Scout Re-Entry Launch
15th Straight Success

The Scout rocket produced by LTV Astronautics again proved its reliability by ramming a payload back into the atmosphere at speeds above 18,000 miles an hour after a launching from NASA's Wallops Station, Va., complex early in February.

For the Scout, the launch was the 15th straight success and the 18th out of the last 19 launches. The latest mission provided NASA with re-entry heating data on a heat shield material for nose caps. The solid-fueled Scout used a special 17-inch spherical motor as a fifth stage for the mission. The total payload, including the fifth-stage motor, weighed about 400 pounds at lift-off.

NASA has extended the Scout re-entry experiments, adding a ballistic flight scheduled for 1967. This would bring to six the total re-entry projects, with the recent launch being the fifth one.