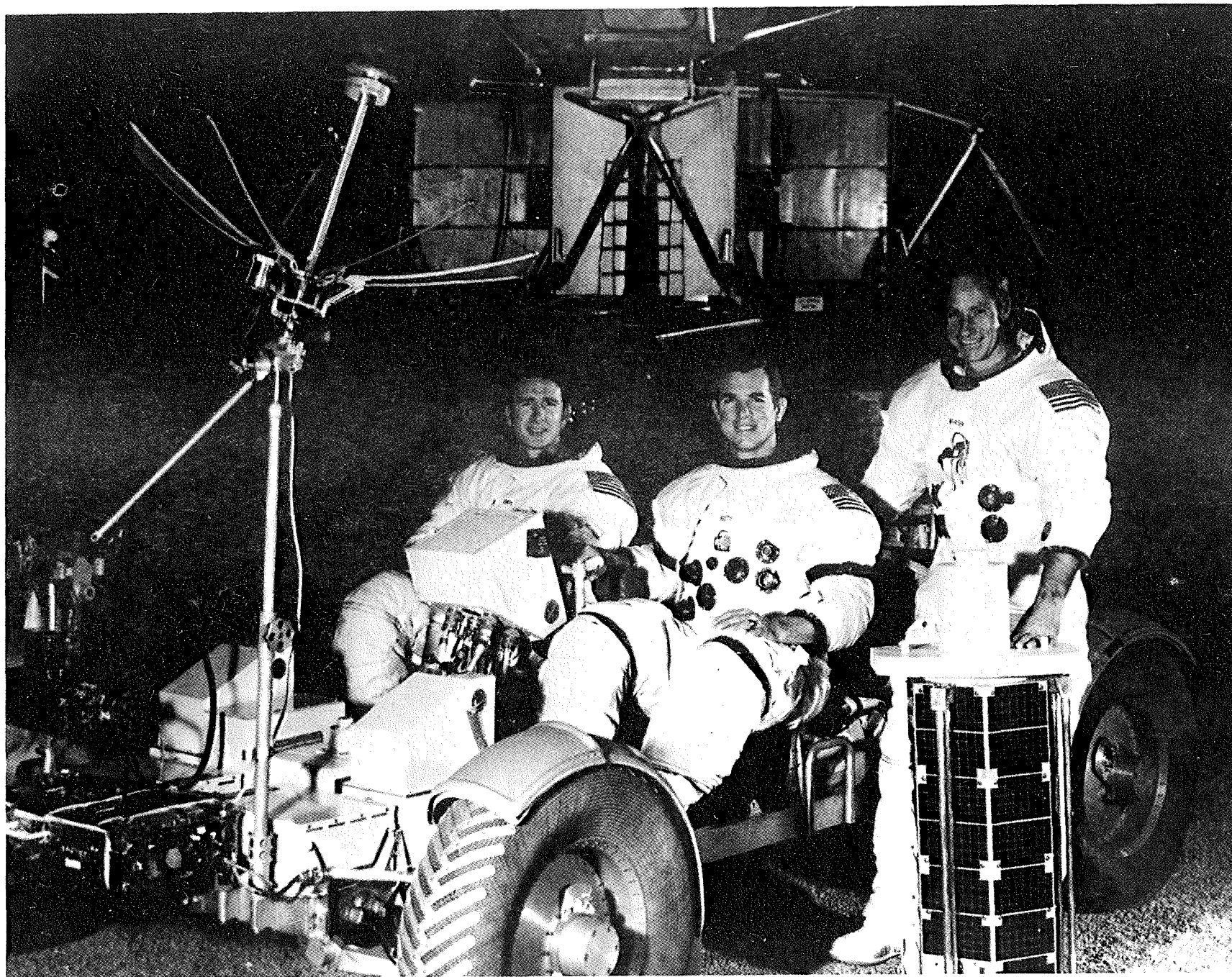


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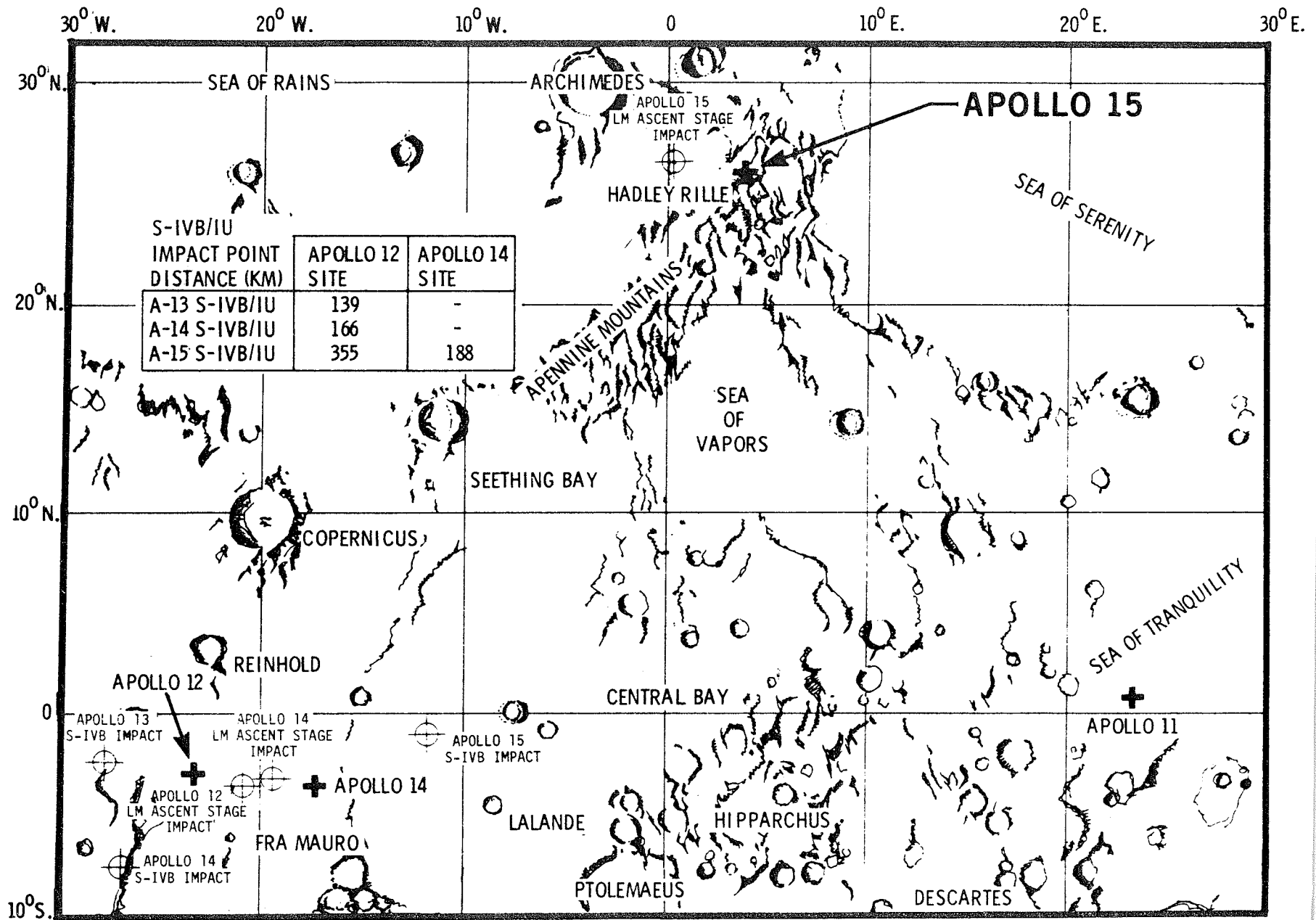
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# PASSIVE SEISMIC EXPERIMENT

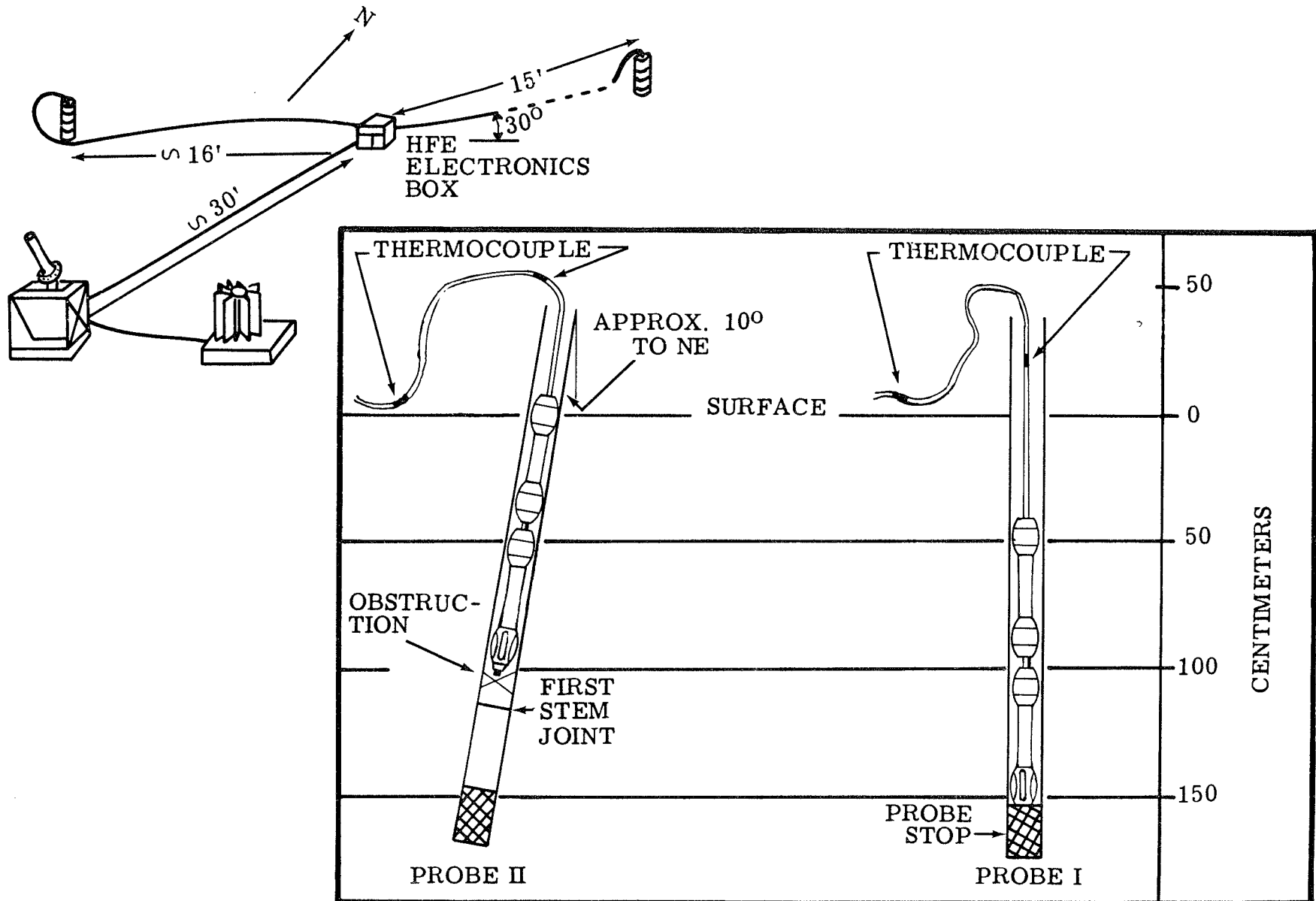


## **APOLLO 15**

# **PASSIVE SEISMIC EXPERIMENT**

- ESTABLISHED THIRD STATION IN NETWORK
- MONITORED LRV - WILL PROVIDE DATA ON UPPER 1-2 KM
- PERIGEE EVENTS TENTATIVELY LOCATED
- LM IMPACT CONFIRMED LONG DISTANCE RECEPTION OF SMALL SEISMIC SOURCES
- S-IVB IMPACT PROVIDED DATA TO DEPTHS OF 50-100 KM VS 30 KM

