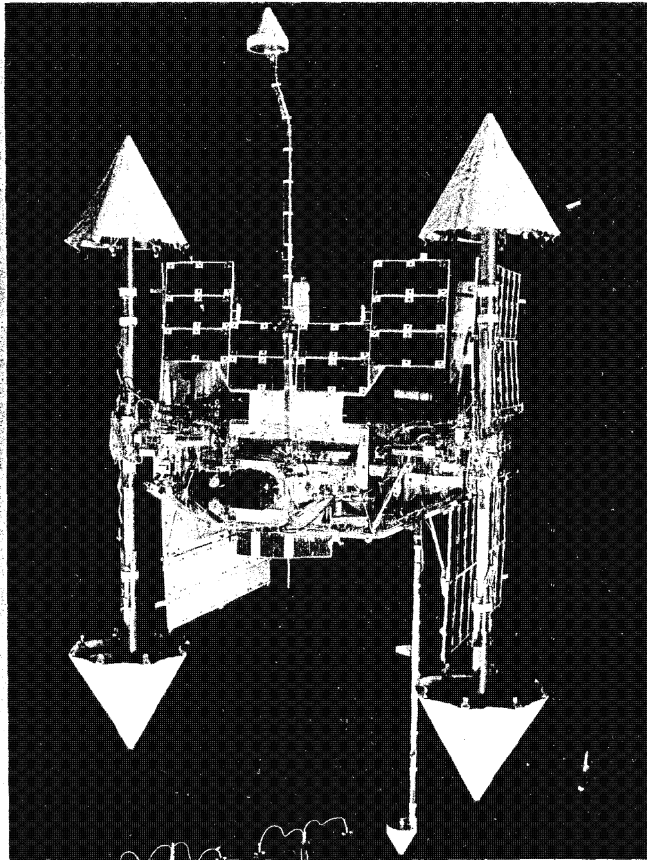
18 MONTHS

ORBITAL ALTITUDE

267 X 290 NM (NEAR CIRCULAR)

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TOPHAT II



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PROJECT EARPOP**MABEL I****MISSION**

ABM RADAR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE

FREQUENCY RANGE

FOUR BANDS BETWEEN 151 MHz AND 2500 MHz

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

WEIGHT: 380 POUNDS

ANTENNAS: FOUR PAYLOAD
THREE TELEMETRY AND COMMAND**INCENTIVE LIFE**

NINE MONTHS

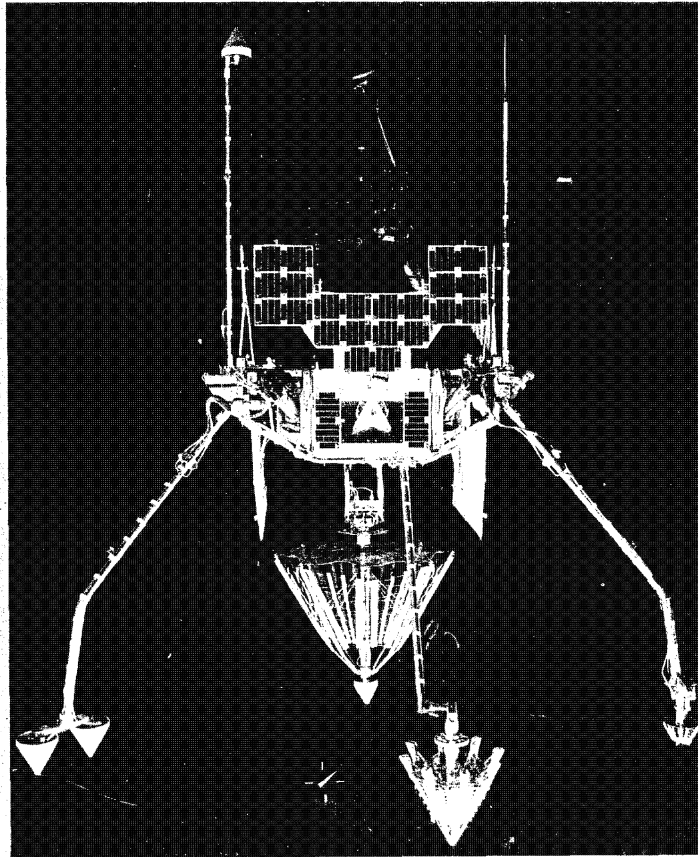
ORBITAL ALTITUDE

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MABEL I



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PROJECT EARPOP**URSALA I & URSALA II****MISSION**

