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(Editors: You are invited to send representatives to cover the address described in this release. Should you desire to talk with Commander Edelson directly, this should be possible about 7:30 p.m. before he speaks or immediately after his talk. Call Robert Byers, UN 4-6900, Ext. 2705, for assistance if needed.)

A White House space aide will discuss America's Communications satellite program in an address before a Boston professional engineering society January 22.

He is CMDR Burton I. Edelson who serves as a member of the staff of the National Space Council at the White House and is assigned to monitor and coordinate technical aspects of U.S. efforts to launch and operate all types of communications satellites.

He will speak before the Boston chapter of the Professional Technical Group on Space Electronics of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday, January 22, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Faculty Club (50 Memorial Drive, Cambridge).

Commander Edelson, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis with master and doctorate degrees from Yale University, has been a staff member of the National Space Council at the White House since 1961. In his Boston address, Commander Edelson will deal with national goals in the area of communications satellites and with the contributions of various agencies and programs toward the achievement of these goals.

The Professional Technical Group on Space Electronics is one of the latest of the IEEE sub-groups to establish a Boston Chapter. The group was organized late last year and has a membership of more than 200 space electronics engineers and executives from throughout the Boston area.

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Chairman of the group is Jack Larsen of (47 Croton St.) Wellesley, Mass., a member of the headquarters staff of the Division of Sponsored Research at M.I.T. Other officers include Bernard M. Gordon of (Hesperus Ave.) Magnolia, Mass., president of Gordon Engineering Co., Watertown, Mass., vice chairman; Milton D. Rubin of (19 Dorr Rd.) Newton, project leader at Mitre Corp., Bedford, program chairman; Joseph F. Bartholemew of (23 Marshall Terrace) Wayland, Mass., manager of marketing at Epsco, Inc., Westwood, Mass., secretary; and William T. Higgins of (80 Raven Rd.) Lowell, Mass., a staff member at M.I.T.'s Lincoln Laboratory, Lexington, Mass., financial officer.

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