

Sputnik Lost: Zond 13 Mission Transcript

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[Begin, 21:29, Mission time T+78:12:46]

Command: Baikinor complex - Radio Check!
Circumlunar Frequency 314.59

Mission Commander Sasha: "Game Master" reporting. Transmission acknowledged.

C: Confirmed. Landing will commence soon. Per mission parameters, you will remain aboard the Zond, and provide guidance and description for those traveling to the surface.

C: Will the landing crew please state their names for Pravada? Give us two adjectives to describe yourself as well. There is a pre-approved list provided to meet party expectations.

Quick	Determined	Like a Bear
Eagle Eyed	Scientific	Patriotic
Flexible	Resourceful	Intuitive

C: Biomedical Telemetry confirmation Required. Please rate your fitness in following categories, 4 for best, 1 for least, each number used once.

Strength	Perception
Agility	Mental Acuity

C: Safety Check all seals, prepare for crew transfer [**static**] Neyet! Revise! Radar to ZM phase, suit up, crew transfer, de-couple, correct procedure. We can't afford more mistakes like that. Slide-rule estimates only give you 1 in three chance of success per rank you gave on BioMed - though if you've got the right attribute, its up to 50/50 - Sasha will keep you informed.

C: Mind your training - Mass remains, even if weight is different - so even a weakling rated one in Strength can lift 240 kilos, and the man with a four can lift 1440kg!

C: Confirming suit connections. Each has six hours of oxygen provided. Injury, stress, and minor suit leaks add up to about 30 min lost per failure in an incident. Be careful no refills up there!

C: Sasha - please fill out and confirm Equipment checklist:

Item	#	Y	Item	#	Y
1.5m electric bore drill	1	*	Metallic-cloth 1.5m ²	3	*
10m safety line	2	*	Mechanic kit	1	*
Rock hammer	2	*	20kw fuel cell	1	*

[Documents Missing - LK-3 Equipment

Manifest total mass/volume =1.8m³/175kg, Sasha may supplement as reasonable]

Unknown: Great Lenin's Ghost - What is that! [**static, unknown screech, indistinct chanting**]

[Uplink Lost... No Recontact Confirmed.
Transcript End: 21:45, T+78:28:11]

On July 3, 1969, a Soviet N-1 Moon Rocket was launched from Tuytrantum Military Launch Facility carrying a small crew into space. They never returned.

Thirteen days later, Apollo 11 was launched, and was officially recored in the history books as the first lunar landing, while in typical Soviet fashion, all information about their plans for a moonshot were eradicated and denied. Until messages like this one appeared.

LK Personnel Status:

Biomedical	Rate #	Adjective
Strength		1.
Perception		2.
Agility		Oxygen Remaining
Mental Acuity		6 - 5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1 -- D

The ratings are the number of six sided dice assigned to an attribute. When a test is made, each die that comes up 5/6 is a success. If Sasha (the GM) believes one or more of a character's adjectives applies, then 3-6 is a success. 1 success is for a hard task, 2 for a very difficult one. 0 are needed for anything less - these are highly trained bet in their class cosmonauts after all.

Obstacles/Aliens(?) are given dice instead of a static target number. If their roll is more than the cosmonaut's, then the human loses a number of 30min units of oxygen equal to the excess successes of the hazard.