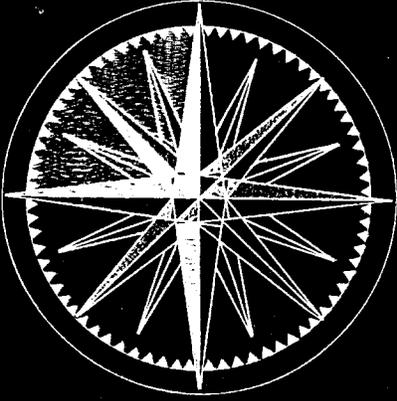


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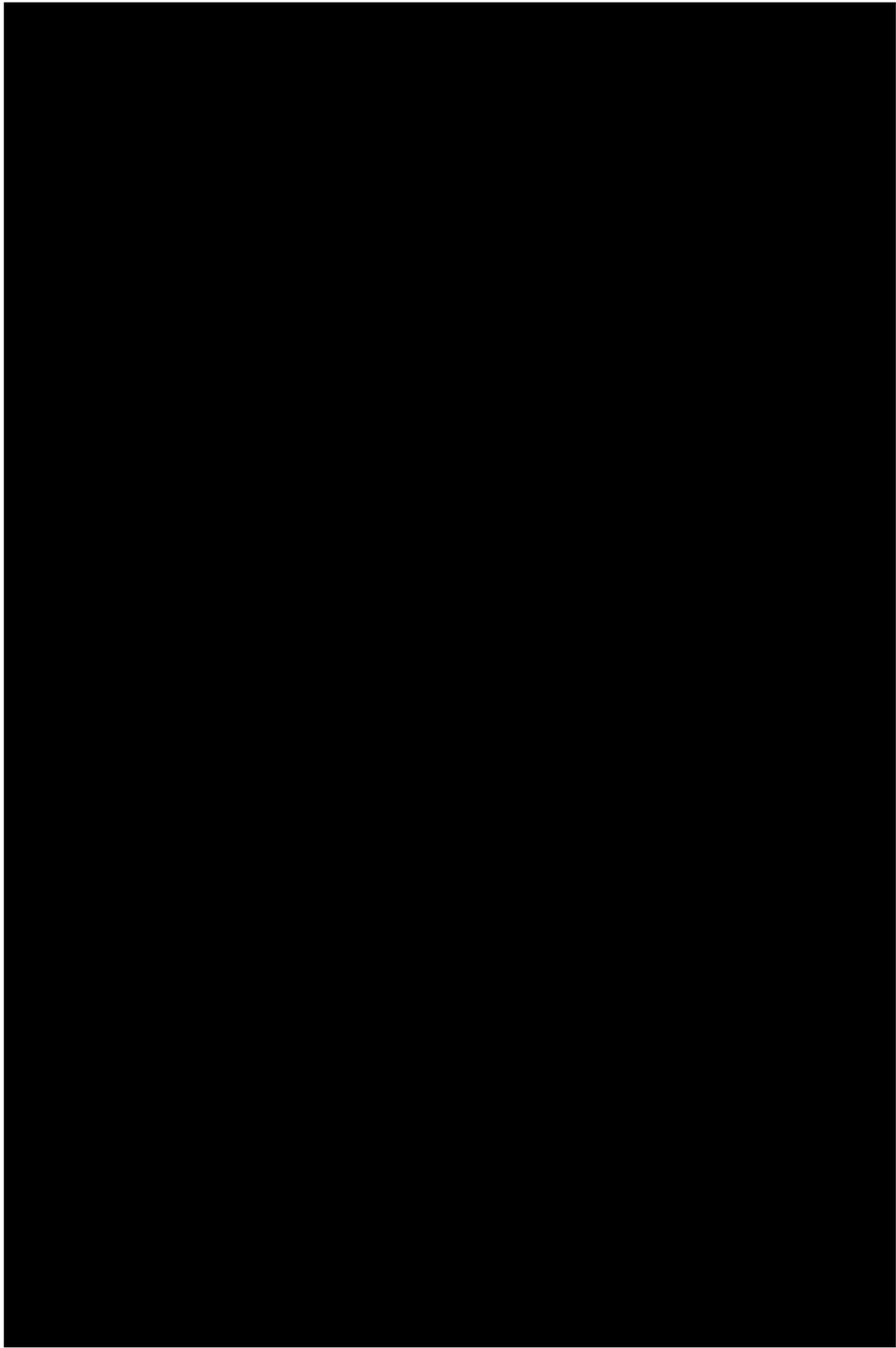
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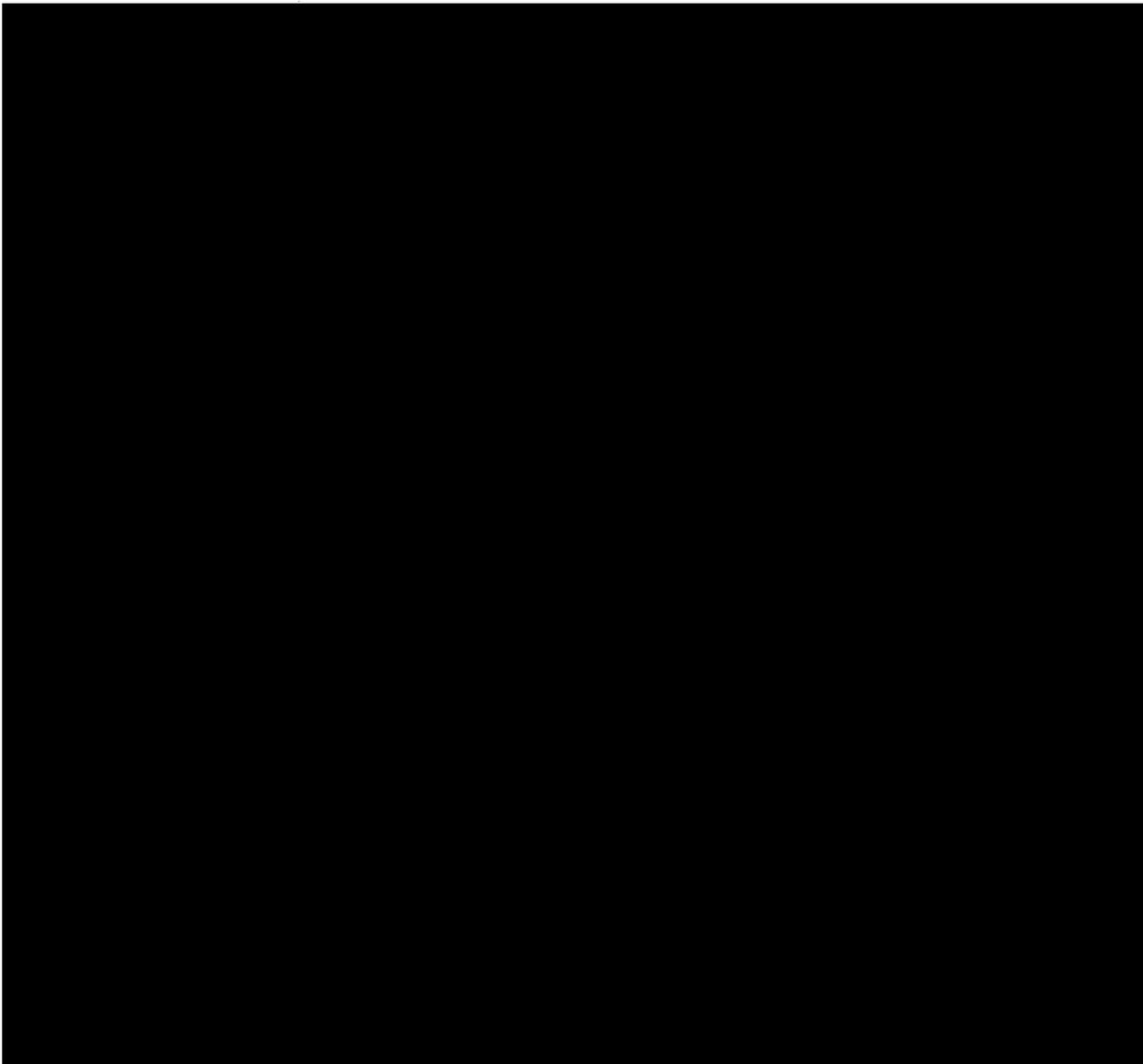
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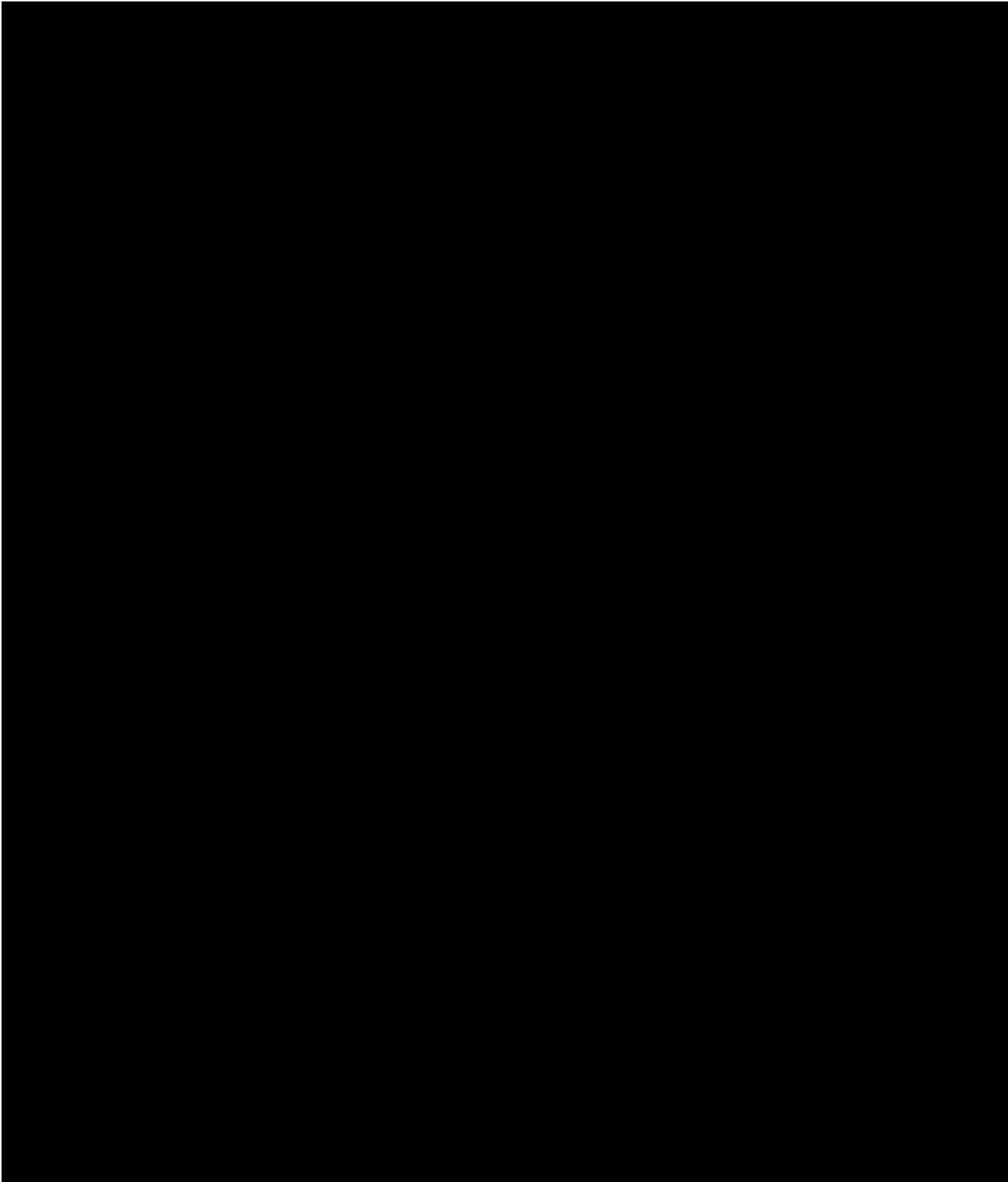


