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## THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF



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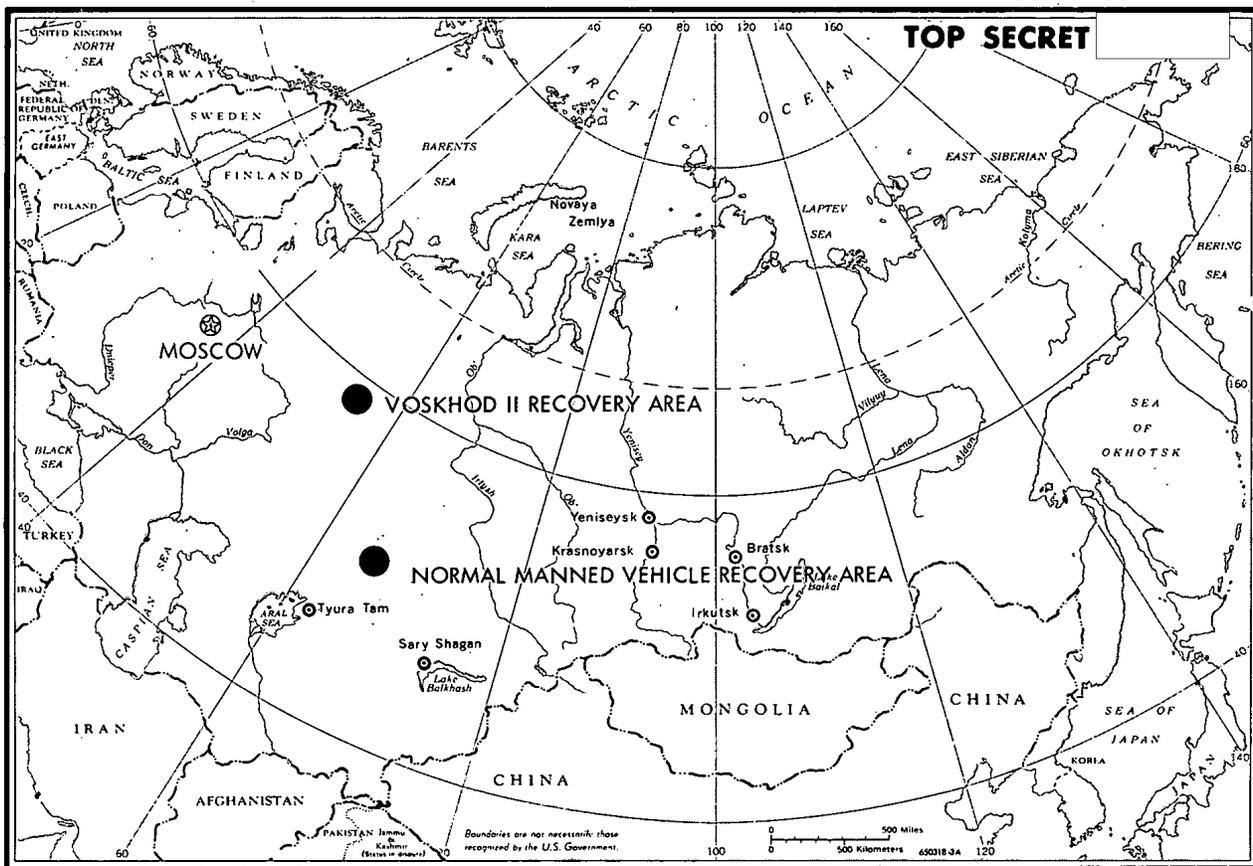
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# SOVIET MANNED SPACE FLIGHTS

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FLIGHT	DATE	PILOT	DURATION	CAPSULE WEIGHT	ACHIEVEMENTS
VOSTOK I	12 Apr 61	Col Yu. A. Gagarin	1 hr, 48 min	10,425 lbs	First man in orbit.
VOSTOK II	6 Aug 61	Maj G. S. Titov	25 hr, 18 min	10,432 lbs	Extensive testing of man's performance under weightlessness, including control of capsule.
VOSTOK III	11 Aug 62	Maj A. G. Nikolayev	94 hr, 22 min	10,364 lbs	Proved ability to accomplish a near pass of two vehicles (about 3.5 nm). Scientific data on prolonged weightlessness. Simultaneous tracking and control of two vehicles. Extensive experimentation with manual control.
VOSTOK IV	12 Aug 62	Lt Col P. R. Popovich	70 hr, 57 min	10,364 lbs	
VOSTOK V	14 Jun 63	Lt Col V. F. Bykovskiy	119 hr, 6 min	10,412	First woman in space. First non-pilot in space. Comparison of male and female. Capsule to capsule communication.
VOSTOK VI	16 Jun 63	Jr Lt V. V. Tereshkova	70 hr, 50 min	10,425	
VOSKHOD I	12 Oct 64	Col V. M. Komarov Crew: K. Feoktistov Dr. B. B. Yegerov	24 hr, 17 min	Est. approx. 12,000 lbs	First multi-manned flight. First scientific personnel in orbit.
VOSKHOD II	18 Mar 65	Col P. Belyaev Lt Col A. Leonov	26 hr 2 min	12,000 lbs	Leonov first man to leave capsule in space.

