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00:00:13,290 --> 00:00:18,250

The updated Saturn I Quarterly Film Report
Number 28 covers progress during the period

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00:00:18,250 --> 00:00:28,849

April, May, June 1966.

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00:00:28,849 --> 00:00:33,840

In preparation for the launch of AS-203, the
Chrysler-built booster for the second updated

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00:00:33,840 --> 00:00:39,410

Saturn I launch vehicle was whipped from Marshall's
Michoud Facility on April 7.

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00:00:39,410 --> 00:00:42,290

It Arrived at Cape Kennedy five days later.

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00:00:42,290 --> 00:00:46,750

It was moved into hanger AF for pre-erection
inspection and checkout.

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00:00:46,750 --> 00:00:52,470

On April 18, the stage was erected on LC 37B.

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00:00:52,470 --> 00:00:57,740

On April 4, the Douglas-built second stage
was flown from the west coast to Cape Kennedy,

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00:00:57,740 --> 00:01:03,690

marking the first delivery of flight-type
second stage aboard the Super Guppy.

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00:01:03,690 --> 00:01:08,060

On April 14, the instrument unit was flown
from Marshall to the Cape aboard the Super

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00:01:08,060 --> 00:01:10,220

Guppy.

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00:01:10,220 --> 00:01:17,130
The nosecone was barged from Marshall to KSC aboard the Poseidon last quarter.

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00:01:17,130 --> 00:01:22,140
On April 21, the second stage, instrument unit, and nosecone were attacked atop the

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00:01:22,140 --> 00:01:23,140
booster.

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00:01:23,140 --> 00:01:29,360
Prelaunch activities for AS-203 then got underway and continued through the quarter.

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00:01:29,360 --> 00:01:34,400
The prime mission of AS-203 will be to place the second stage with about ten tons of liquid

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00:01:34,400 --> 00:01:38,670
hydrogen into a circular orbit of 100 nautical miles.

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00:01:38,670 --> 00:01:43,310
This will allow Marshall space scientists to study the dynamics of liquid hydrogen under

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00:01:43,310 --> 00:01:48,600
weightlessness and verify that the stage's engine can be restarted in orbit.

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00:01:48,600 --> 00:01:54,850
Objectives of the tests include determining if the continuous venting system and thrusters

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00:01:54,850 --> 00:01:59,150
will properly seep the liquid hydrogen in the bottom of the tanks and if the engine

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00:01:59,150 --> 00:02:06,490
can be adequately chilled down to simulate
Saturn V S-IVB orbital operations.

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00:02:06,490 --> 00:02:11,040
At Marshall's System Development Facility,
in unison with Launch Preparations at Kennedy

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00:02:11,040 --> 00:02:17,069
Space Center, work efforts continued on development
and verification of the computer program tapes

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00:02:17,069 --> 00:02:18,400
of automatic checkout of AS-203.

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00:02:18,400 --> 00:02:24,909
AS-203 is scheduled for launch on July 5.

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00:02:24,909 --> 00:02:31,239
Following completion of vehicle erection at
Launch Complex 34 last quarter, SA-202 continued

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00:02:31,239 --> 00:02:34,549
in preflight checkout throughout the report
period.

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00:02:34,549 --> 00:02:37,719
AS-202 launch is planned for next quarter.

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00:02:37,719 --> 00:02:42,950
Its mission will be to launch the Apollo spacecraft
into suborbital flight ending in the Pacific

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00:02:42,950 --> 00:02:45,120
Ocean near Wake Island.

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00:02:45,120 --> 00:02:49,659
During reentry, the spacecraft ablative heat
shield will be tested under the high heat

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00:02:49,659 --> 00:02:57,239

loads of reentry.

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00:02:57,239 --> 00:03:01,239

At Marshall's Michoud Assembly Facility,
Chrysler completed post-static checkout May

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00:03:01,239 --> 00:03:04,430

25 on the booster for the fourth flight vehicle.

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00:03:04,430 --> 00:03:09,010

The stage is scheduled for shipment to the
Cape next quarter.

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00:03:09,010 --> 00:03:13,290

Following the second successful static firing,
a leak was detected inside the thrust chamber

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00:03:13,290 --> 00:03:17,379

on engine position number four of the fifth
flight booster.

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00:03:17,379 --> 00:03:21,439

Investigation revealed a horizontal crack
in a tube about ten inches below the injector

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00:03:21,439 --> 00:03:22,439

face.

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00:03:22,439 --> 00:03:26,700

The engine was removed and shipped to Rocketdyne
Neosho for a repair.

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00:03:26,700 --> 00:03:31,400

The booster was shipped back to Michoud on
April 7, arriving six days later.