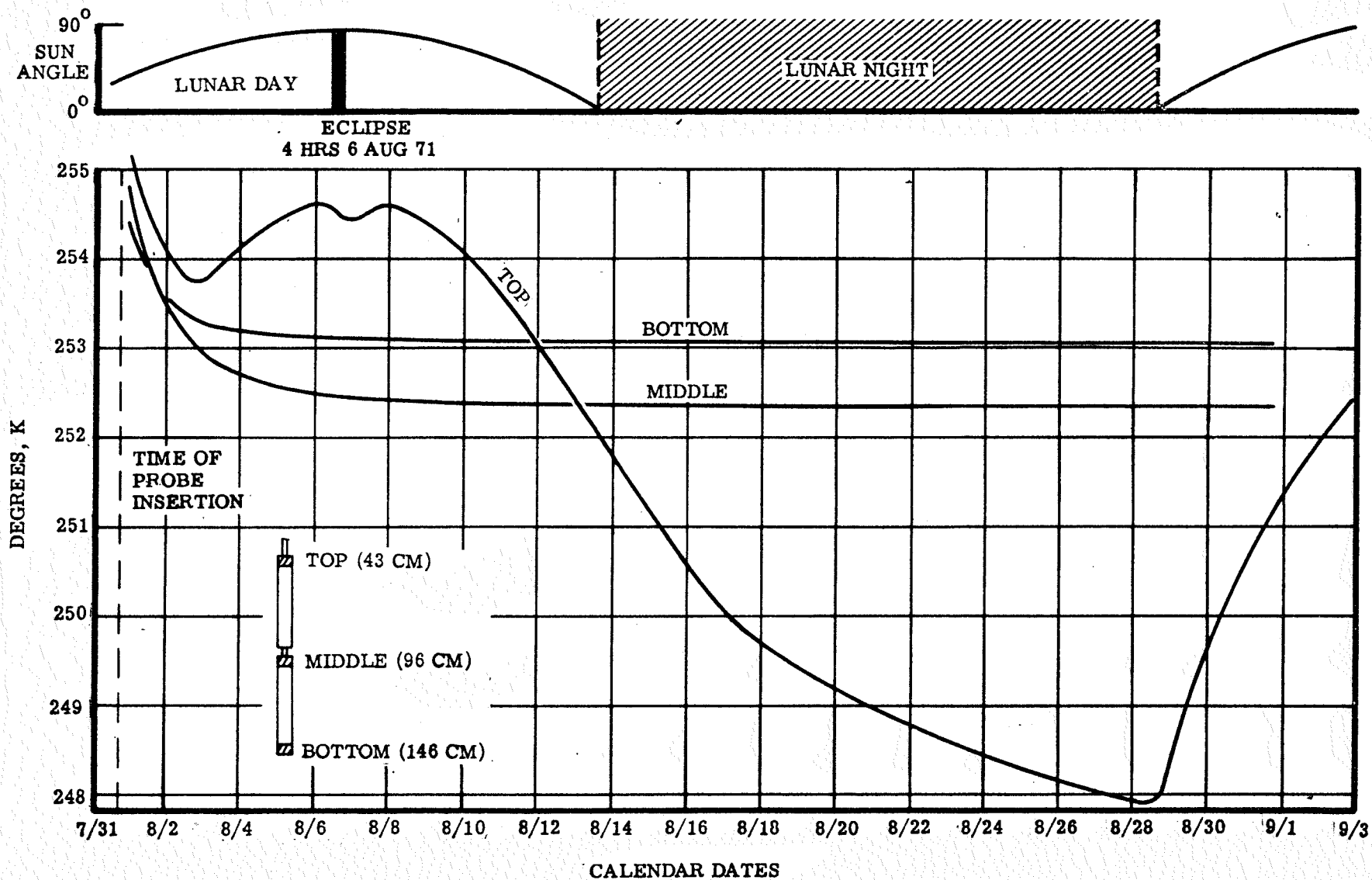
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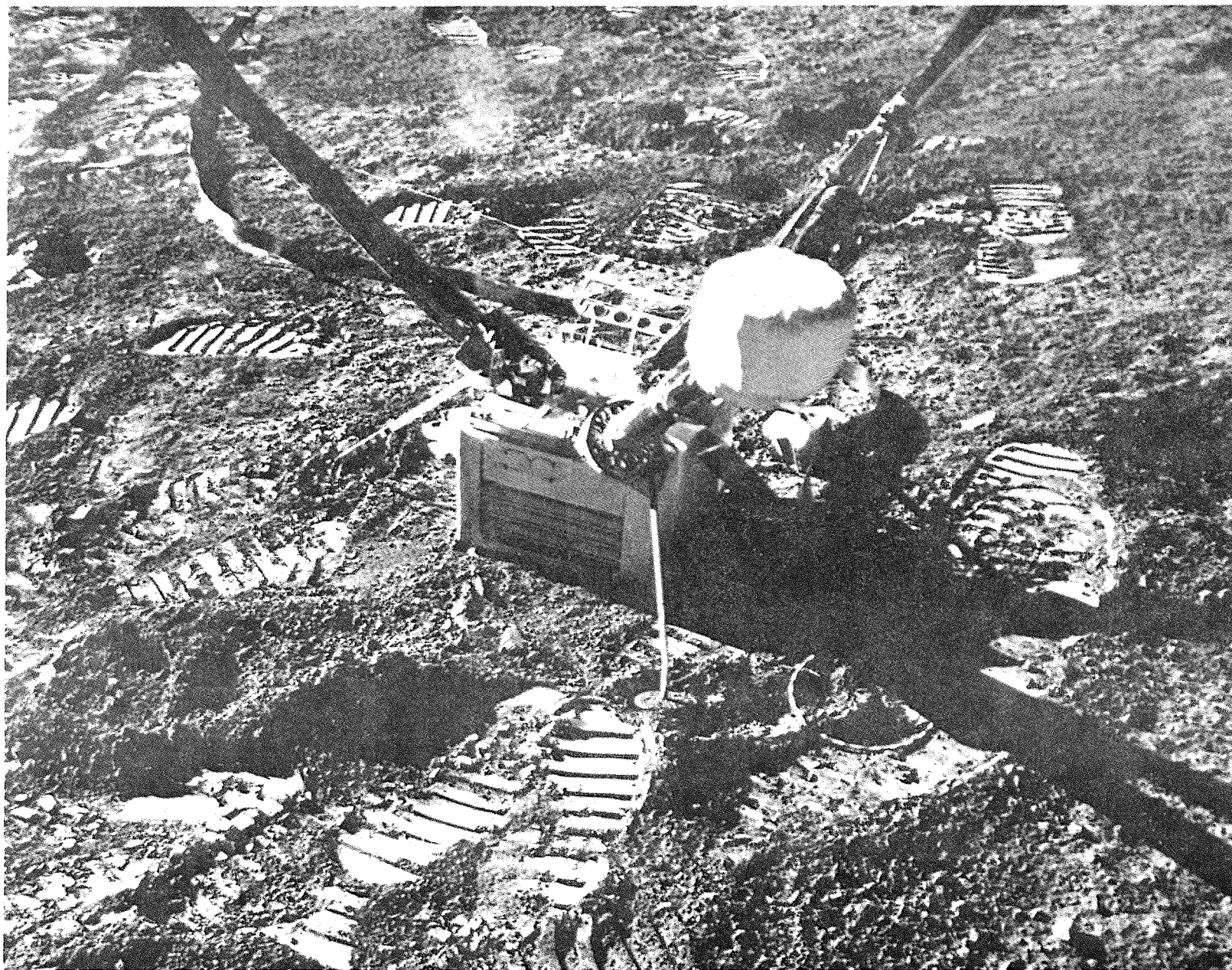


# APOLLO 15

## HEAT FLOW EXPERIMENT

### TEMPERATURE HISTORY OF PROBE 1

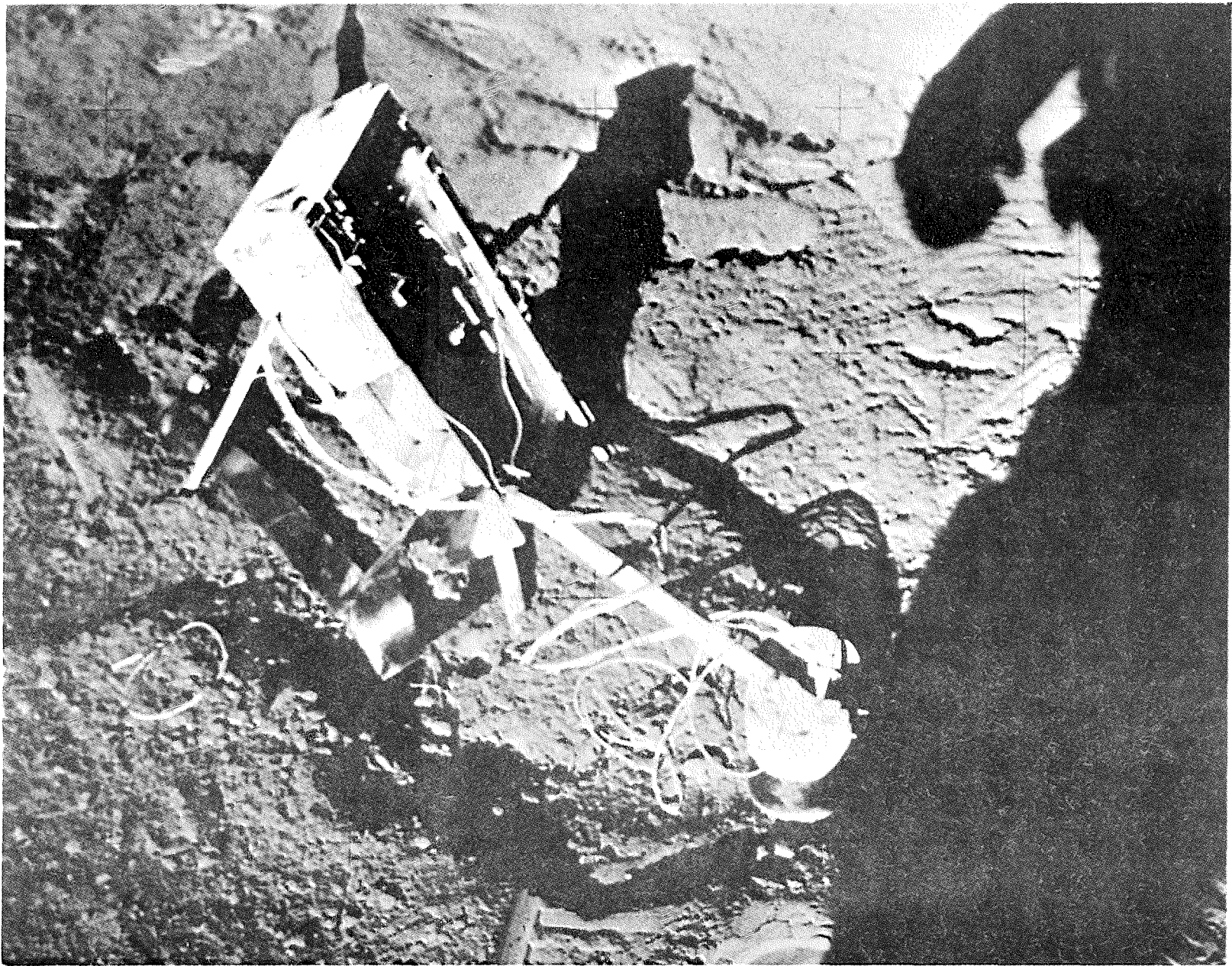




# APOLLO 15

## LUNAR SURFACE MAGNETOMETER

- VERY SMALL LOCAL FIELD:  $5 \pm 5$  GAMMAS
  - APOLLO 12:  $38 \pm 3$  GAMMA S
  - APOLLO 14:  $43 \pm 6$  GAMMAS,  $103 \pm 5$  GAMMAS
- SHOULD DETERMINE THEORETICAL MODEL OF MOON TO CENTER
- TWO STATIONS IN OPERATION
  - APOLLO 12 OPERATES 7 DAYS PER LUNATION (INTERMITTENT OPEN CIRCUIT WHEN COLD)

