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**Peter Petroff** (Bulgarian: Петър Петров) (October 21, 1919 – February 27, 2003) was a Bulgarian American inventor, engineer, NASA scientist, and adventurer. He was involved in the NASA space program. Among his many accomplishments, Petroff assisted in development of one of the earliest computerized pollution monitoring system and telemetry devices for early weather and communications satellites. Petroff helped develop components of one of the world's first digital watches and an early wireless heart monitor, and many other important devices and methods. Petroff founded Care

Electronics, Inc. which was acquired by Electro-Data, Inc. of Garland, Texas in the fall of 1971.

Petroff Point on Brabant Island in Antarctica is named for Petroff.