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MINIMAL HEALTH HAZARD.

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WOULD ALSO POSE

RADIOACTIVE PARTICLES REACHING THE

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CLASSIFIED LAUNCHED : THE SOVIETS MOLNTYA 3/9 /SPUT 1228) A COMMUNICATIONS RELAY SATELLITE. FROM PLESETSK AT ABOUT 9651Z ON 24 JANUARY. THE INITIAL 63-DEGREE INTO PARKING ORBIT BOOSTER. ON REVOLUTION ZERO, THE IGNITED TO INJECT THE SATELLITE INTO A HIGHLY BLLIPTICAL. NEARTY SEMISYNCHRONOUS ORBIT.

THE GOVIETS NORMALLY MAINTAIN A NETWORK OF 4 VIABLE MOLNIYA 38.

SEPARATED BY ABOUT 90 DEGREES IN RIGHT ASCENSION. MOLNIYA 3/9

WAS PLACED INTO THE SAME APPROXIMATE ORBITAL PLANE AS MOLNIYA

SO WAS AND PROBABLY IS INTENDED TO REPLACE THAT SATELLETE. THE

FOLLOWING DEPICTS THE CURRENT NETWORK OF ACTIVE MOLNIYA 38:

RIGHT ASCENSION

CLASSIFIED		SATELLIT	E LAUNCH DATE	(AS OF 24 JAN 78)
CLAS		MOL 3/3	14 NOV 75	179 DEGREES
_		MOL 3/5	12 MÁY 76	353 DEGREES
CLASSIFIED		MOL 3/6	8 DEC 76	86 DEGREES
CLA		MOL 3/7	28 APR 77	259 DEGREES
		MOL 3/8	28 OCT 77	354 DEGREES
		MOL 3/9	24 JAN 78	178 DEGREES

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AS MOLNIYA 3/5 AND PROBABLY WAS INTENDED TO REPLACE THAT

SATETLITE.

TASS ANNOUNCED THE LAUNCH OF MOLNIYA 3/9 AND PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING ORBITAL PARAMETERS: APOGEE 21941 NM3 PERIGEE 357 NM3 #477k

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