GENERAL SEARCH AND ELECTRONIC ORDER OF BATTLE
FOR PULSED AND CW EMITTERS

FREQUENCY RANGE

2 TO 12 GHz

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

WEIGHT: 393 POUNDS
ANTENNAS: 2 PAYLOAD DISHES
2 PAIR OMNI INHIBITS
3 TELEMETRY AND COMMAND

INCENTIVE LIFE

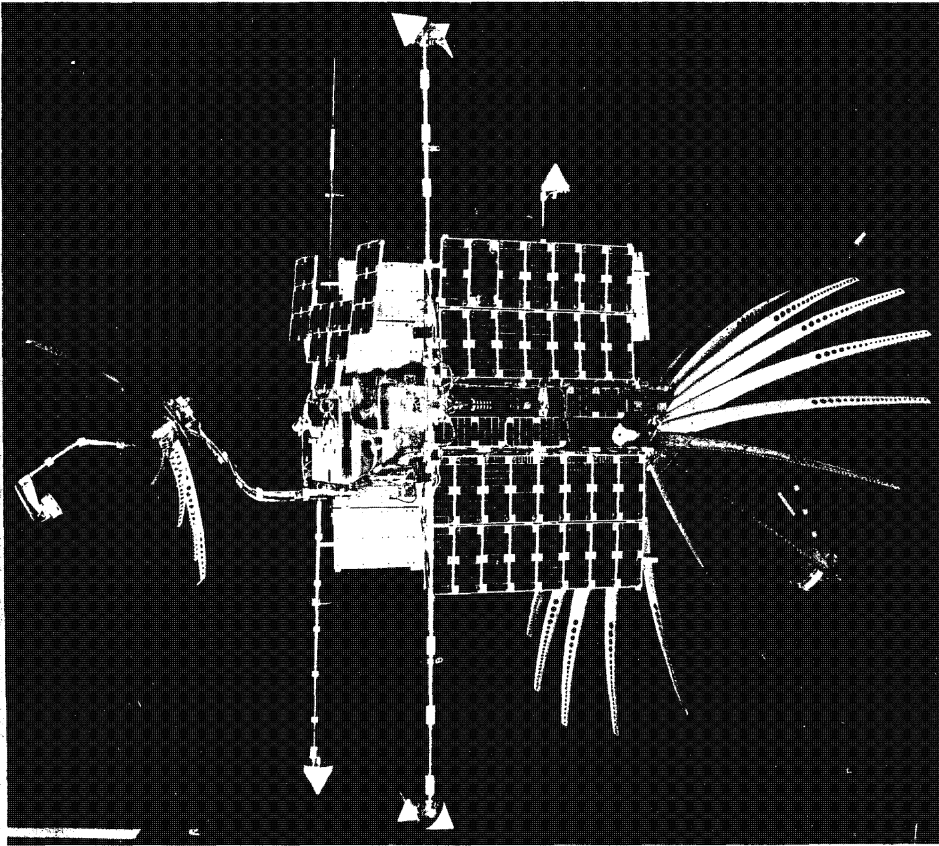
9 MONTHS

ORBITAL ALTITUDE

275 NM, CIRCULAR

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URSALA I & URSALA II



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PROJECT EARPOP**URSALA III & URSALA IV****MISSION**GENERAL SEARCH AND ELECTRONIC ORDER OF BATTLE
FOR PULSED AND CW EMITTERS**FREQUENCY RANGE**

