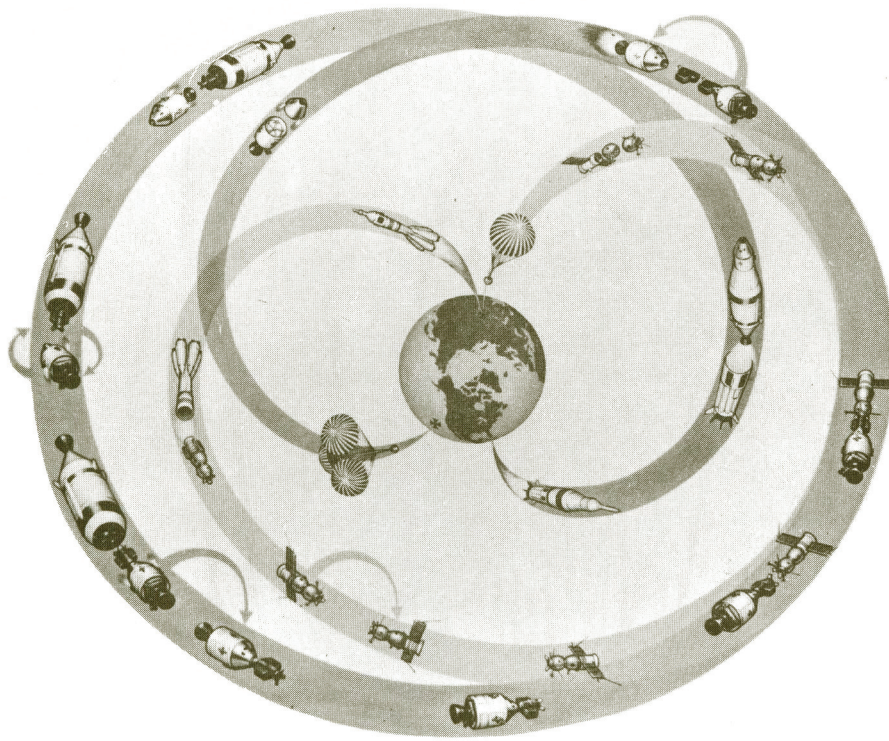




APOLLO SOYUZ TEST PROJECT



FIRST DAY OF ISSUE



This set of two se-tenant 10¢ commemorative stamps had its first day of issue at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida on July 15, 1975. That was the launch date of the two spacecraft, the Soyuz from Russia and the Apollo from the United States.

Two different designs were used and as in the flight itself, this set was an international effort. The U. S. designed stamp was by space artist Robert McCall of Paradise Valley, Arizona. The U. S. S. R. design was by Soviet artist Anatoly M. Askamit.

The stamps were distributed in sheets of 24 and were printed in yellow, red, gray, cyan, blue and black. There are six plate numbers on each sheet, and the modeler of the stamp was Ronald C. Sharpe of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

