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Cosmonaut German Titov at the White House on May 3rd, 1962. **NASA/Asif Siddiqi**

Fifty-two years ago today, on Aug. 6, 1961, the Soviet cosmonaut German Titov became the second-ever man to go into space, the first being Yuri Gagarin. During the 25-hour-flight, Titov orbited the earth 17 times and took the first ever photos of our planet from space.

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