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X/4 SPACE -- SOVIETS LAUNCH TWO COSMOS

MOSCOW, AUG 27 (CMD)-- THE SOVIET UNION LAUNCHED TWO COSMOS SATELLITES -- 236 AND 237-- INTO ORBIT TODAY, TASS REPORTED.

THE AGENCY, IN SEPARATE ANNOUNCEMENTS, SAID EACH WOULD "CONTINUE RESEARCH OF OUTER SPACE UNDER THE PROGRAM THAT WAS ANNOUNCED EARLIER."

IN EACH CASE, TASS SAID THE EQUIPMENT ON BOARD WAS FUNCTIONING NORMALLY.

THE ORBIT OF COSMOS 236 RANGES FROM 600 TO 655 KILOMETERS ABOVE THE EARTH'S SURFACE AT AN INCLINATION OF 56 DEGREES. THE INITIAL PERIOD OF REVOLUTION IS 96.9 MINUTES.

COSMOS 237'S ORBIT RANGED FROM 201 TO 343 KILOMETERS AT AN INCLINATION OF 65.4 DEGREES AND THE INITIAL PERIOD OF REVOLUTION WAS 89.7 MINUTES.

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