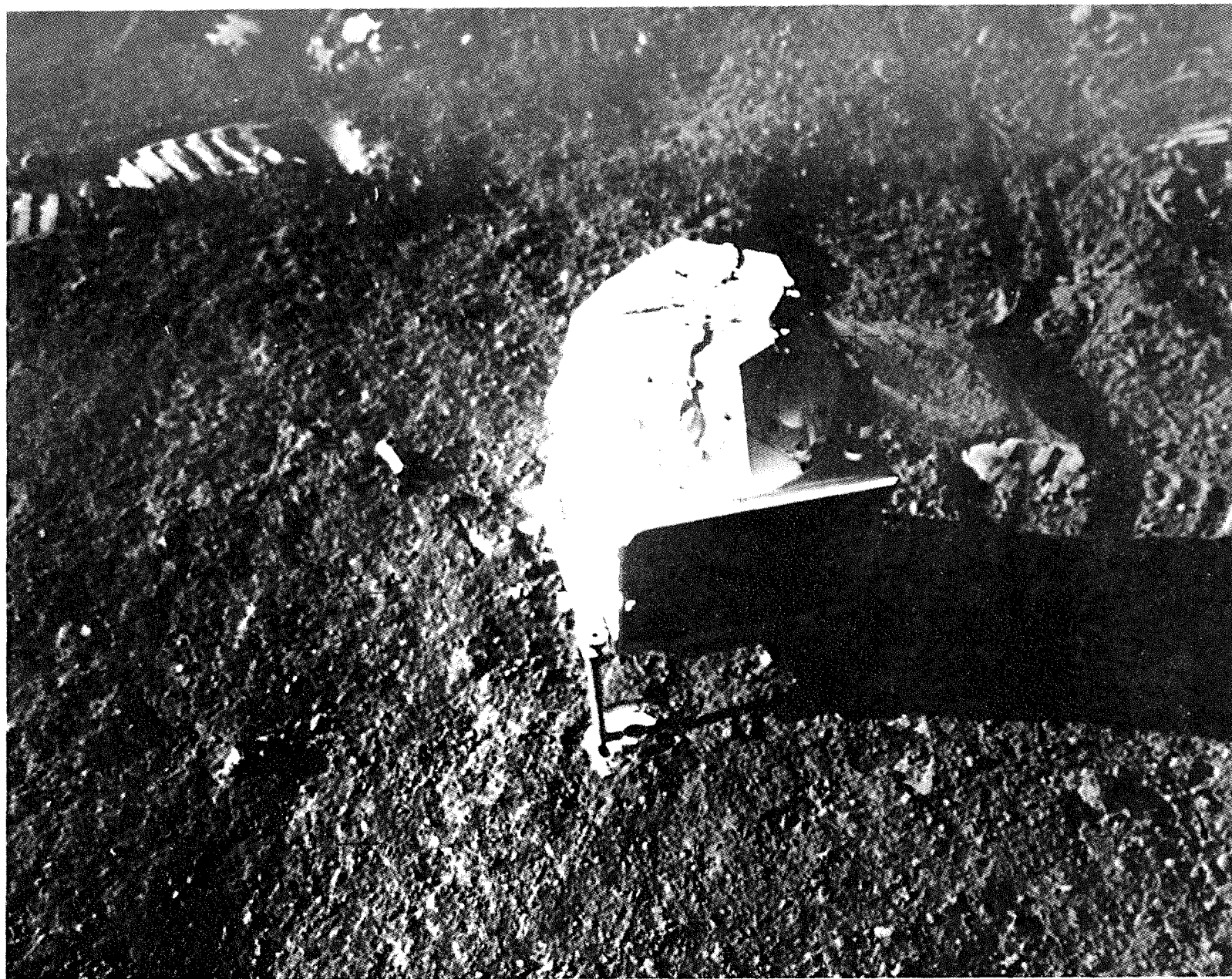


## **APOLLO 15 SUPRATHERMAL ION DETECTOR**

- MONITORED LM DEPRESSURIZATIONS AND LM LIFT-OFF
- THREE INSTRUMENTS NOW IN OPERATION WITH DIFFERENT POINTING DIRECTIONS. WILL STUDY:
  - MOTION OF ION CLOUDS OVER MOON'S SURFACE
  - INTERACTION OF SOLAR WIND IONS WITH EARTH'S MAGNETIC FIELD
  - CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF ION CLOUDS
- INSTRUMENT NOW ON THRU LUNAR NIGHT, WILL BE TURNED OFF WHEN INSTRUMENT TEMPERATURE REACHES APPROXIMATELY 50° F.

## **COLD CATHODE GAUGE**

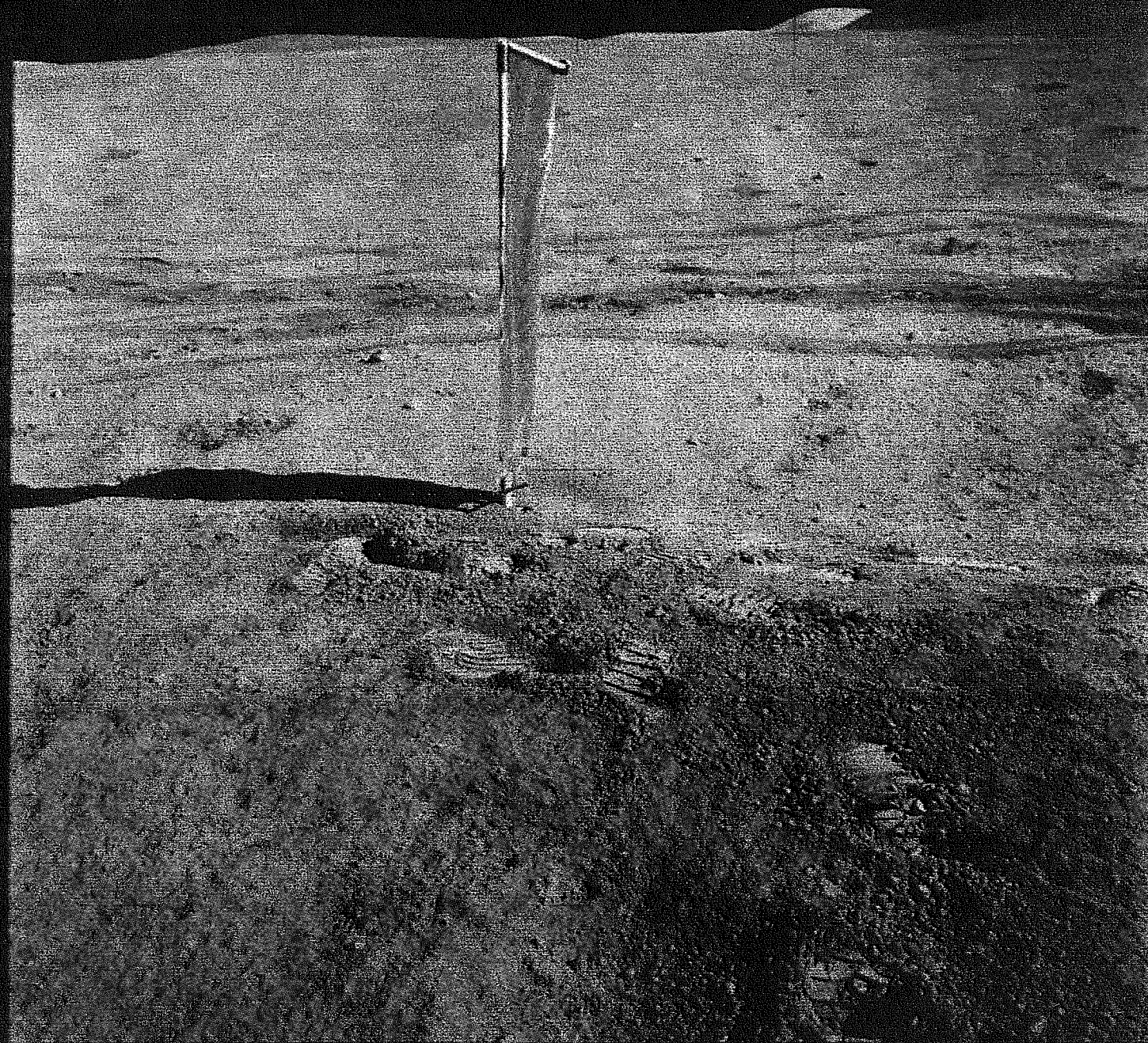
- MONITORED LM DEPRESSURIZATIONS AND LM LIFT-OFF
- TWO INSTRUMENTS NOW IN OPERATION POINTED AT POLES. WILL STUDY:
  - ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE
  - SOURCES OF TRANSIENT GAS CLOUDS
  - PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF CLOUDS
- INSTRUMENT HAS SAME OPERATING CYCLE AS SIDE. PRESENTLY READING AN ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE IN LOW  $10^{-12}$  TORR RANGE



# **APOLLO 15**

## **SOLAR WIND SPECTROMETER**

- **MONITORED LM IMPACT**
- **TWO INSTRUMENTS NOW IN OPERATION. WILL STUDY:**
  - **SOLAR WIND PROTONS AND ELECTRONS AND DIRECTION OF IMPINGEMENT ON LUNAR SURFACE**
  - **DEFLECTION OF SOLAR WIND AROUND LUNAR LIMB**
  - **INTERACTION OF SOLAR WIND AND EARTH'S MAGNETIC FIELD**



# APOLLO 15

## SOLAR WIND COMPOSITION

### ● DATA FROM PREVIOUS MISSIONS:

- ABSOLUTE FLUX OF  $^4\text{He}$ ,  $^3\text{He}$ ,  $^{20}\text{Ne}$ ,  $^{22}\text{Ne}$
- APPROXIMATE ABUNDANCES  $^{21}\text{Ne}$
- CONCENTRATIONS OF  $^{36}\text{Ar}$ ,  $^{38}\text{Ar}$

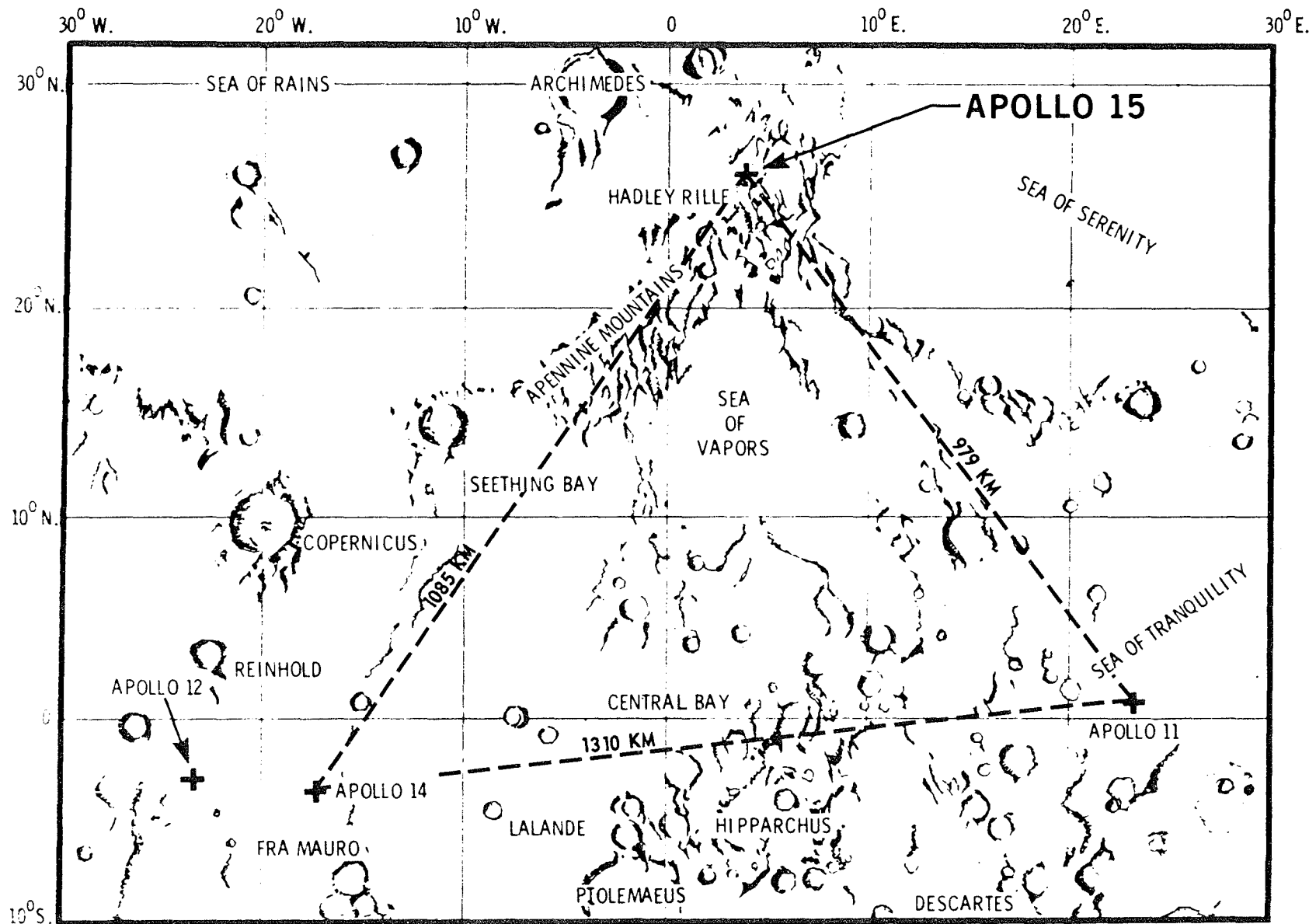
### ● EXPECTED DATA FROM APOLLO 15:

- PRECISE ABUNDANCES OF  $^{21}\text{Ne}$ ,  $^{38}\text{Ar}$
- ACCELERATION AND FRACTIONATION PROCESSES IN SOLAR ATMOSPHERE

