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Cosmos 229, which the Soviets launched from the Plesetsk space and missile complex at about 1100Z, 27 June, was the 5th military reconnaissance satellite orbited by the Soviets during the month. This is by far the largest number of Soviet recsats launched in one month. It is not believed, however, that a sudden requirement for coverage of one or more high priority targets triggered this high traffic density in recsats; it is believed, rather, that the Soviets could be involved in a test of support facilities and command and control exercises utilizing recsat vehicles extensively. As of late June, a total of 13 had been launched during 1968; the same number launched in the comparable period of 1967.

The mission of Cosmos 229 is assessed as high-resolution photoreconnaissance. The craft was orbited by the SL-4 propulsion system. Its orbital inclination is 72.8 degrees.

In other Soviet receat developments, Cosmos 227 was de-orbited on 26 June, impacting at about 0557Z about 25 miles northeast of Ylinki. Launched on 18 June, its orbital lifetime overlapped that of Cosmos 228, which was launched on 21 June; it missed overlapping Cosmos 229's by less than 6 hours.

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Secondary Payload Separates from Recce Satellite Cosmos 228 in 2d Such Incident (8)

radar data suggests that an object separated from the primary payload of Cosmis 228 at about 0736Z,

July, on Revolution 159.

Essentially the same sequence of events occurred with respect

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to Cosmos 208, a recsat launched on 21 March this year, a secondary payload separated from that satellite between Revolutions 125 and 128. (Cosmoses 208 and 228 carried the same type of recce payload - a low-resolution camera system and ELINT-collection gear.)

Cosmos 228 will probably fly a 12-day mission, as did Cosmos 208, in contrast with the 8-day flights which are normal for Soviet reconnaissance satellites.

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