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## Dec. 4 Launching Set for U.S. 'Moon'

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26 (AP)—Navy scientists hope to launch the first U.S. test satellite a week from tomorrow—just two months after Russia's pioneer Sputnik was fired into distant space.

A source high in the Vanguard satellite project said December 4 has been picked for the attempt to send aloft a six-pound sphere six inches in diameter.

The attempt, he said, will be made about dawn at the U.S. Missile Test Center, Cape Canaveral, Florida, if conditions are not right at that time, the source said, another effort will be made perhaps two days later.

Such a test firing would be in line with plans previously announced. Those plans call for one or more launchings of small test spheres in December, with a fully instrumented 21-pound satellite to be fired into orbit in March.

There has been some talk of a January launching of the fully-developed satellite if the test succeeds.

Russia's first Sputnik, launched October 4, was described as a 184-pound sphere about 23 inches in diameter. The Russians have said their second satellite, fired into the skies on November 3 with a dog aboard, weighs about half a ton.