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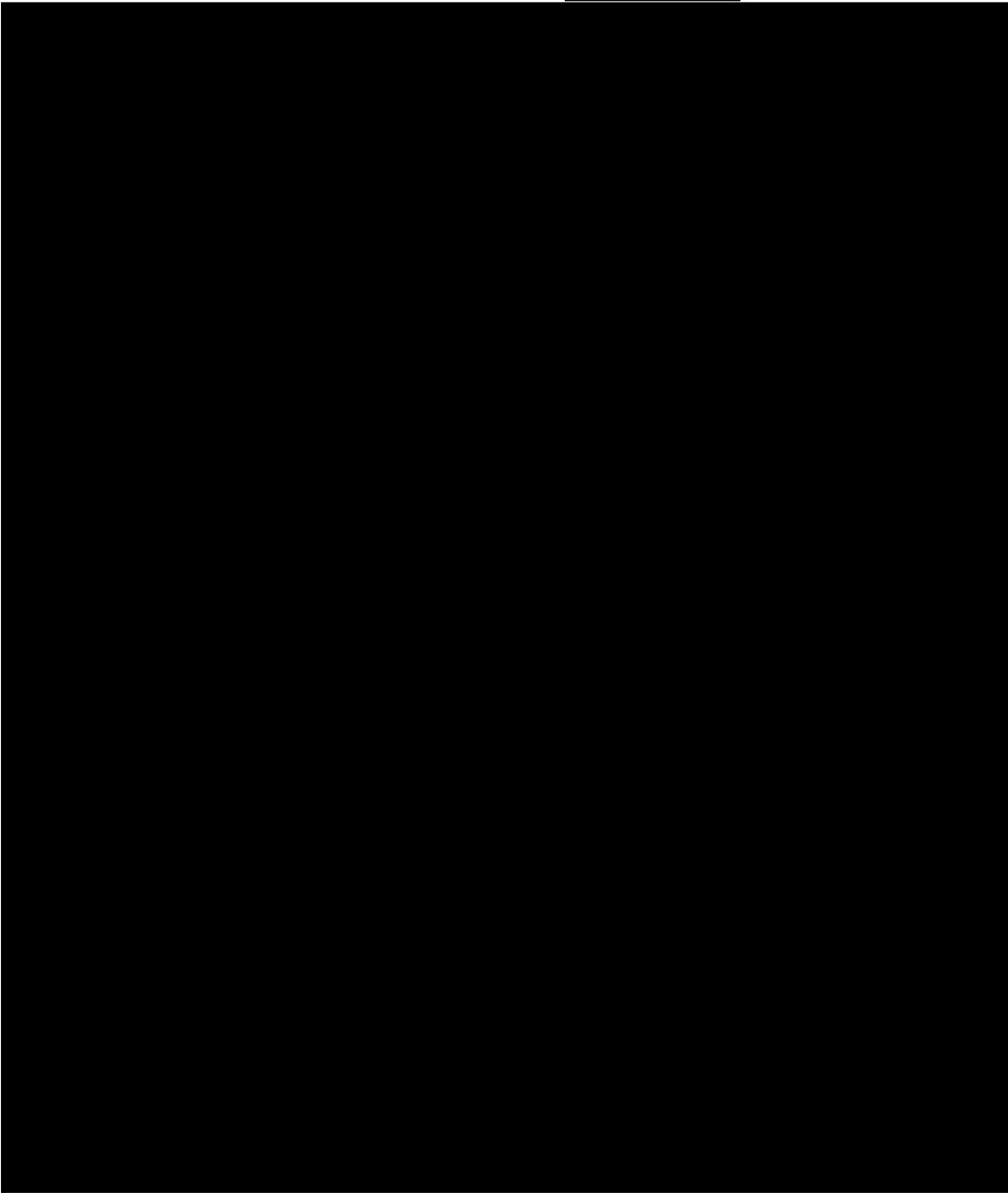
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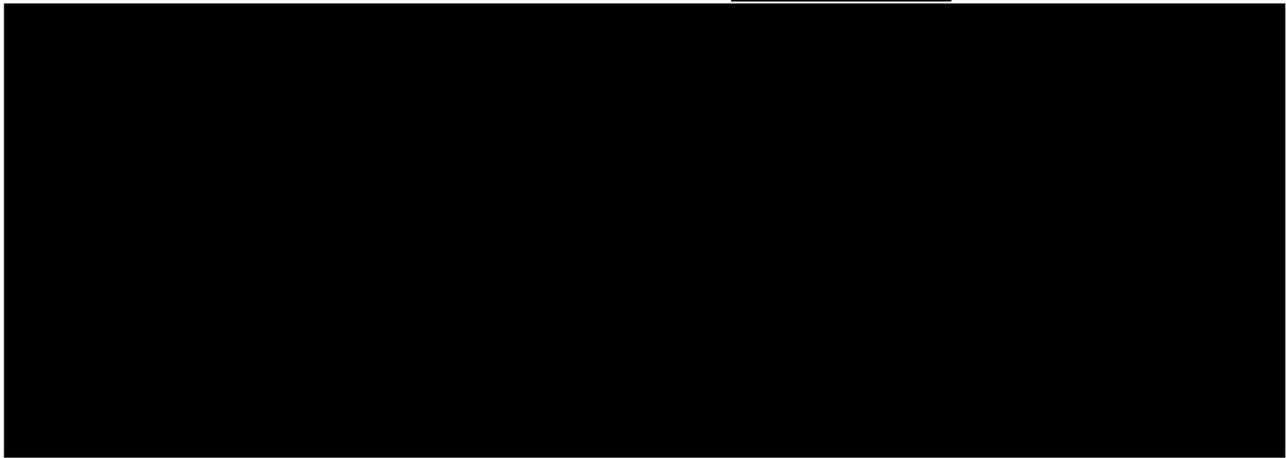
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The optimum period for a lunar probe will be between 24 and 26 August.

If a lunar probe is attempted, its mission probably will be different from that of Luna 9, which