PRE-LAUNCH MISSION CHECKS -- Gemini-6 astronaut Wally Schirra (left) goes over a Gemini mission chart with Alan Shepard during the countdown for lift-off December 15 at Cape Kennedy, Florida. Astronaut Shepard, who rode the first Mercury capsule into space in a sub-orbital flight in 1961, was crew director for the Gemini-6 flight. (65-3600)

