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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//INFO SITUATION ROOM FOR MR FAZIO.  
WARNING NOTICE SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS INVOLVED

~~ITEM NO: WH-1~~

DATE: 6 NOV 74

SUBJECT: LUNA 23 LANDS ON THE MOON

REF : OSR MORNING BRIEFING, 6 NOV 74, SECRET

THE SOVIETS' UNMANNED SPACE PROBE, LUNA 23, LANDED ON THE MOON EARLY THIS MORNING. THE SPACECRAFT IS EXPECTED TO COLLECT A FEW OUNCES OF SOIL SAMPLES AND RETURN TO EARTH, WITH RECOVERY IN THE SOVIET UNION OCCURRING EARLY NEXT WEEK.

THE SOVIETS HAVE ATTEMPTED AT LEAST FOUR MISSIONS OF THIS SORT SINCE MID-1969. ONLY LUNA 16 IN SEPTEMBER 1970 AND LUNA 20 IN FEBRUARY 1972 WERE SUCCESSFUL--BOTH STAYED ON THE MOON ABOUT 24 HOURS AND RETURNED TO EARTH WITH LESS THAN A POUND OF SOIL.

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