2 TO 12 GHz

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

WEIGHT: 570 POUNDS

ANTENNAS: 2 PAYLOAD DISHES
2 PAIR OMNI INHIBITS
2 TELEMETRY AND COMMAND**INCENTIVE LIFE**

18 MONTHS

PLANNED LAUNCH

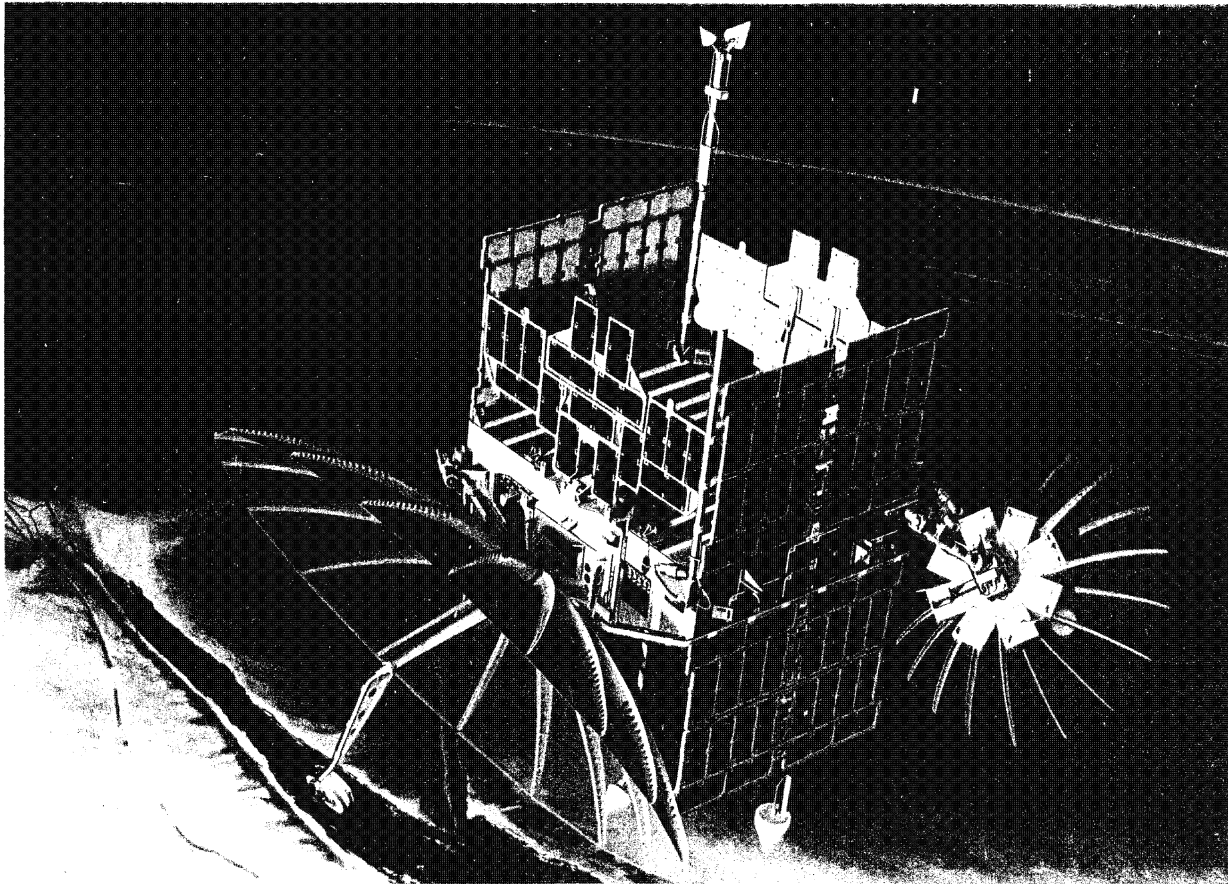
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ORBITAL ALTITUDE

275 NM, CIRCULAR

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URSALA III & URSALA IV



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PROJECT EARPOP**RAQUEL I****MISSION**

GENERAL SEARCH AND TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE FOR
PULSED AND CW RADARS

FREQUENCY RANGE

4 TO 18 GHz

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

WEIGHT: 565 POUNDS (FIRST OF NEW BLOCK OF INCREASED
CAPABILITY, HIGH RELIABILITY SPACECRAFT)

