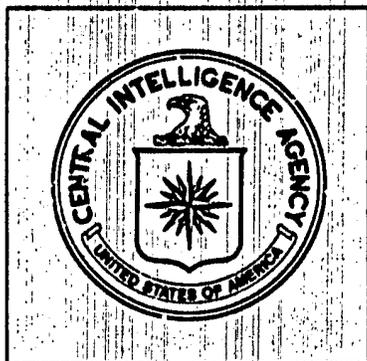


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PRIORITIES
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As of late 1973 the People's Republic of China had assigned top priority to the design and development of various types of reconnaissance satellites. Communications satellites were accorded second priority while space research satellites were third in priority.

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Little emphasis remained on purely scientific space related research and this was left to CAS.

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[REDACTED] We have seen good evidence since 1971 of a program to develop a satellite-borne camera system. And there are visible signs of the existence of an ongoing domestic communications satellite program. However, Chinese scientists have also announced a meteorological satellite would be launched soon.

It is also apparent to us that the purely scientific portions of the space program have taken a back seat to the military oriented portions.

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