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## THE U.S. SPACE PROGRAM

Ever since Explorer I, the first U.S. satellite, was orbited on January 31, 1958, the nation has been expanding its space program. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) conducts the peaceful, scientific exploration of space with both manned and unmanned vehicles. Hundreds of scientists and many thousands of engineers, technicians, and other workers in NASA, industry, and universities are co-operating in the varied space programs. The United States collaborates with 55 other countries in projects such as tracking satellites, training research workers, and collecting and distributing scientific data.

Upper left photo shows a model of the Saturn rocket containing a two-man lunar excursion vehicle designed for launching to the moon. Upper right sketch depicts how the rocket will orbit the moon while the two-man vehicle goes down for a landing. Bottom photo shows top NASA officials, from left: Administrator James E. Webb, Associate Administrator Robert Seamans; D. Brainerd Holmes, director of the Manned Space Flight Office, and Dr. Joseph Shea, deputy director for systems, Manned Space Flight Office.

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