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1. Vietnam

Post-strike photography shows that heavy damage was inflicted on several North Vietnamese targets in yesterday's raid. Nearly half the buildings at the Phu Yen supply depot were destroyed. A nearby ammunition dump and army barracks were severely damaged.

So far no Communist military reaction to the strike has been noted. It is possible that the Chinese Communists in the past few days have moved additional high-performance jet fighters to South China airfields.

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[redacted] A Chinese transport made a nonscheduled flight to Hanoi yesterday.

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The Viet Cong are keeping up the pressure, especially in the northern provinces of South Vietnam where activity has been at a high level for some weeks now.

The Armed Forces Council reportedly met today and decided to return General Minh as commander in chief of the armed forces. His other job as chief of staff was given to General Cao.

2. USSR

As of noon EST it cannot be established that the two Voskhod-2 cosmonauts have been found. [redacted]

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[redacted] and we may not be getting all reflections of the rescue operation.

The weather in the area (nearly 60°N-- see map) is poor again today with a low ceiling and poor visibility. It was snowing this morning.

Tass has acknowledged that there was trouble with the descent. The Soviet agency has given the impression that the two men are well, but has been chary of post-impact detail.

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### 3. Cyprus

Papandreou has rejected the Turkish proposal for direct Greek-Turkish talks on Cyprus, according to a press report from Athens. The Greek prime minister has long felt that such talks would be unproductive.

In Ankara, press and radio treatment of the Cyprus impasse seems designed to acclimatize Turkish opinion to the possibility of forceful action.

Some of the heat seems to have been drawn out of the confrontation between Turkish and Greek Cypriots in the western part of the island, but the situation there and elsewhere remains tense.

### 4. Bolivia

The Bolivian constitution requires that President Barrientos resign by next Friday if he wishes to run in this year's election. He is reluctant to do so, fearing that he would quickly lose control of the government and the situation, most likely to armed forces chief Ovando. The maneuvering among contending figures promises to be intense next week, and, since Bolivian politics are rough and tumble, events could take a violent turn.

### 5. Ceylon

The Ceylonese go to the polls Monday to choose between Prime Minister Bandaranaike's leftist coalition and the relatively conservative parties backing Dudley Senanayake. Most observers are inclined to give the edge to Senanayake. If elected, he would likely continue Ceylon's nonaligned policy but would be considerably more sympathetic to US positions than was Mrs. Bandaranaike.

### 6. USSR

The signs are still indistinct, but it looks as if Soviet party chieftain Brezhnev is beginning to whittle down his chief rival, Podgorny. Podgorny has been getting less public attention for the last few months and, recently, the party press has started to snipe indirectly at him. Brezhnev, however, is probably not yet in a strong enough position to move openly and directly against his colleague.

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PRESS INFORMATION INCLUDING OFFICIAL TASS RELEASES WHICH HAS BECOME AVAILABLE EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON WASHINGTON TIME SUGGESTS THAT THE SOVIET COSMONAUTS BELYAYEV AND LEONOV HAVE BEEN RESCUED. TASS HAS REPORTED THAT "THEY ARE RESTING AMONG FRIENDS" BUT "THAT THEY ARE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF DOCTORS." IT IS FURTHER STATED THAT THE COSMONAUTS THANKED OFFICIALS IN PERM ALTHOUGH THEY MADE SPECIAL MENTION OF THE COLD WEATHER CONTRASTING IT TO THE CORDIAL HOSPITALITY.

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[Redacted] A SISTER PAPER IN MOSCOW HAS STATED THAT THE COSMONAUTS WILL ARRIVE IN MOSCOW IN "NO SOONER THAN 3 OR 4 DAYS." IN COMMENTING ON THE TASS RELEASE REUTERS NOTED THAT GRANDSTANDS ARE BEING ERRECTED IN RED SQUARE.

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