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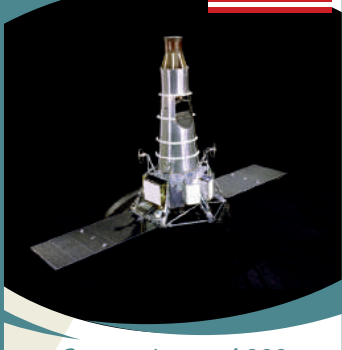
First spacecraft to reach the Moon's surface

Luna 3 




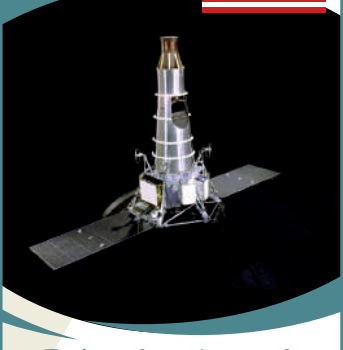
Flyby returned first images from the far side of the Moon

Ranger 7 




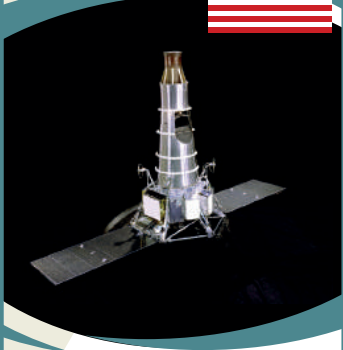
Sent back over 4,000 photographs of the Moon's surface before crashing

Ranger 8 





Took surface photos of the Moon to find Apollo landing site

Ranger 9 



Sent quality television pictures back to Earth that were watched by millions of viewers

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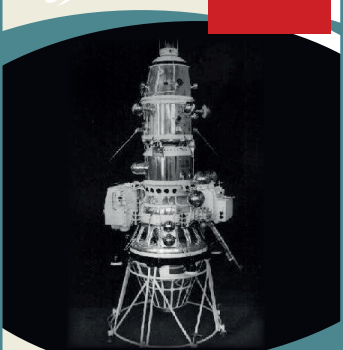
Flyby to test technology for future missions

Luna 9 





First spacecraft to land on the Moon and send back data

Luna 10 

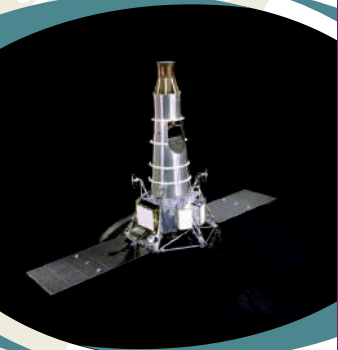


First spacecraft to orbit the Moon

Ranger 8





February 1965

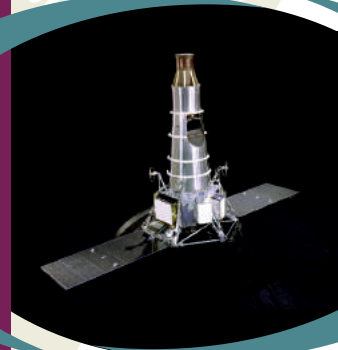


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Ranger 7



July 1964



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October 1959



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September 1959

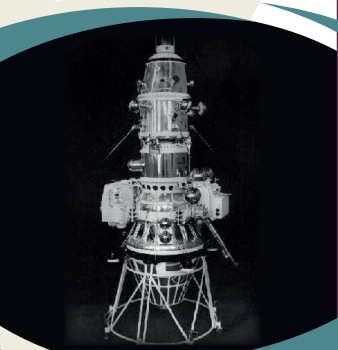


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Luna 10





March 1966

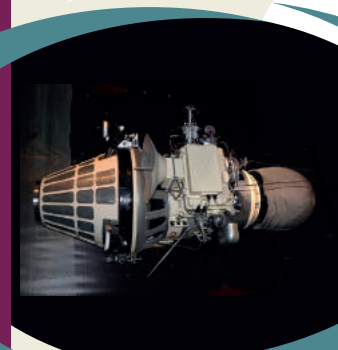


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Luna 9




January 1966

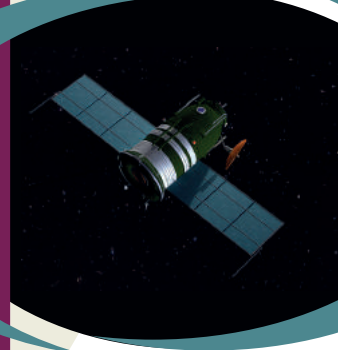


Credit Pline

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July 1965

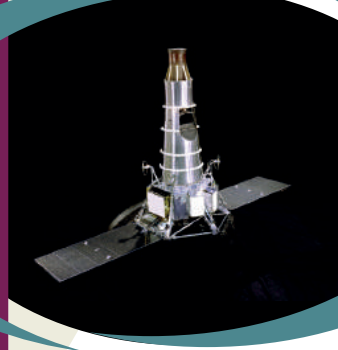


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Ranger 9



March 1965



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