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

Note verbale dated 10 October 1979 from the Permanent Mission of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United
Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to General Assembly resolution 1721 B (XVI), has the honour to inform the Secretary-General that a British satellite, Ariel VI, was launched into the earth's orbit on 2 June 1979.

Further details of the launch are as follows:

- (a) Designation of the space object
or its registration number: Ariel VI No 7904701
- (b) Date and territory or location
of launch: 23.26 GMT 2 June 1979
Wallops Island, Virginia, USA
- (c) Basic orbital parameters:
 - (i) Nodal period: 1 h 37 min 11 sec
 - (ii) Inclination: 55.0266°
 - (iii) Apogee: 7037.0897 km) with respect to
 - (iv) Perigee: 6970.9716 km) earth's centre
- (d) General function of the
space object: Detection of heavy cosmic
particles and X-ray astronomy