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EVA (extra vehicular activity): During radiotraffic on 15 Dec. 1989 cosmonauts answered questions of the reporter Bezhayev. One question suggested something to be done by the cosmonauts on Dec. 19th. He asked their opinion about this for them, possibly, most important day during this flight. He said that this day, the 19th, was a day the cosmonauts have been waiting for so very long. So it might be possible that they have to do their first EVA. We will wait and hear. The cosmonaut answerred, but this happened when MIR was coming into LOS for my position.

PROGRESS-M2 WILL BE LAUNCHED 20 DEC. 1989:

So not on Dec. 15th but on Dec. 20th Progress-M2 will be launched for a days flight to MIR. Docking possible on Dec. 22d, appr. 0400UTC (so when MIR and Pr-M2 still out of our range) or at appr. 0540UTC (6 minutes after LOS for the first pass over here for that day.)

DECAY DATE PROGRESS-M1:

This freighter undocked from MIR on Dec. 1st 1989, at 0902UTC, out of our range and decayed.

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