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RESOLUTION 1721 B (XVI) BY STATES LAUNCHING OBJECTS INTO
ORBIT OR BEYOND

Letter dated 23 June 1969 from the Permanent Representative of France
addressed to the Secretary-General

In conformity with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 1721 (XVI), the French Government has the honour to inform you of the launching of two satellites which are the property of the European Space Research Organization (ESRO).

The French Government is acting on behalf of all States members (Belgium, Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom) of this international organization which has its headquarters in Paris, and as depositary of the Convention for the establishment of this organization a convention, which has been registered with the United Nations.

Particulars concerning the launching of the two satellites are as follows:

1. IRIS (name of first ESRO satellite).

Placed in orbit on 17 May 1968 by a Scout rocket from the Western Test Range in California.

Characteristics:

inclination	98.22 degrees
perigee	350 kilometres
apogee	1,100 kilometres
orbital period	99 minutes

2. AURORAE (name of second ESRO satellite).

Placed in orbit on 3 October 1968 by a Scout rocket from the Western Test Range in California.

Characteristics:

inclination	93.76 degrees
perigee	259.94 kilometres
apogee	1,519 kilometres
orbital period	103 minutes

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Armand BERARD
