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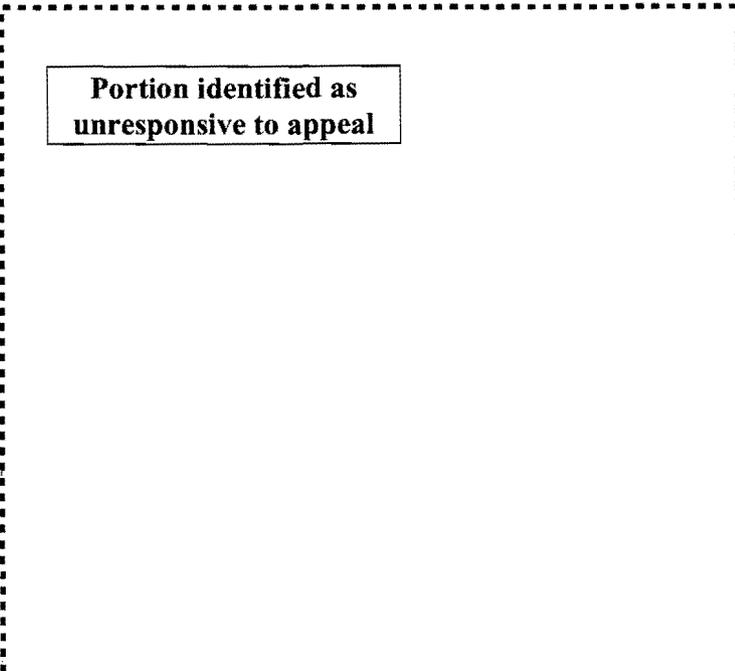
1. Soviet Union

A launch "window" for Venus will be open soon and the Russians probably will take advantage of it to attempt two or three probes to the planet. The best day will be about 13 January, but the launches could be made several days on either side.

The Soviets may try a repeat of their Venus 4 mission. This probe, while not a complete success, sent back data on the Venusian atmosphere before it hit the planet in October 1967.

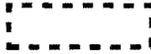
From their present positions, the Soviet space support ships could back up a Venus shot and other space events as well.


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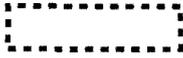


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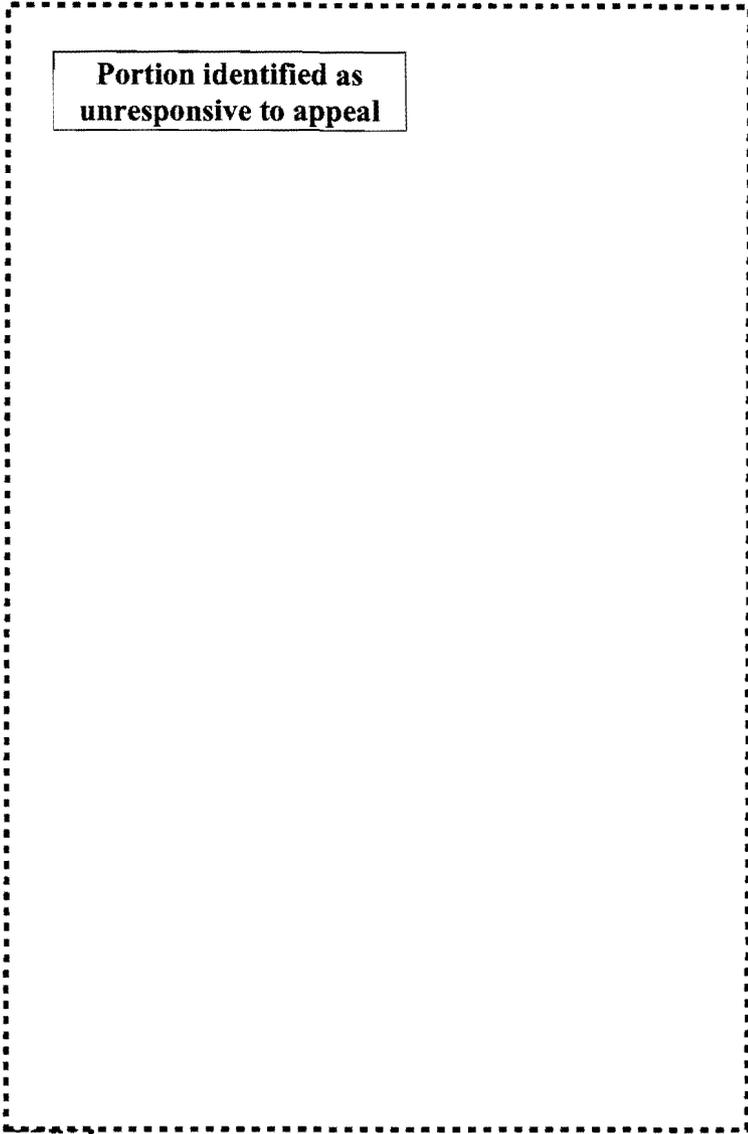


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