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OBJECTS IN ORBIT

OBJECT	CODE NAME	SOURCE	LAUNCH	NODAL PERIOD	INCLI-NATION	APOGEE S. MILES	PERIGEE S. MILES	TRANSMITTING FREQ. (MC/S)
1958 ALPHA 1	EXPLORER I	US	1 FEB 58	105.9	33.19	1060	239	
1958 BETA 1	ROCKET BODY	US	17 MAR 58	138.3	34.26	2648	441	
1958 BETA 2	VANGUARD I	US	17 MAR 58	133.8	34.24	2447	403	108.022
1959 ALPHA 1	VANGUARD II	US	17 FEB 58	125.3	32.87	2087	305	
1959 ALPHA 2	ROCKET BODY	US	17 FEB 58	129.6	32.90	2264	362	
1959 ETA 1	VANGUARD III	US	18 SEP 59	129.8	33.30	2298	338	
1959 MU*	LUNIK I	USSR	2 JAN 59	450D	0.01	1.3177AU	0.9766AU	
1959 NU*	PIONEER IV	US	3 MAR 59	398D	0.127	1.1421AU	0.9871AU	
1959 IOTA 1	EXPLORER VII	US	13 OCT 59	101.1	50.31	669	344	
1959 IOTA 2	ROCKET BODY	US	13 OCT 59	100.9	50.30	658	343	
1960 ALPHA*	PIONEER V	US	11 MAR 60	311.6D	3.35	.9951AU	.8061AU	
1960 BETA 1	ROCKET BODY	US	1 APR 60	99.1	48.41	463	429	
1960 BETA 2	TIROS I	US	1 APR 60	99.1	48.39	467	429	107.997
1960 BETA 3	NONE	US	1 APR 60	97.8	48.46	445	375	
1960 BETA 4	NONE	US	1 APR 60	99.8	48.15	503	434	
1960 GAMMA 2	TRANSIT 1B	US	13 APR 60	94.7	51.28	400	229	
1960 GAMMA 4	NONE	US	13 APR 60	96.8	51.21	458	299	
1960 EPSILON 1	SPUTNIK IV	USSR	15 MAY 60	91.4	65.02	268	160	
1960 EPSILON 3	NONE	USSR	15 MAY 60	92.9	64.89	350	170	
1960 EPSILON 4	NONE	USSR	15 MAY 60	POSITION UNCERTAIN				
1960 ZETA 1	MIDAS II	US	24 MAY 60	94.2	33.01	310	299	
1960 ETA 1	TRANSIT 2A	US	22 JUN 60	101.6	66.77	649	389	162;216
1960 ETA 2	GREB	US	22 JUN 60	101.6	66.77	655	382	
1960 ETA 3	ROCKET BODY	US	22 JUN 60	101.4	66.77	642	383	
1960 IOTA 1	ECHO I	US	12 AUG 60	116.2	47.30	1222	658	
1960 IOTA 2	ROCKET BODY	US	12 AUG 60	118.0	47.22	1049	932	
1960 IOTA 3	METAL OBJECT	US	12 AUG 60	118.2	47.20	1049	941	
1960 IOTA 4	METAL OBJECT	US	12 AUG 60	118.2	47.23	1071	922	
1960 IOTA 5	METAL OBJECT	US	12 AUG 60	118.3	47.20	1060	940	
1960 NU 1	COURIER 1B	US	4 OCT 60	106.9	28.20	750	604	107.9709
1960 NU 2	ROCKET BODY	US	4 OCT 60	106.4	28.29	751	576	
1960 XI 1	EXPLORER VIII	US	3 NOV 60	112.4	49.92	1409	258	
1960 XI 2	ROCKET BODY	US	3 NOV 60	112.2	49.98	1398	256	
1960 XI 3	NONE	US	3 NOV 60	110.8	49.39	1326	250	
1960 XI 4	NONE	US	3 NOV 60	111.7	50.52	1361	262	

