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Note verbale dated 8 April 1993 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 notify him, in conformity with article IV of the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space, of the launching of space objects on behalf of Japan, with registration details as follows:

1. Superbird A1

Name of satellite: Superbird A1
Designation: 1992-084A
Name of launching States: Japan and France

Date of launch: 1 December 1992, 2248 GMT
Location of launch: Guiana Space Centre, French Guiana

Basic orbital parameters:
Nodal period: 1436'11.8"
Inclination: 0.00155397 degrees
Apogee: 35,806.080 km
Perigee: 35,771.035 km

General function: Domestic communications

Launch vehicle: Ariane 4
Launching organization: ArianeSpace

2. Astro-D "ASCA"

Name of satellite: Astro-D "ASCA"

Designation: 1993-011-01

Name of launching State: Japan

Date of launch: 20 February 1993, 0200 GMT

Location of launch: Kagoshima Space Centre
Kagoshima, Japan

Basic orbital parameters:

Nodal parameters: 96.1 minutes

Inclination: 31.1 degrees

Apogee: 622.0 km

Perigee: 524.6 km

General function: Imaging and spectroscopic observation of various
astronomical objects (stars and galaxies) in the
X-ray band

Launch vehicle: M-3SII-7

Launching organization: Institute of Space and Astronautical Science
(ISAS)
