

## Today in History, July 12

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An artist's rendering of the Phobos-2 probe.

The Phobos-2 space probe was launched by the Soviet Union 25 years ago today on July 12, 1988. The probe, which was designed for studying Mars and its natural satellites, functioned for eight months in space before contact was lost.

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