

# Mankind Is Warned to Prepare For Discovery of Life in Space

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The agency's 190-page report, prepared at a cost of \$96,000, was for the space agency's committee on long-range studies. The authors, headed by Donald N. Michael, also recommended further study of other space activities, including the diplomatic and propaganda effects and the implications of communications and weather satellites.

On the question of life in outer space, the report said that if intelligent or semi-intelligent beings were discovered in the next twenty years they would probably be found by radio communications with other solar systems.

Evidence of such existence "might also be found in artifacts left on the moon or other planets," it said.

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# SATELLITE TO MOON DELAYED TILL TODAY

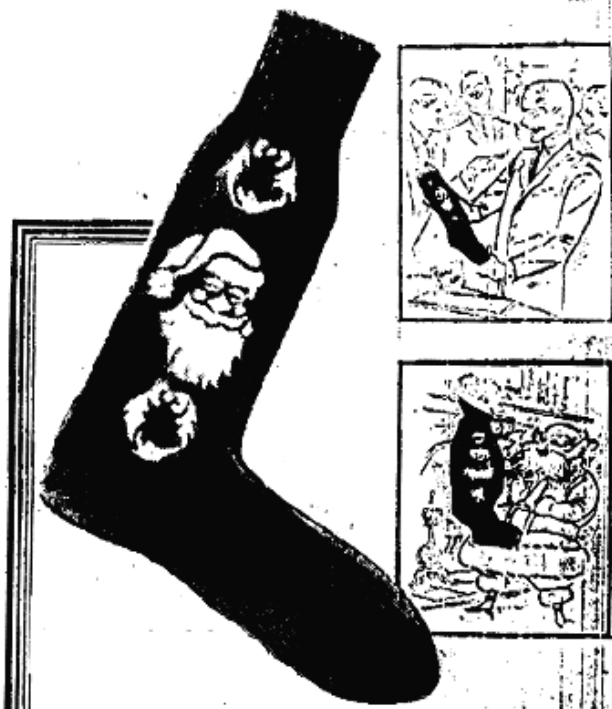
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla., Dec. 14 (AP)—Space scientists hope to try again today to launch an instrument-packed spacecraft toward an intended orbit around the moon. The effort was postponed early today after the rocket was within seven minutes of the scheduled lift-off time. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration blamed technical difficulties. If successful, the space craft,

called Pioneer VI, will be the United States' first lunar satellite.

Today was the second day of a two-day period in which there is a favorable possibility for the launching. If the fuel is not used by Saturday, the launch will be postponed until the next optimum period, said Jan. 9.

Cradled in the nose of ninety-eight-foot Atlas-Able, a 385-pound payload designed to make extensive study of moon's environment. It crammed with sensitive e-

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