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Arctic Concept -- Soyuz rockets from the Baikonur launch complex near the Aral Sea in Kazakhstan, USSR.

The Major objective of the program will be the inflight testing of a jointly-designed international docking mechanism. Also, experience will be gained for the conduct of potential joint flights by the U.S. and USSR spacecraft, including, in case of necessity, rendering aid in emergency situations. Launch is set for July 15, 1975. The Apollo crew of astronauts are Thomas P. Stafford, commander; Vance Brand, command module pilot; and Donald K. Slayton, docking module pilot. The Soyuz crew are Aleksay Leonov, commander and Valeriy Kubasov, flight engineer.

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