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1. When questioned on the antennae used in the satellite, Blagonravov evaded the question by saying that he did not know such technical details of the satellite. He also stated that the USSR considers this satellite merely an experiment in the over-all development of the Soviet satellite program, and that it was simple in construction and definitely had only transmitters and power supply in it.
2. Blagonravov made the statement that at the time he left Moscow there were two satellites "ready to be fired," but the time of the launching had not been decided. According to Blagonravov, the firing program had been "speeded up" and that the satellite which was actually launched was the simpler of the two models.

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