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1. Launch of Soyuz-TM8 for flight to MIR planned for 6 Sept. 1989 (Moscow time). If the orbit of MIR will be maintained the launch might take place on 5 Sept. 1989 at abt. 2200UTC. First radiotraffic can be heard over here on 6 Sept. 1989 at abt. 0100UTC. Frequ. 121.750 mc/FM-N. Call-signs: Crew with Viktorenko: VITYAZY, VITYAZ-1 and VITYAZ-2, if crew with Solovyov: RODNINKI, RODNIK-1 and RODNIK-2.

2. Docking S-TM8 with MIR can be expected after a flight of appr. 49 hours, so 8 Sept. 1989, at abt. 2300UTC (In SU already 9 Sept.)

3. Crews: Viktorenko and Serebrov, stand-in: Solovyov and Balandin.

4. This crew will return on 19 Febr. 1990.

5. The first huge Module D will be launched in Oct. 1989. This module will fly autonomously for 7 days before docking to the Transitions Section (axial port) of MIR. Thereafter using manipulating arm the module will be redockd to a lateral port. So from then on the station will have an L-shape.

6. Statements about the launch of the second Module T are contradictory. Possibly plans with this module can be altered after the experience with the first module. (For instance the balance of the station during the L-shape.)

7. TELEMETRIE: TLM a/b Soyuz-TM8 on 166.138 mc. This enables us to be sure that S-TM8 is within our range. MIR has TLM on 166.125 and 165.870mc. This transmitter does not transmit continuously but can be switched on towards end of pass over our QTH.