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1960 PI 1	TIROS II	US	23 NOV 60	98.2	48.57	461	378	
1960 PI 2	ROCKET BODY	US	23 NOV 60	98.1	48.57	455	378	
1960 PI 3	NONE	US	23 NOV 60	98.1	48.46	453	383	
1960 PI 4	NONE	US	23 NOV 60	98.3	48.51	455	389	
1961 ALPHA 1	SAMOS II	US	31 JAN 61	94.9	97.40	339	295	
1961 ALPHA 2	METAL OBJECT	US	31 JAN 61	94.9	97.40	337	295	
1961 GAMMA 1*	VENUS PROBE	USSR	12 FEB 61	300D	0.581	1.0190AU	0.7183AU	
1961 DELTA 1	EXPLORER IX	US	16 FEB 61	118.1	38.81	1522	466	
1961 DELTA 2	ROCKET BODY	US	16 FEB 61	118.5	38.77	1605	405	
1961 DELTA 3	NONE	US	16 FEB 61	118.1	38.87	1555	438	
1961 DELTA 4	NONE	US	16 FEB 61	POSITION UNCERTAIN				
1961 EPSILON 1	DISCOVERER XX	US	17 FEB 61	92.8	80.91	339	167	
1961 ZETA 1	DISCOVERER XXI	US	18 FEB 61	92.6	80.74	348	146	
1961 KAPPA 1	EXPLORER X	US	25 MAR 61	POSITION UNCERTAIN				
1961 LAMBDA 1	DISCOVERER XXIII	US	8 APR 61	91.6	82.31	267	166	
1961 LAMBDA 2	CAPSULE	US	8 APR 61	95.1	81.94	527	119	
1961 NU 1	EXPLORER XI	US	27 APR 61	107.8	28.78	1108	303	
1961 OMICRON 1	TRANSIT 4A	US	29 JUN 61	103.8	66.81	620	547	54;150;324;400
1961 OMICRON 2	INJUN-SR-3	US	29 JUN 61	103.8	66.82	619	548	136.5
1961 OMICRON 3-45**	METAL OBJECTS	US	29 JUN 61					
1961 OMICRON 47-57**	METAL OBJECTS	US	29 JUN 61					
1961 RHO 1	TIROS III	US	12 JUL 61	100.3	47.90	510	457	108.0;108.03
1961 RHO 2	ROCKET BODY	US	12 JUL 61	100.3	47.85	502	462	
1961 RHO 3	METAL OBJECT	US	12 JUL 61	98.8	47.92	500	376	
1961 RHO 4	METAL OBJECT	US	12 JUL 61	101.9	47.89	581	480	
1961 SIGMA 1	MIDAS III	US	12 JUL 61	161.5	91.13	2208	2078	
1961 SIGMA 3	METAL OBJECT	US	12 JUL 61	161.2	91.13	2201	2062	
1961 SIGMA 4	METAL OBJECT	US	12 JUL 61	161.9	91.15	2208	2094	
1961 UPSILON 1	EXPLORER XII	US	16 AUG 61	1587.3	33.43	47627	481	
1961 ALPHA DELTA 1	MIDAS IV	US	21 OCT 61					
1961 ALPHA EPSILON 1	DISCOVERER XXXIV	US	5 NOV 61	96.2	82.52	571	140	

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1961 ALPHA ETA 1	TRANSIT IV-B	US	15 NOV 61	105.6	32.43	689	593	136.8;54;324;150;400
1961 ALPHA ETA 2	TRACC	US	15 NOV 61	105.6	32.43	694	589	136.65;54;324
1961 ALPHA ETA 3	ROCKET BODY	US	15 NOV 61	105.5	32.41	686	588	
1961 ALPHA KAPPA 1	DISCOVERER XXXVI	US	12 DEC 61	90.8	81.21	252	135	
1961 ALPHA KAPPA 2	OSCAR	US	12 DEC 61	88.2	81.21	112	112	
1962 ALPHA 1	RANGER III	US	26 JAN 62	SOLAR ORBIT				

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**FIFTY FIVE METAL OBJECTS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS HAVING BEEN LAUNCHED WITH 1961 OMICRON 1 AND 1961 OMICRON 2. OBJECTS OF THIS SERIES THAT HAVE DECAYED CAN BE FOUND IN THE DECAYED OBJECTS LISTS.