### EXPOSURE DURATION

	<u>HR:MIN</u>
APOLLO 11	1:17
APOLLO 12	18:42
APOLLO 14	21:00
APOLLO 15	41:08

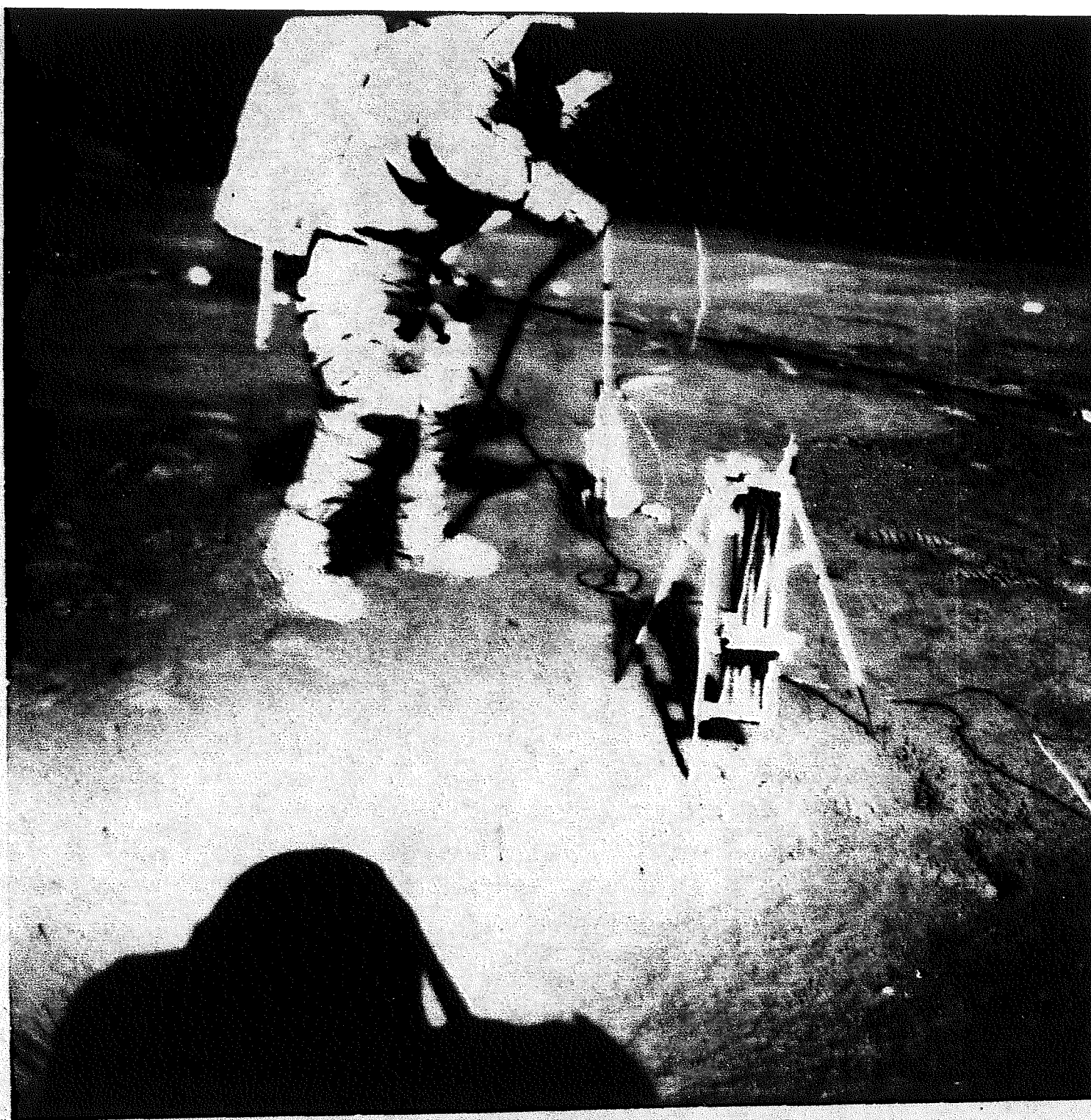
# LASER RANGING RETRO-REFLECTOR LOCATIONS



## APOLLO 15

# LUNAR LASER RANGING EXPERIMENT

- PRESENT PRECISION OF  $\pm 30$  CM  
EXPECTED PRECISION OF  $\pm 3.0$  CM
- RANGING TO THREE ARRAYS IS LEADING TO:
  - BETTER MASS DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION
  - POINT LOCATION OF RETROREFLECTORS WITH RESPECT TO CENTER OF MASS OF THE MOON
  - LUNAR ELASTICITY INFORMATION
- RANGING TO 300 CUBE ARRAY IS EASIER AND MORE FREQUENT THAN THE OTHER TWO ARRAYS
  - ALL ATTEMPTS SINCE ACQUISITION HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL
- JAPAN AND FRANCE ARE PREPARING FOR LASER RANGING. OTHER COUNTRIES ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW



## **APOLLO 15 DRILL CORE**

- TOTAL LENGTH - 2.4M (93.6')
- TOTAL WEIGHT - APPROXIMATELY 1332g
- RECOVERY - DRILL STEM FULL EXCEPT FOR BOTTOM 3"
- CORE DESCRIPTION:
  - 44 LAYERS OBSERVED BY X-RADIOGRAPH
  - LAYERS APPEAR UNDISTURBED
  - CORE CONSISTS OF RANDOMLY ALTERNATING LAYERS OF VERY FINE GRAINED TO COARSE GRAINED SOIL WITH INTERSPERSED ROCK FRAGMENTS UP TO 14MM LONG. SOME LAYERS ALMOST ENTIRELY OF VERY FINE SOIL, OTHERS HAVE LARGE PERCENTAGE ROCK FRAGMENTS COARSER THAN 1MM

# **APOLLO 15**

## **SURFACE GEOLOGY AND SAMPLES**

- **THREE TRAVERSES WITH LRV**

● FIRST TRAVERSE TO FRONT	-	10.3 KM
● SECOND TRAVERSE TO FRONT	-	12.5 KM
● THIRD TRAVERSE TO HADLEY RILLE	-	<u>5.1 KM</u>
TOTAL		27.9 KM

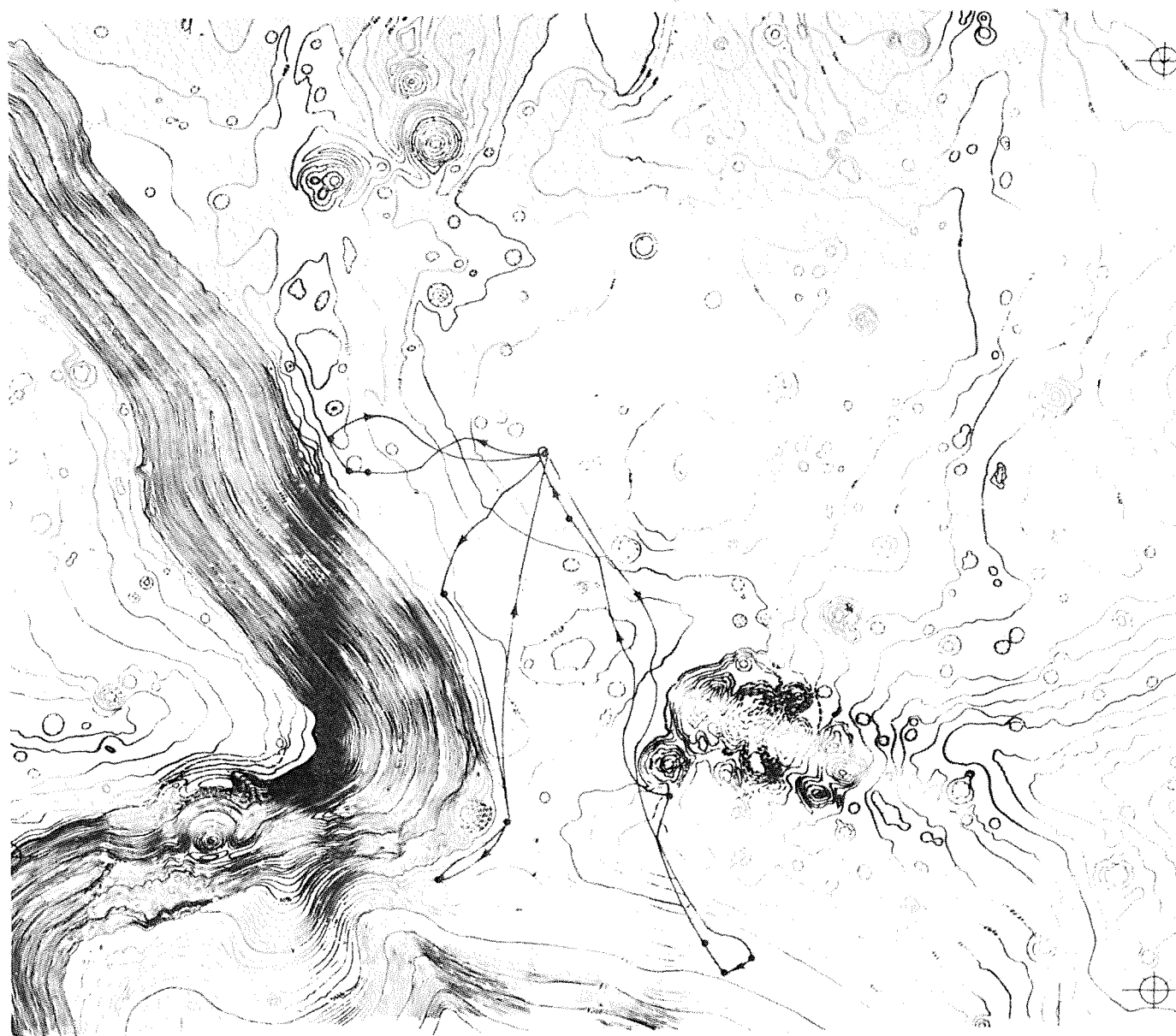
- **SAMPLES COLLECTED 166# - 171# TOTAL**

- 60 DOCUMENTED SAMPLES
- DRILL CORE - 2.4M
- ONE SINGLE CORE - TWO DOUBLE CORES
- TWO TRENCH SAMPLES
- TWO SESC SAMPLES
- THREE COMPREHENSIVE SAMPLES