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00:03:31,400 --> 00:03:36,790

Modification was performed, including replacement of the repaired engine, and post-static checkout

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00:03:36,790 --> 00:03:40,680
began on May 31.

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00:03:40,680 --> 00:03:44,969
Pre-static checkout of the six flight vehicle booster was completed early this quarter.

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00:03:44,969 --> 00:03:49,769
The stage was shipped to Marshall from Michoud May 19, arriving May 28.

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00:03:49,769 --> 00:03:53,169
It was installed in the Static Test Stand May 31.

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00:03:53,169 --> 00:03:58,819
A short-duration firing was conducted June 23, followed by a long-duration firing June

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00:03:58,819 --> 00:03:59,819
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00:03:59,819 --> 00:04:05,040
This test series marks another milestone in the Saturn IB Program since the Rocketdyne-built

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00:04:05,040 --> 00:04:09,450
engines have been updated to 205,000 pounds thrust.

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00:04:09,450 --> 00:04:14,559
No problems were encountered except for a thrust chamber leak on one engine, which necessitated

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00:04:14,559 --> 00:04:16,800
engine removal for a repair.

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00:04:16,800 --> 00:04:22,130
A replacement engine was installed to preserve
schedule, and the stage is undergoing preparation

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00:04:22,130 --> 00:04:26,919
for shipment to Michoud, planned for next
quarter.

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00:04:26,919 --> 00:04:31,600
Assembly of the first stage for the seventh
flight vehicle was completed in mid-quarter.

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00:04:31,600 --> 00:04:36,820
Pre-static checkout got underway May 31, about
two and one-half weeks ahead of schedule.

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00:04:36,820 --> 00:04:41,510
Checkout is scheduled for completion early
next quarter.

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00:04:41,510 --> 00:04:45,020
Fabrication of the eighth flight booster was
completed early this quarter.

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00:04:45,020 --> 00:04:52,120
Stage assembly started April 14 and is scheduled
for completion early next quarter.

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00:04:52,120 --> 00:04:55,220
Fabrication of the ninth flight vehicle was
completed in June.

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00:04:55,220 --> 00:04:57,090
Assembly is underway.

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00:04:57,090 --> 00:05:01,750
Also at Michoud, fabrication of the tenth
flight vehicle was started in early April

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00:05:01,750 --> 00:05:05,810
and continued throughout the report period.

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00:05:05,810 --> 00:05:10,700
Chrysler has only two more boosters remaining
to be manufactured under the present contract.

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00:05:10,700 --> 00:05:14,650
All of the long lead time items for these
two have been procured.

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00:05:14,650 --> 00:05:20,610
First stage LOX tank qualification testing
continued early this quarter by Chrysler at

68
00:05:20,610 --> 00:05:21,690
Michoud.

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00:05:21,690 --> 00:05:28,120
Both the seventy inch and the 105 inch tanks
were tested to 125 percent design load, meeting

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00:05:28,120 --> 00:05:32,520
test completion deadline and requirements
for SA-203.

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00:05:32,520 --> 00:05:38,360
Additional testing is being conducted to qualify
the tanks to 140 percent design load for manned

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00:05:38,360 --> 00:05:39,430
flight reliability.

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00:05:39,430 --> 00:05:46,020
The 105 inch LOX tank has been tested to 140
percent of design load under all condition

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00:05:46,020 --> 00:05:47,370
except two.

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00:05:47,370 --> 00:05:56,460
The seventy inch tank has been qualified under all conditions except maximum thin load.

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00:05:56,460 --> 00:06:04,730
Meanwhile, at Douglas' SACTO Facility, the second stage for the fourth flight vehicle

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00:06:04,730 --> 00:06:10,470
underwent modification, rework, and post-static checkout at the vertical checkout laboratory.

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00:06:10,470 --> 00:06:14,770
The stage was accepted by Marshall at SACTO on May 6.

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00:06:14,770 --> 00:06:18,340
Shipment to Cape Kennedy will be next quarter.

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00:06:18,340 --> 00:06:22,710
The second stage for the fifth flight vehicle was shipped from Huntington Beach to SACTO

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00:06:22,710 --> 00:06:24,030
April 9.

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00:06:24,030 --> 00:06:29,810
On April 13, the stage was installed in the Beta 3 Test Stand where pre-static and subsystem

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00:06:29,810 --> 00:06:32,560
checkout proceeded at scheduled.

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00:06:32,560 --> 00:06:38,810
Following a successful 440second acceptance firing on June 2, post-static checkout was

85
00:06:38,810 --> 00:06:43,030
completed June 28.

