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According to a Soviet general officer with missile responsibilities not related directly to the space program, the USSR in spring 1962 was preparing to launch two astronauts in one capsule in order to impress the world with new achievements of Soviet science. The two-man capsule had been completed, and in June 1962 was undergoing testing at Korolev's Bureau at Podlipki. Rockets were also being prepared for launchings to Venus and Mars.

1. [Redacted] Comments: Cf. Reference for further information on KOROLEV'S Design Bureau.

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