

The First Official Postmaster in Space: Georgi Grechko

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This cover cancelled in space.



Triptych stamp shows Romanenko, Grechko, Soyuz 27 and the Salyut 6 Space Station

As a graduate student Georgi Grechko calculated the fuel needed, and (1) the orbit of, Sputnik 1. As a Cosmonaut on Soyuz 27, he was officially appointed to be the *First Postmaster in Space* when it docked with the Salyut 6 Space Station. On the back flap of the above cover he wrote, while on Salyut 6, "The Board Cancellations on this envelope were applied by me the first official postmaster of this postal department on board the Soyuz 27-Salyut 6-Soyuz 28. 8/3/78" March 3, 1978. It was signed by he and Yuri Romanenko, along with the relief crew from Soyuz 28, Alexei Gubarev and Vladimir Remic.

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