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The Voyager Project was a 1960s National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) proposal for a robotic spacecraft program to explore Mars and Venus. Managed by the Jet Propulsion Lab, the project was formally approved by NASA Headquarters in 1964, but delays caused by cuts to NASA's science budget, debate over how Voyager should be managed and launched, and new Mars atmosphere data gathered by the July 1965 Mariner IV flyby, pushed back NASA's formal Voyager start-up until January 1967. Congress,

however, refused to fund Voyager as it was seen as too costly and because of undermined confidence in NASA caused by the recent Apollo 1 fire. NASA formally abandoned the project in September 1967.

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