- **1143 HASSELBLAD PHOTOGRAPHS**

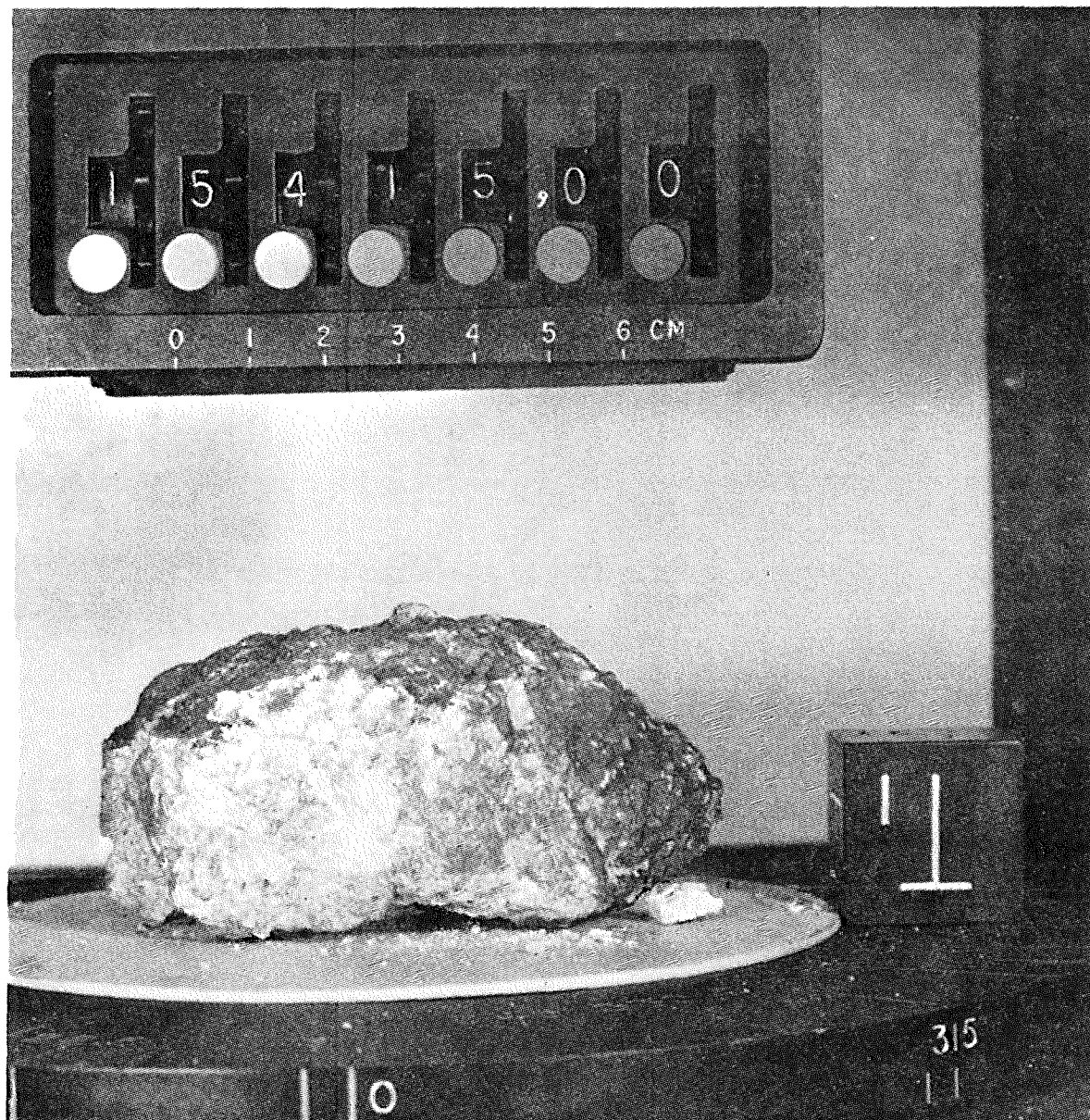
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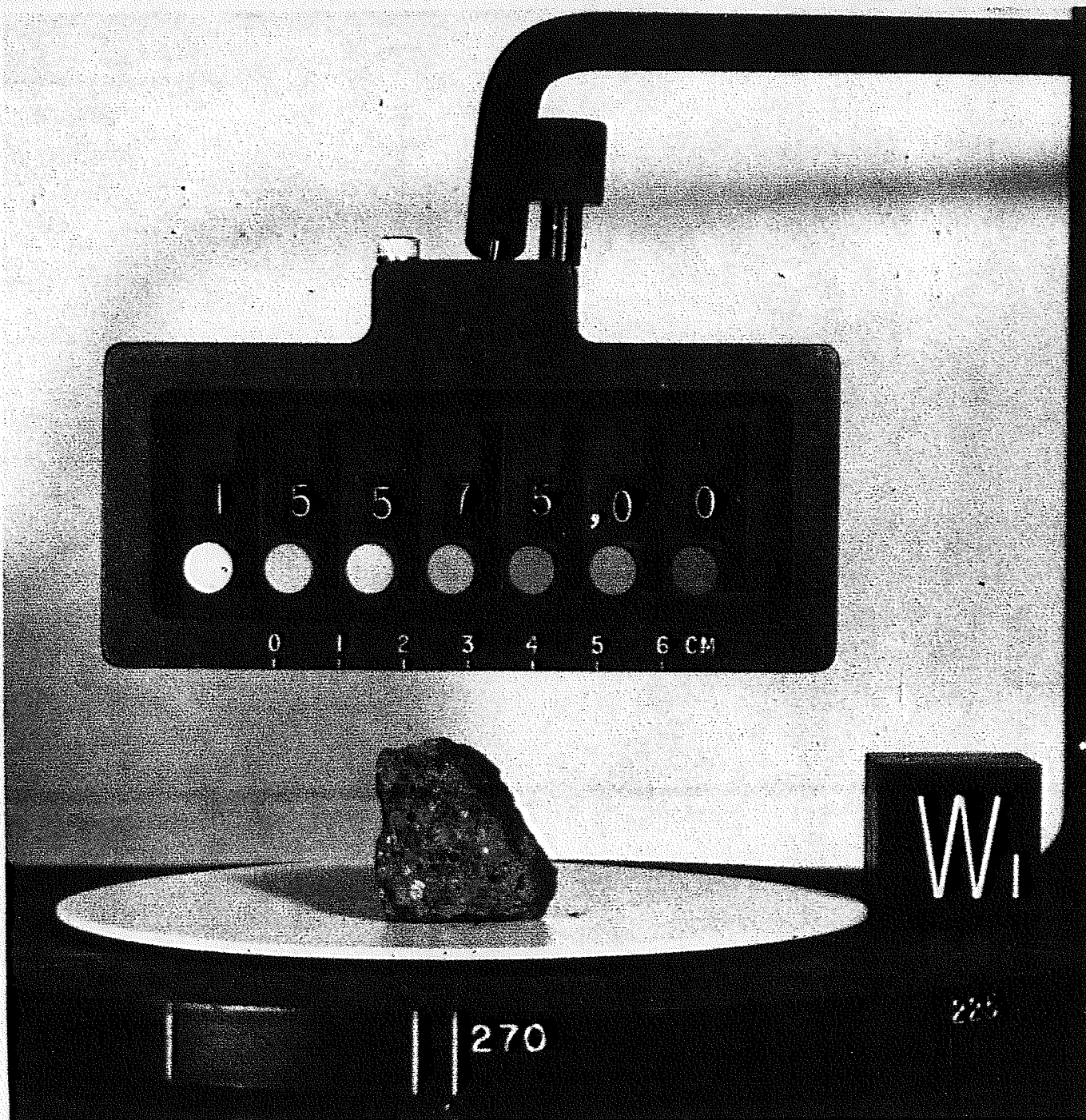
- **SIX PENETROMETER READINGS**
- **PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION**
- **CREW DESCRIPTION**

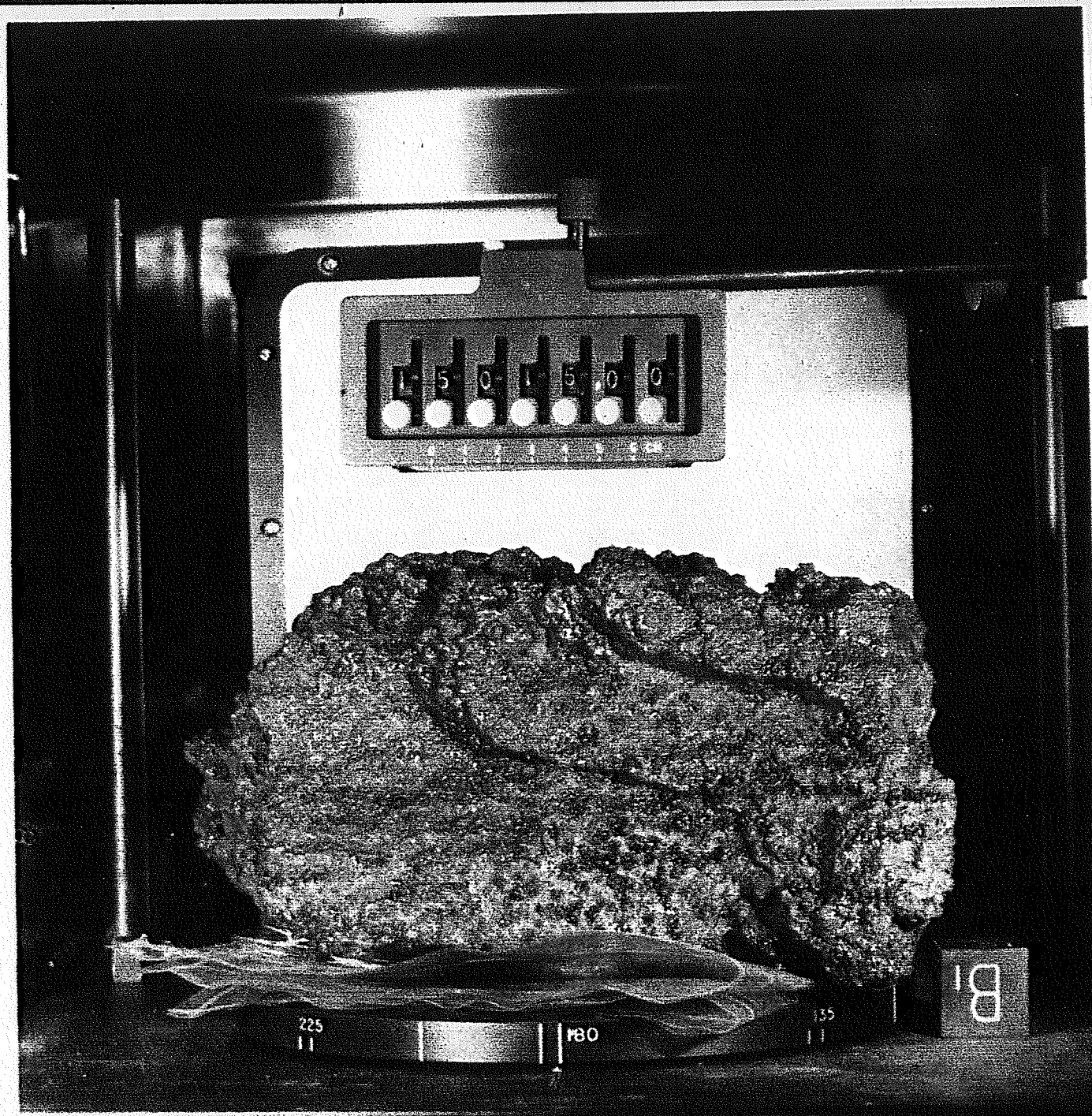


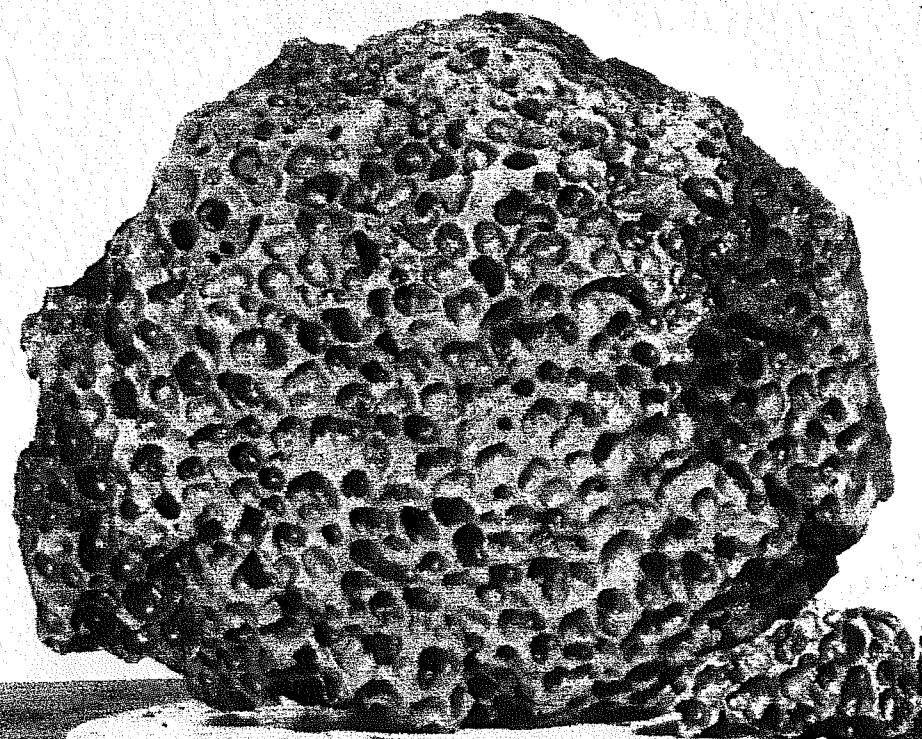
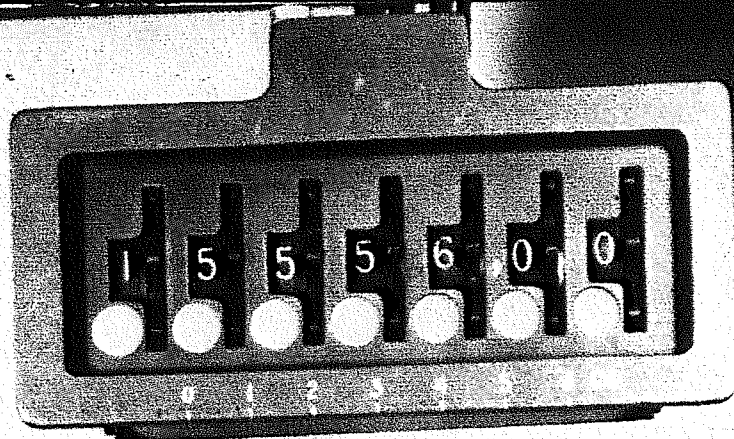


