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EXPLORER VI "PADDLEWHEEL" SATELLITE LAUNCHED INTO ELLIPTICAL ORBIT

THOR-ABLE III TAKEOFF -- The Thor-Able III rocket, carrying Explorer VI in its nose, takes off from the launching pad at Cape Canaveral, Florida. The 90-foot vehicle boosted the "Paddlewheel" satellite into an extremely elliptical orbit -- apogee 26,400 miles and perigee 157 miles -- a flight pattern which is delighting U.S. scientists because of the additional information the wider orbit is providing. (59-11400)



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