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Note verbale dated 13 April 1987 from the Permanent
Representative of Japan to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit, in accordance with the provisions of article IV of the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space, the information on scientific satellite ASTRO-C (GINGA), launched on 5 February 1987 by the Institute of Space and Astronautical Science (ISAS).

Annex

1. Name of satellite: ASTRO-C (GINGA)
2. Designation: 1987-012A
3. Name of launching State: Japan
4. Date of launch: 5 February 1987, 6.30 (GMT)
5. Location of launch: Kagoshima Space Centre, Kagoshima, Japan
6. Basic orbit parameters:
 - (1) Period 96.5 minutes
 - (2) Inclination 31.1 degrees
 - (3) Apogee 673.5 km
 - (4) Perigee 505.5 km
7. General function: The observation of variabilities of X-rays from active galactic nuclei and galactic compact sources
8. Launch vehicle: MU-3SII-3
9. Launching organization: Institute of Space and Astronautical Science (ISAS)