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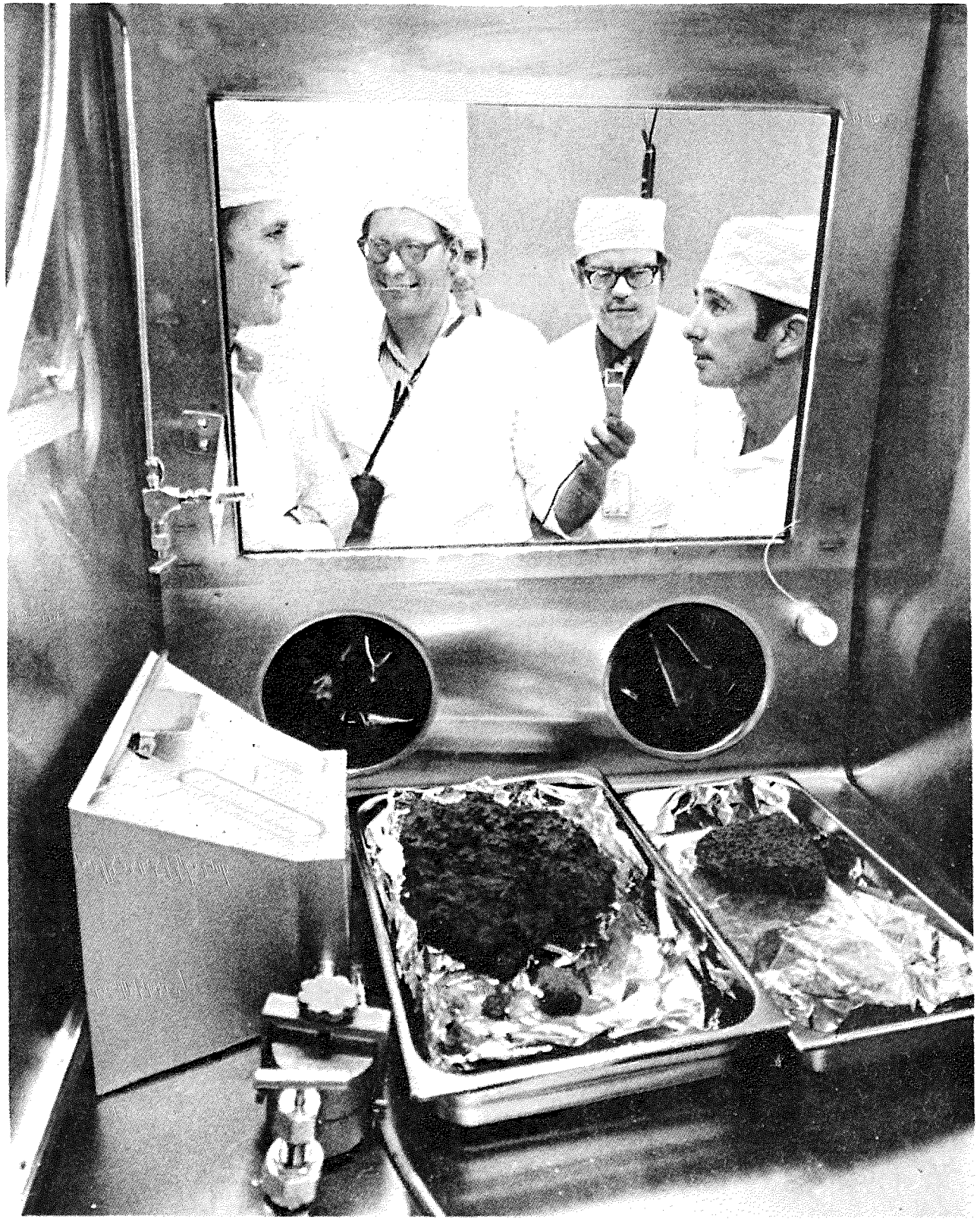




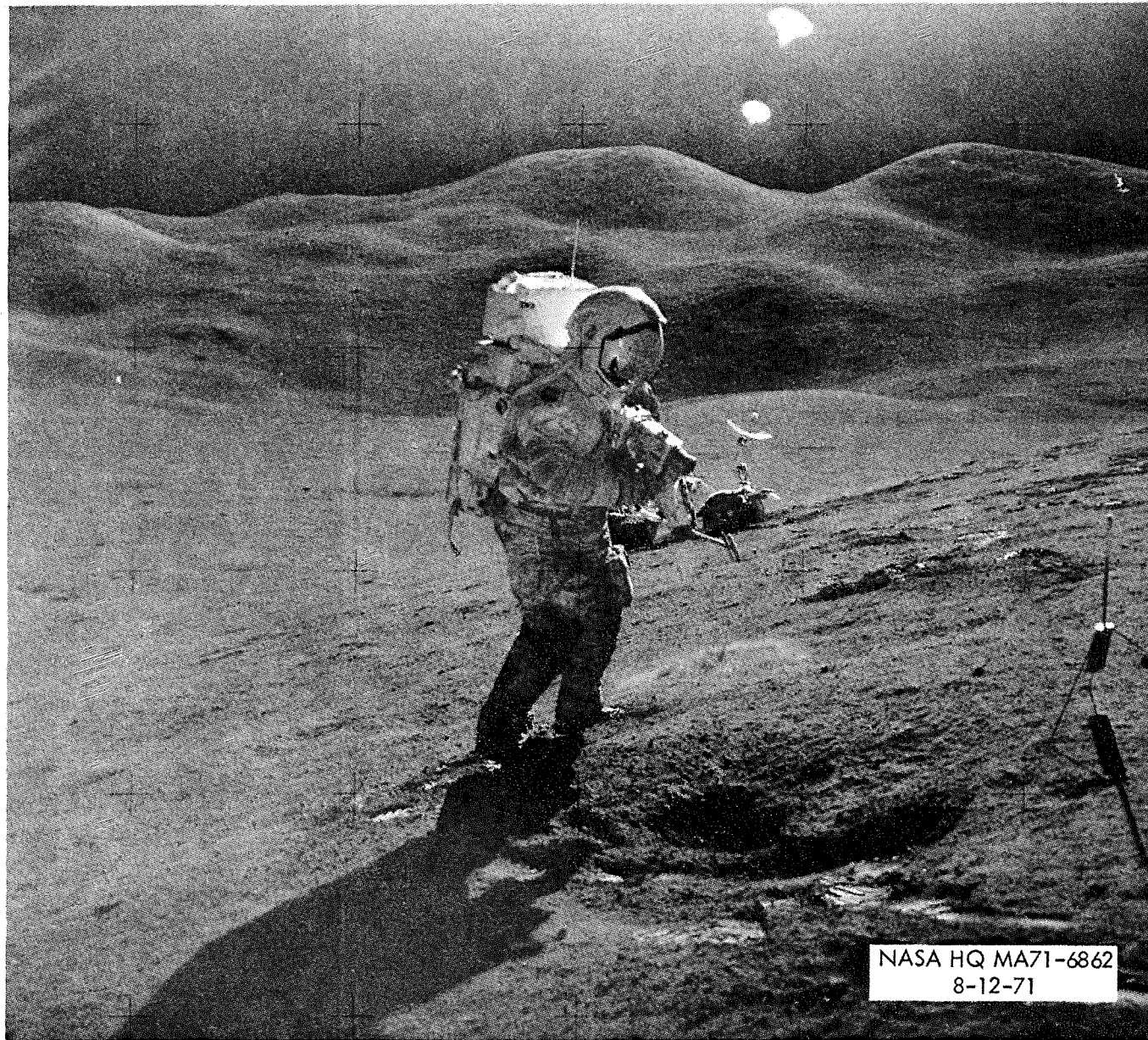
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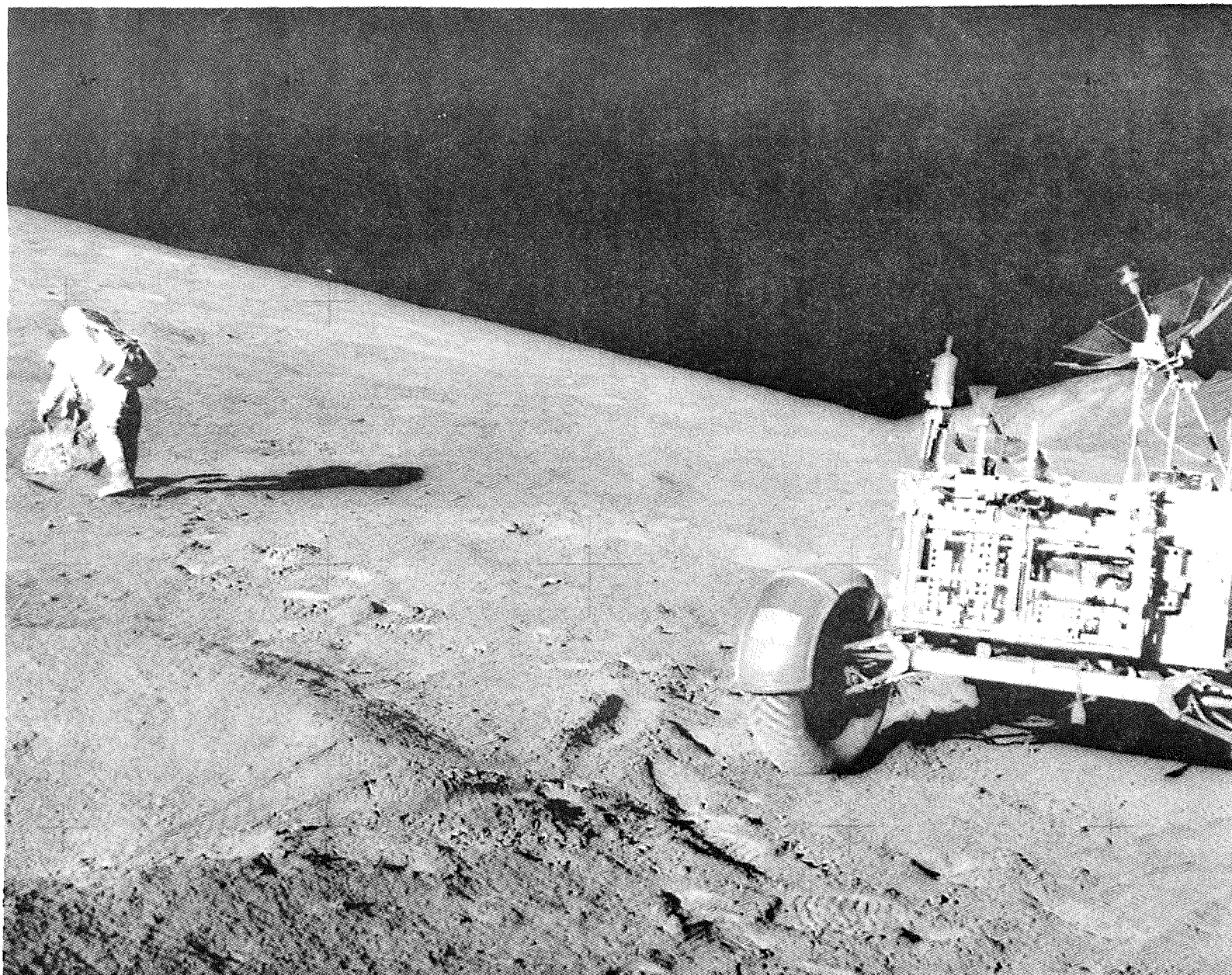
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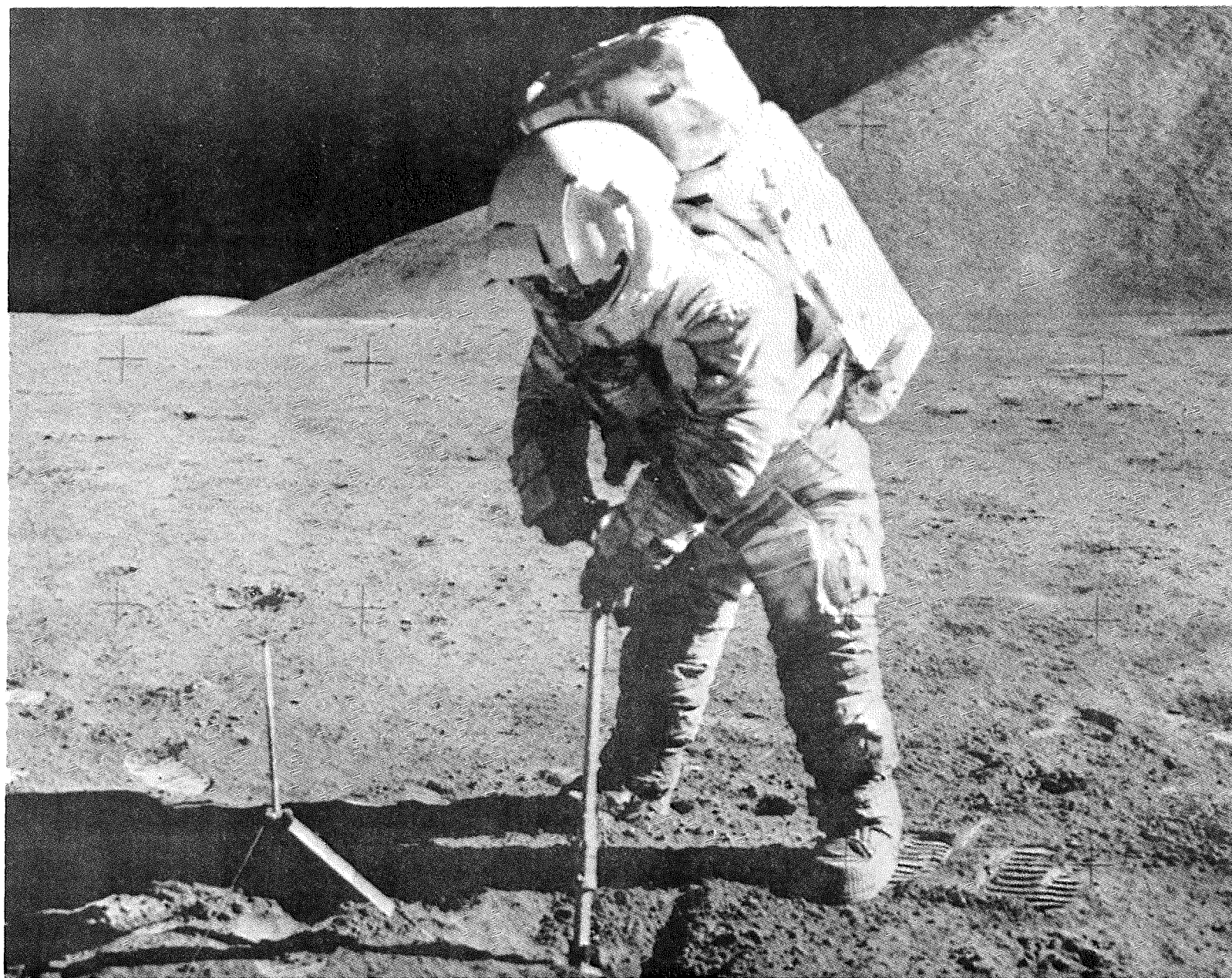


