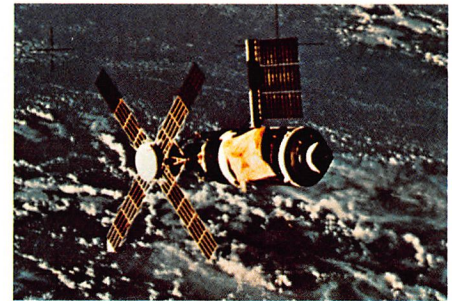


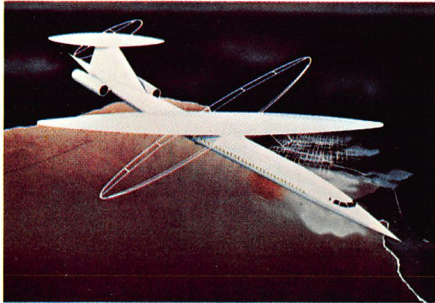


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15th ANNIVERSARY of NASA



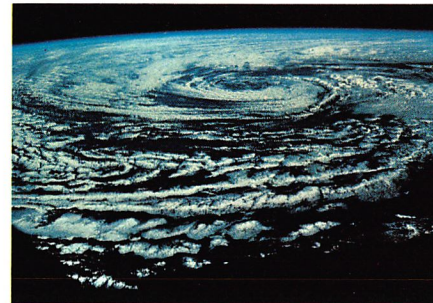
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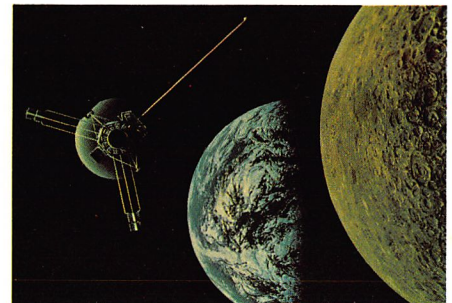
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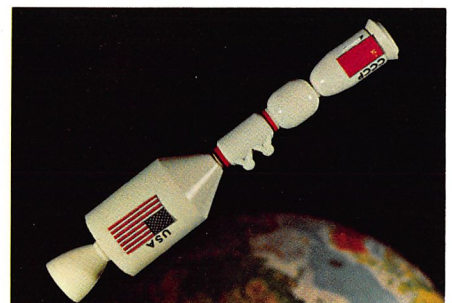
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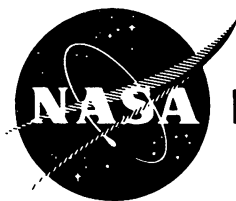


ENVIRONMENT



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION





NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration observes the 15th anniversary of its establishment on October 1, 1973. In an anniversary statement, Administrator James C. Fletcher said:

“For 15 eventful years now—under four Presidents—we have borne the responsibility of moving America into the space age, while also maintaining American leadership in the closely related field of aeronautical research.

“This is a significant anniversary, not just because of the number 15, but because so much has been accomplished in the five years since we celebrated our 10th anniversary in 1968.

“It is a happy anniversary because we have successfully completed the major programs of our first 15 years (except Skylab, which still has several months to go) and because we have now made a good start on the new programs that will help make the next 15 years in space exciting and productive, including ASTP, the Space Shuttle, ERTS, Viking, and the first fly-by missions to Jupiter and Mercury.

“We will concentrate during the 1970s on improving our technology...and our capabilities for using manned and unmanned spacecraft in Earth orbit. And unmanned exploration of the planets is going to be much more varied, much more ambitious, and, I hope, much more rewarding in the next few years than in the first 15.”

Note: Photographs have been chosen to illustrate major NASA achievements and new programs approved for the next five years.