



MARINER II MODEL -- President Kennedy receives a model of Mariner II, the instrument-laden spacecraft which passed Venus in mid-December and is now orbiting the sun. The model was presented by James E. Webb (center), head of the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration, in a ceremony at the White House in Washington January 17. At left is Dr. William Pickering of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, where the spacecraft was built. Mr. Kennedy called the study of the Planet Venus by Mariner II "an extraordinary technical accomplishment" that ranks with the orbital flights of United States astronauts. (63-339)



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