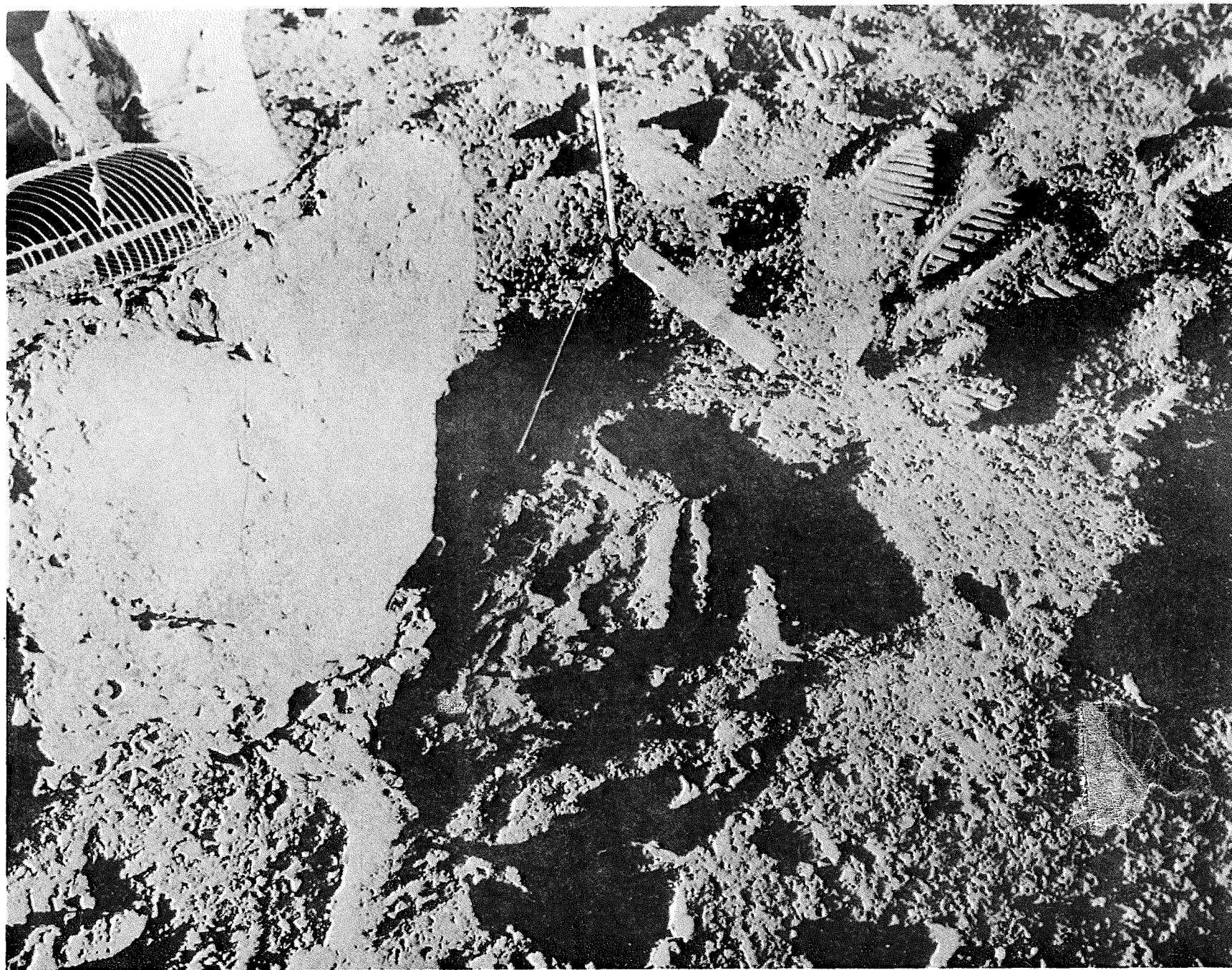
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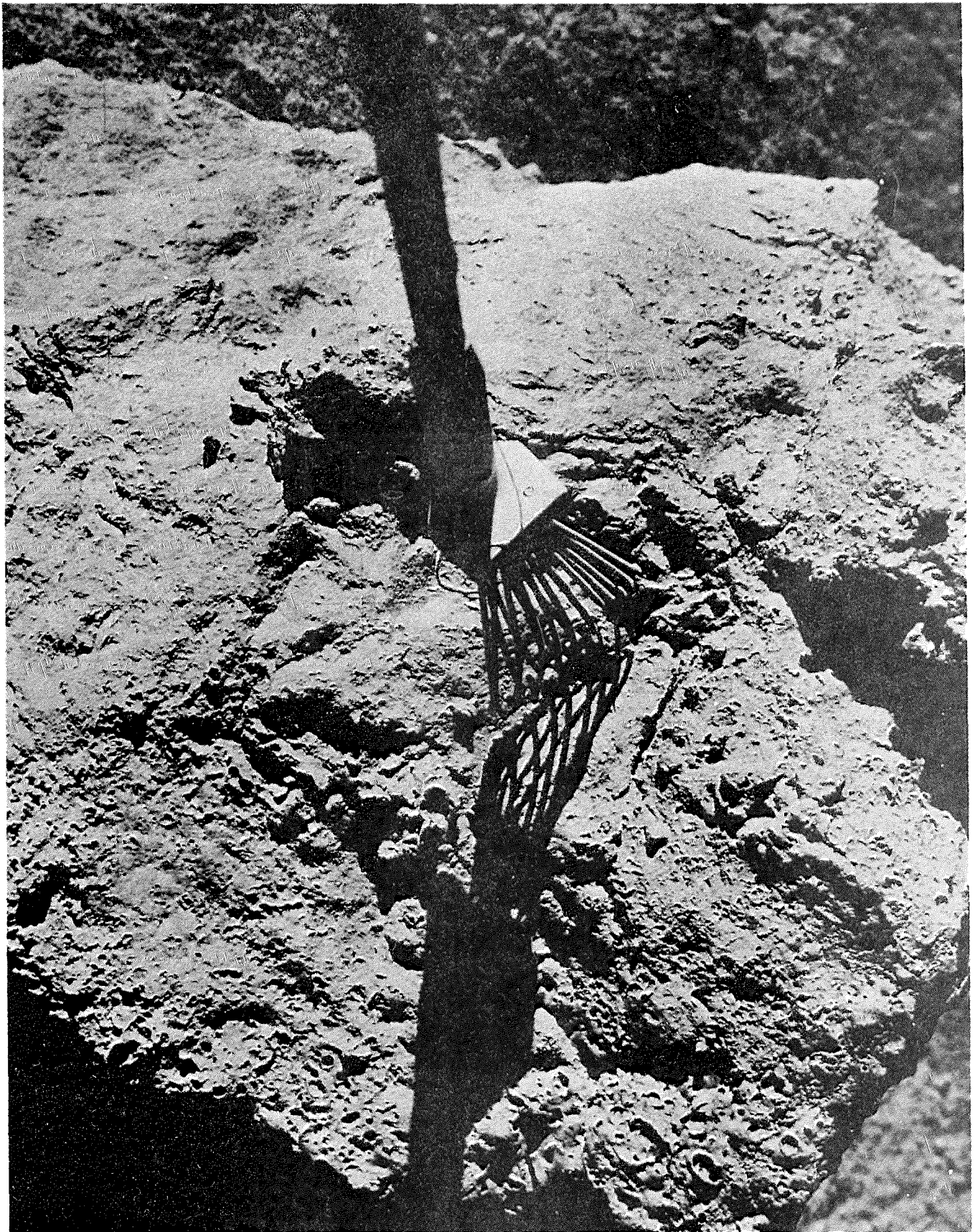


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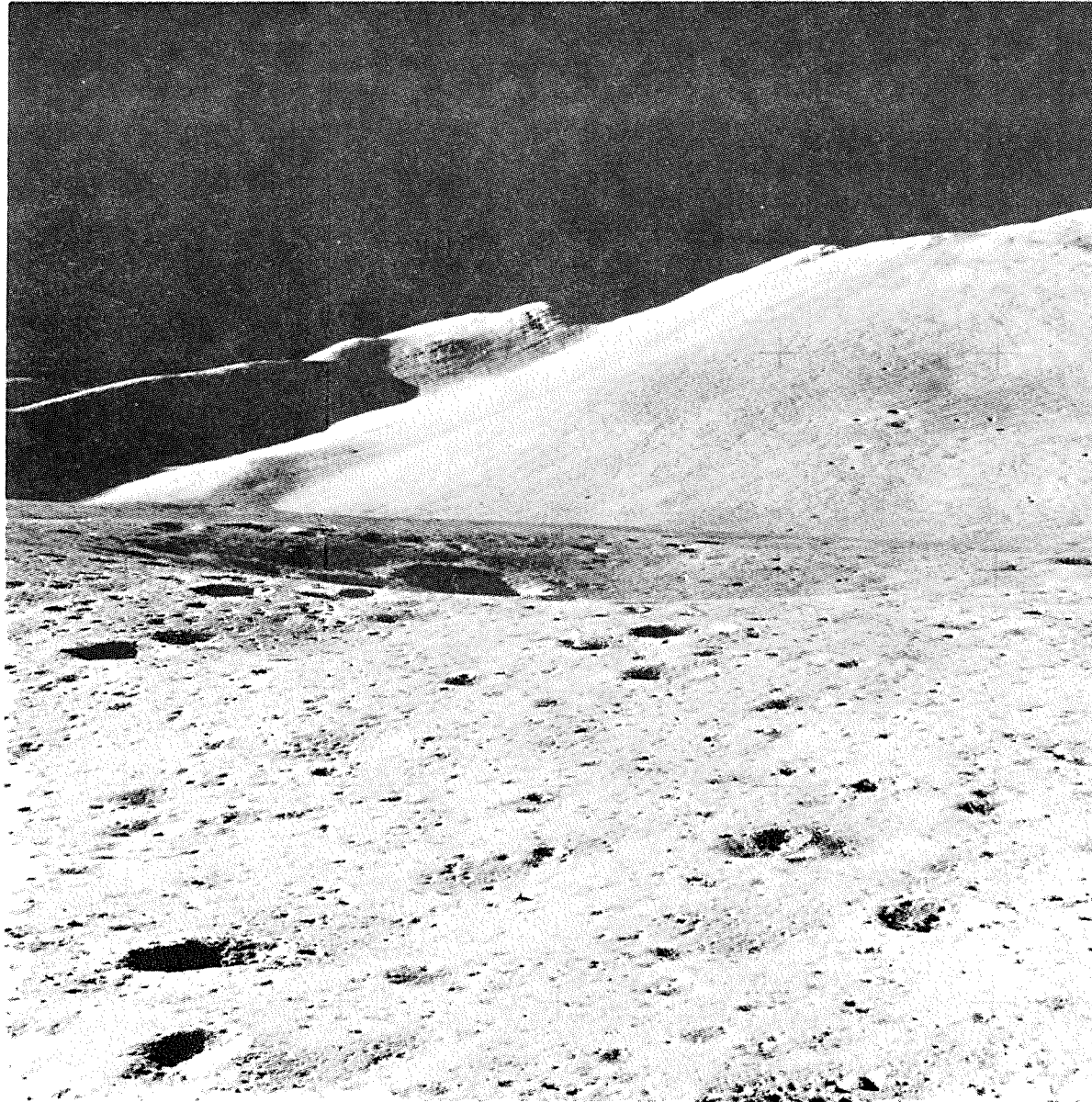






