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MODULE-T (KRISTALL) LAUNCHED!!

Kristall has been launched from Baykonur on 31 May 1990 at 1033UTC for a 6-day during flight to the MIR station. The launch and operations on the 1st day went well. This has been confirmed in a radioconversation between cosmonauts and a trackingship.

TELEMETRY KRISTALL: Monitoring the frequencies used during the flight of Module-D did not have success. So possibly to Kristall other TLM frequencies have been allotted. The long flight of Kristall makes it possible to search for the frequencies in use. Suggestions: the normal bands in 165 and 166 mc, the 922.755 mc (Dopplershift carrier), 247.500 and 247.450 mc.

ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL KRISTALL: 6 JUNE 1990 at appr. 1030UTC. Docking must be an interesting little bit risky operation (we did not forget the events during the operations with Kvant-1 in April 1987 and Module-D on 2 Dec. 1989!) If no radiotraffic on 143.625 mc during first passes on June 6th: check 121.750 mc (for safety the cosmonauts might undergo approach and docking in their 'lifeboat').