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STAR SPANGLED SPACE MESSENGER!

The missile - a 90-foot Thor-Able triple stage rocket...

Its payload - the paddlewheel "Explorer Six" satellite, here being packaged for its flight into space inside the missile's nose cone. The most complex American space traveler to date, Explorer Six will probe newly-discovered radiation belts that circle the earth, and send back the first rough space picture of earth and its cloud cover.

With the satellite now inside its needle nose, the great Air Force rocket stands ready at Cape Canaveral.

The tense seconds tick by. Always the agony of waiting to see if all goes well. Now!

The instruments indicate a perfect launching! Explorer Six is headed for orbit - the longest orbit yet - a 91-thousand-mile sweep around the earth. The paddles, converting sunlight into electricity, will power the radio signals telling of America's newest triumph in space!