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GRCSW REPORTS WEEK'S SECOND SUCCESSFUL INSTRUMENT LIFT
AT WALLOPS ISLAND

Dallas, Texas

The second successful instrument lift of the week from Wallops Island, Va., was reported by telephone Friday morning to the Division secretary at the Graduate Research Center by Nick Eaker, project engineer, on the scene.

"Everything went well. The antennas were deployed; they were cut to ten feet. The clam shell deployed. And we're bringing home the data."

The 80-pound MIP, earlier scheduled for flight April 14, was successfully launched Thursday night at 11:59 P.M., as part of the continuing program of ionospheric experiments and studies under GRC's Division of Atmospheric and Space Sciences. Assoc. Prof. Walter J. Heikkila is supervisor of the experiments.

The launch of the first of the three scheduled instrument lifts, the 58-pound PIP (Pulsed Ionospheric Probe) Wednesday morning, April 6, at 11:30 A.M., was successful to the extent that launch of a duplicate unit was cancelled. The MIP was launched in its place.

Mrs. Mary Culwell, secretary, Division of Atmospheric and Space Sciences, reports the project team enroute home to the Center: Nick Eaker, project engineer; Karl Tipple, research engineer; Warren Wilson, senior electrician technician. Joe Carnahan, mechanical designer for the project, returned from Wallops Island the first of the week.