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE DECAYED OBJECTS LIST:

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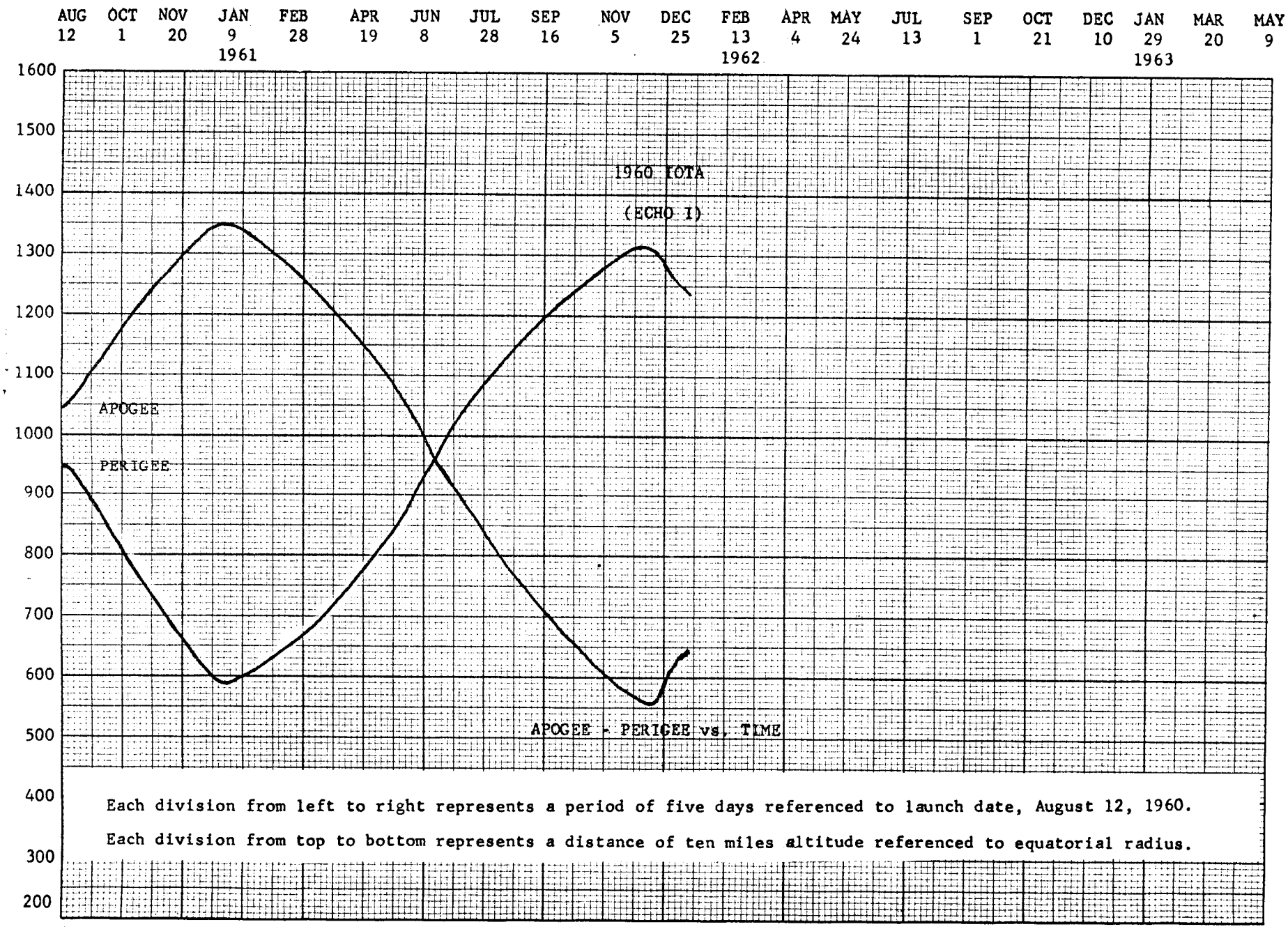
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