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00:06:43,030 --> 00:06:47,470
Following installation of the J-2 engine in
April for the sixth flight vehicle second

87
00:06:47,470 --> 00:06:52,810
stage and factory checkout completion in late
May, final inspection was made and the stage

88
00:06:52,810 --> 00:06:55,340
was shipped to SACTO June 30.

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00:06:55,340 --> 00:07:01,050
In April, Douglas completed joining of the
thrust structure and forward and aft skirts

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00:07:01,050 --> 00:07:06,600
of the second stage of the seventh flight
vehicle and installed the engine in May.

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00:07:06,600 --> 00:07:10,620
Factory checkout was started and continued
through the report period.

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00:07:10,620 --> 00:07:14,720
Completion of checkout is scheduled for early
next quarter.

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00:07:14,720 --> 00:07:19,080
The second stage of the eighth flight vehicle
was removed from the insulation chamber on

94
00:07:19,080 --> 00:07:20,330
June 6.

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00:07:20,330 --> 00:07:25,590
Necessary cleaning and miscellaneous parts
installations were completed in June.

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00:07:25,590 --> 00:07:30,280

Factory checkout will take place next quarter.

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00:07:30,280 --> 00:07:33,650

Manufacturing was completed on the common bulkhead for the second stage of the ninth

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00:07:33,650 --> 00:07:35,900

flight vehicle at Santa Monica.

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00:07:35,900 --> 00:07:40,950

Welding of the liquid hydrogen tank segments and LOX tank assemblies was completed and

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00:07:40,950 --> 00:07:44,840

the LOX tank was shipped to Huntington Beach June 16.

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00:07:44,840 --> 00:07:49,680

Stage assembly will be completed next quarter.

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00:07:49,680 --> 00:07:53,740

Fabrication of the tenth flight vehicle's second stage was started last quarter and

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00:07:53,740 --> 00:07:58,139

was drawing to a successful close at the end of this report period.

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00:07:58,139 --> 00:08:03,180

Assembly and miscellaneous testing is planned for next quarter.

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00:08:03,180 --> 00:08:09,139

On April 13 at SACTO during S-IVB structural testing, the common bulkhead and LOX tank

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00:08:09,139 --> 00:08:10,340

failed.

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00:08:10,340 --> 00:08:14,740

The failure is being thoroughly investigated by Marshall and Douglas personnel.

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00:08:14,740 --> 00:08:20,360

However, subsequent structural testing on the hydrostatic test tank specimen qualified

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00:08:20,360 --> 00:08:28,960

the design.

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00:08:28,960 --> 00:08:33,729

At IBM Huntsville, component installation in the fourth flight instrument unit, started

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00:08:33,729 --> 00:08:37,450

last period, was completed the first week in May.

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00:08:37,450 --> 00:08:39,940

Checkout began in May and was completed on June 28.

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00:08:39,940 --> 00:08:46,240

The unit will be shipped from IBM to the Cape early next quarter.

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00:08:46,240 --> 00:08:52,449

The fifth flight IU structural fabrication started last quarter was completed May 4.

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00:08:52,449 --> 00:08:59,290

Component installation was begun ten days later with completion planned for next quarter.

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00:08:59,290 --> 00:09:04,009

Also at IBM Huntsville, structural fabrication was started for the sixth flight instrument

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00:09:04,009 --> 00:09:11,170
unit.

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00:09:11,170 --> 00:09:18,180

At Marshall, work effort is underway for in-house manufacture of four uprated Saturn I nosecones.

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00:09:18,180 --> 00:09:24,850

These units will be carried atop the vehicles which will place lunar modules into orbit.

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00:09:24,850 --> 00:09:28,959

In late April, ten astronauts visited the Marshall Center for briefings on the uprated

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00:09:28,959 --> 00:09:30,709

Saturn I Program.

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00:09:30,709 --> 00:09:36,370

Among the group are the three men who will fly the first manned Saturn, Apollo 1B Mission,

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00:09:36,370 --> 00:09:42,639

Virgil Grissom, Command Pilot, Edward White, and Roger Chaffee.

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00:09:42,639 --> 00:09:47,870

The astronauts were given briefings, including primary hardware description and design philosophy

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00:09:47,870 --> 00:09:51,110

by Saturn engineers and management officials.

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00:09:51,110 --> 00:09:55,470

The astronauts also studied flight data on the performance of the first uprated Saturn

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00:09:55,470 --> 00:10:01,970

I, which launched an unmanned Apollo spacecraft last quarter.

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00:10:01,970 --> 00:10:07,350

A summary of the Saturn IB program through the months April, May, and June shows major

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00:10:07,350 --> 00:10:15,559

accomplishments in all areas, continued buildup of Saturn IB stages and equipment, acceleration