successfully photographed the moon's surface in February, and from that of Luna 10, which collected data on the lunar environment in April. They may try to achieve another space "first," possibly a circumlunar mission and return to earth, or the soft landing of a payload that will scoop up and analyze a sample of lunar soil and transmit the findings back to earth.

■ Soft landing attempt
■ Lunar orbiting attempt

SOVIET LUNAR PROGRAM

LAUNCH DATE	SOVIET DESIGNATION	OUTCOME OF EACH FLIGHT PHASE						
		Launch by ICBM	3rd Stage to Orbit	Stabilization in Parking Orbit	4th Stage Ejection	Spacecraft Midcourse Functions	Arrival Functions	Mission Operations
4 Jan 63		■				■ FAILURE		
3 Feb 63		■	■ FAILURE					
2 Apr 63	LUNA 4	■					■ FAILURE	
21 Mar 64		■	■ FAILURE					
20 Apr 64		■	■ FAILURE					
12 Mar 65	COSMOS 60	■				■ FAILURE		
10 Apr 65		■	■ FAILURE					
9 May 65	LUNA 5	■						■ FAILURE
8 Jun 65	LUNA 6	■					■ FAILURE	
4 Oct 65	LUNA 7	■						■ FAILURE
3 Dec 65	LUNA 8	■						■ FAILURE
31 Jan 66	LUNA 9	■						■ SUCCESS
1 Mar 66	COSMOS 111	■				■ FAILURE		
31 Mar 66	LUNA 10	■						■ SUCCESS