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MODULE-T (KRISTALL) NI SLUKHU NI DUKHY (Neither word nor sign):

As of 8 April 1990 nor the cosmonauts nor Moscow spoke about the so long expected launch of this moduile. There has been a lot of radiotraffic, but this only referred to repair- and modification work and about the tests with the new OBC. Cosmonauts also have been involved in the normal routine experiments: geophysical - and astrophysical observations, the study of biological processes aimed for medicine production in future and measurements on their own cardio an vasculair systems.

REPAIRS: These had to be done secure the good functioning of the life-supportin systems: air pressure control and water regeneration system. The cosmonauts possibly also installed new equipment. There were problems with the temperature on board the ship S-TM9; too low. Possibly due to unproper thermical cover.

FLIGHT OF SOVJET JOURNALIST TO MIR IN JULI 1990 CANCELLED:

There will be such a flight in future but after the flight of a Japanese journalist in Nov. 1990 (or Dec. 1990, they also spoke about take off on 2 Dec. 1990).

Possible reasons:

1. to keep the 3d chair of S-TM9 free for cargo to bring back to earth, or 2. a new plan to add a 3d (real) cosmonauts in the mission in July 1990