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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 cooperating 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.

Watching from the end of a wind tunnel, an engineer conducts tests with a model command module and escape tower of the Apollo spacecraft now under development. Three U.S. astronauts are scheduled to fly within the command module before 1970 to land on the moon. The first test flight around the earth may take place in 1964.

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