ANTENNAS: 3 PAYLOAD DISHES
3 PAIR OMNI INHIBITS
2 TELEMETRY AND COMMAND

INCENTIVE LIFE

18 MONTHS

PLANNED LAUNCH

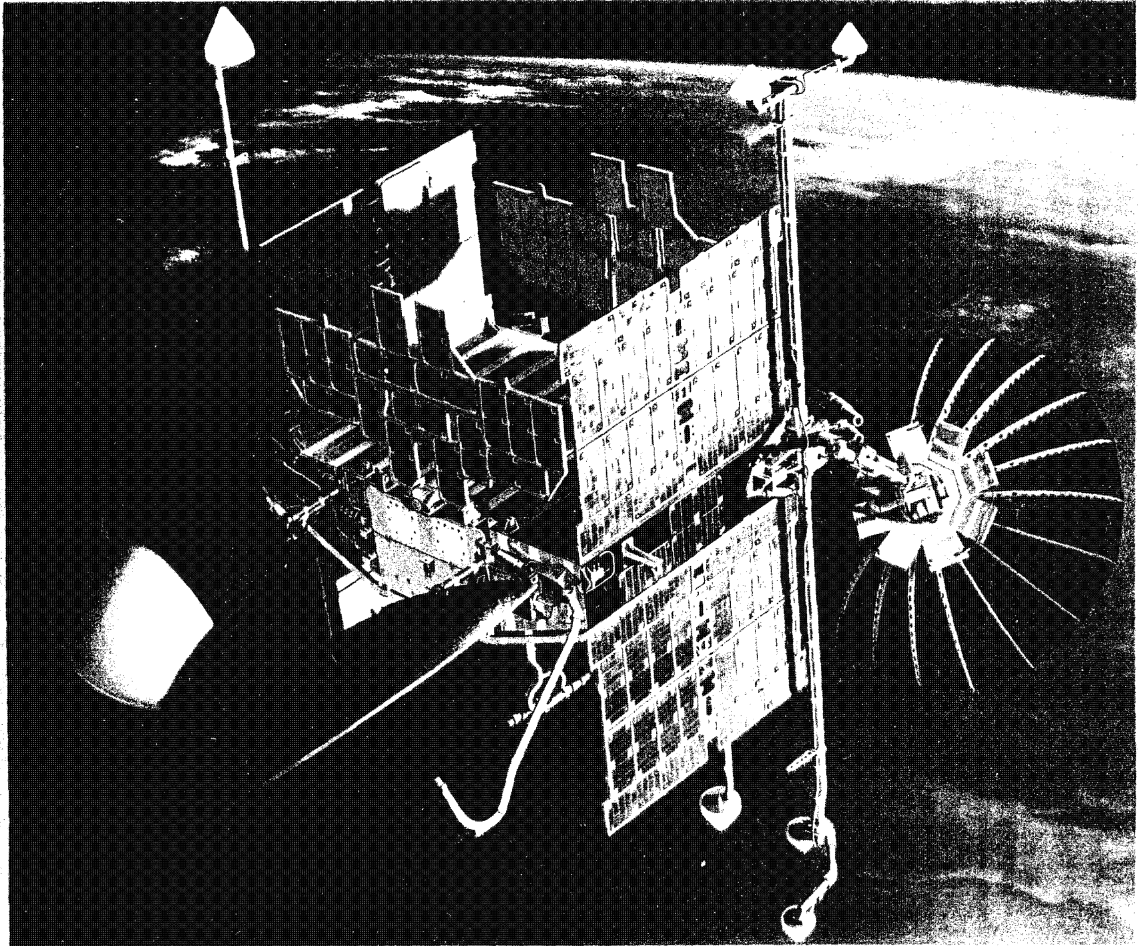
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ORBITAL ALTITUDE

PLANNED 274 X 282 NM (NEAR CIRCULAR)

PROJECT EARPOP

RAQUEL I



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