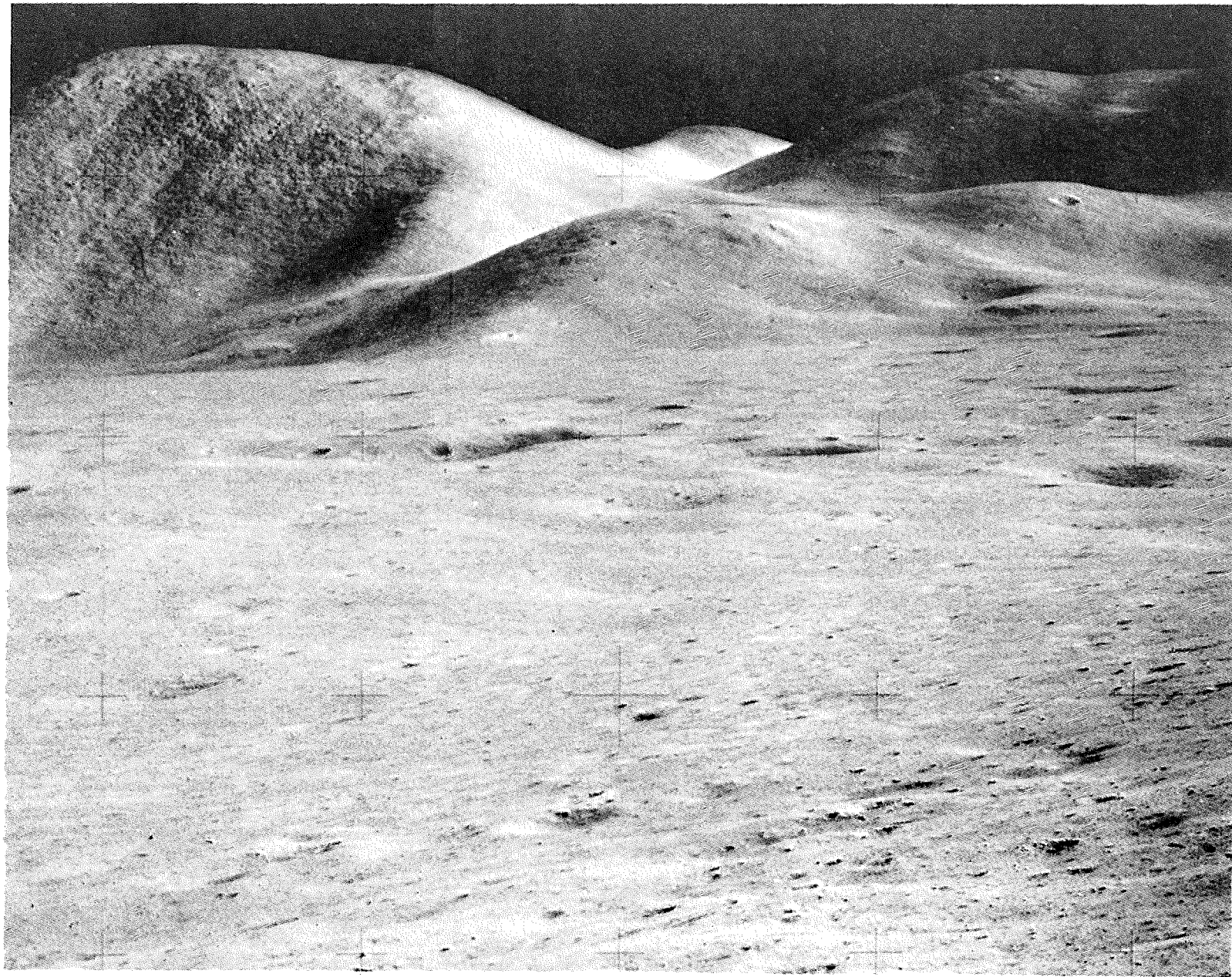


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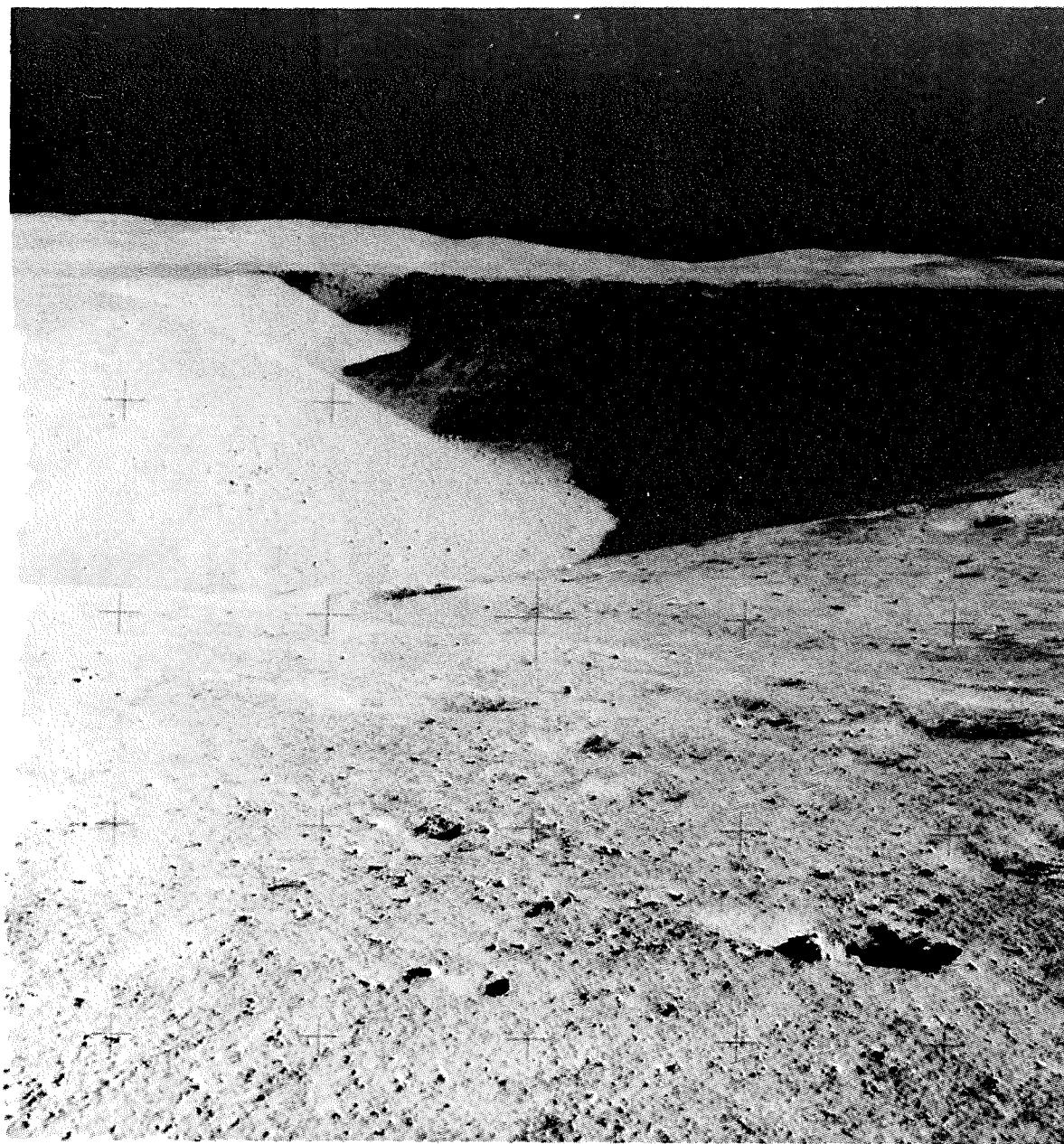
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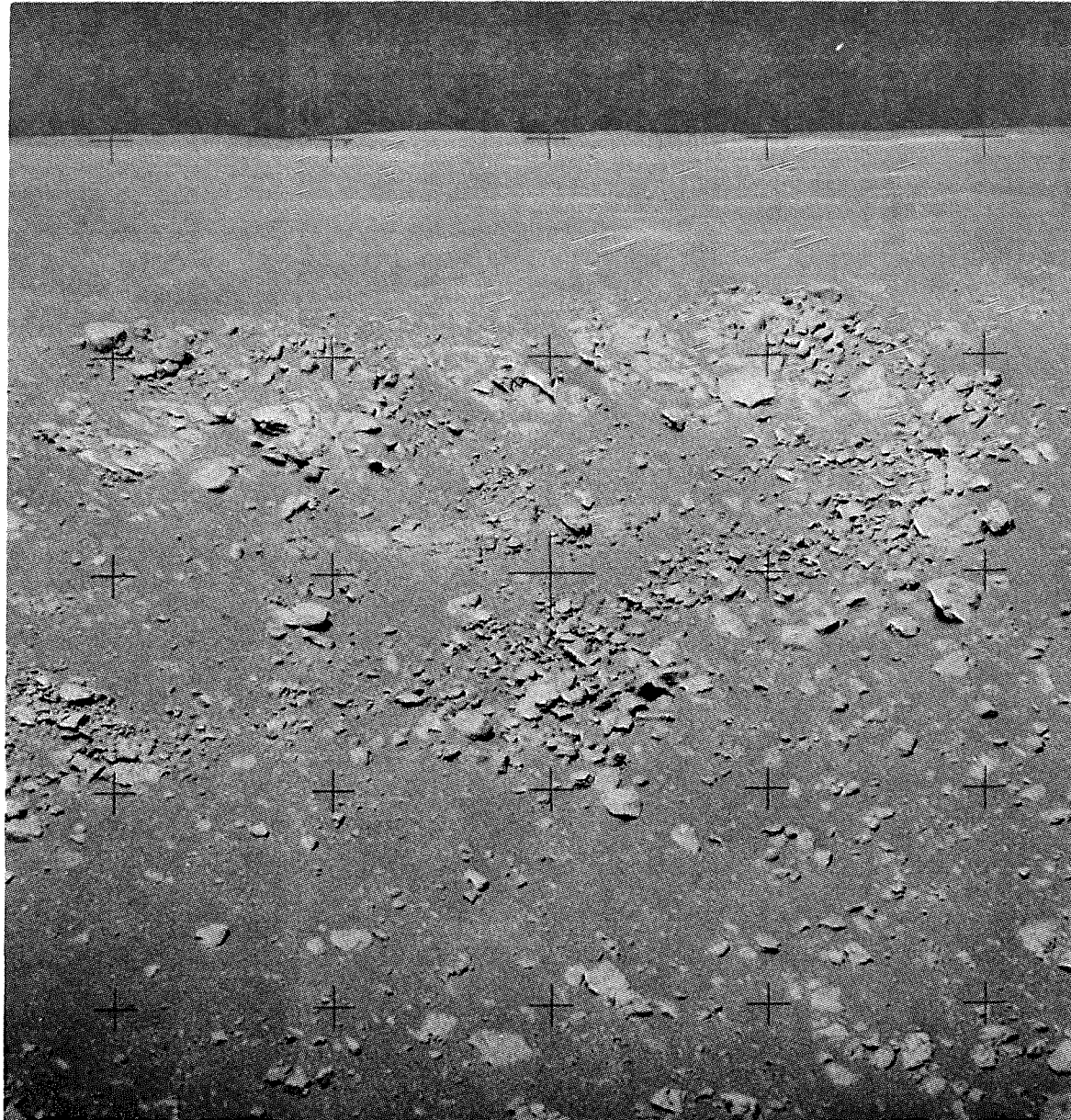


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# **APOLLO 15**

## **ORBITAL SCIENCE GEOCHEMICAL GROUP**

### **● GAMMA RAY SPECTROMETER**

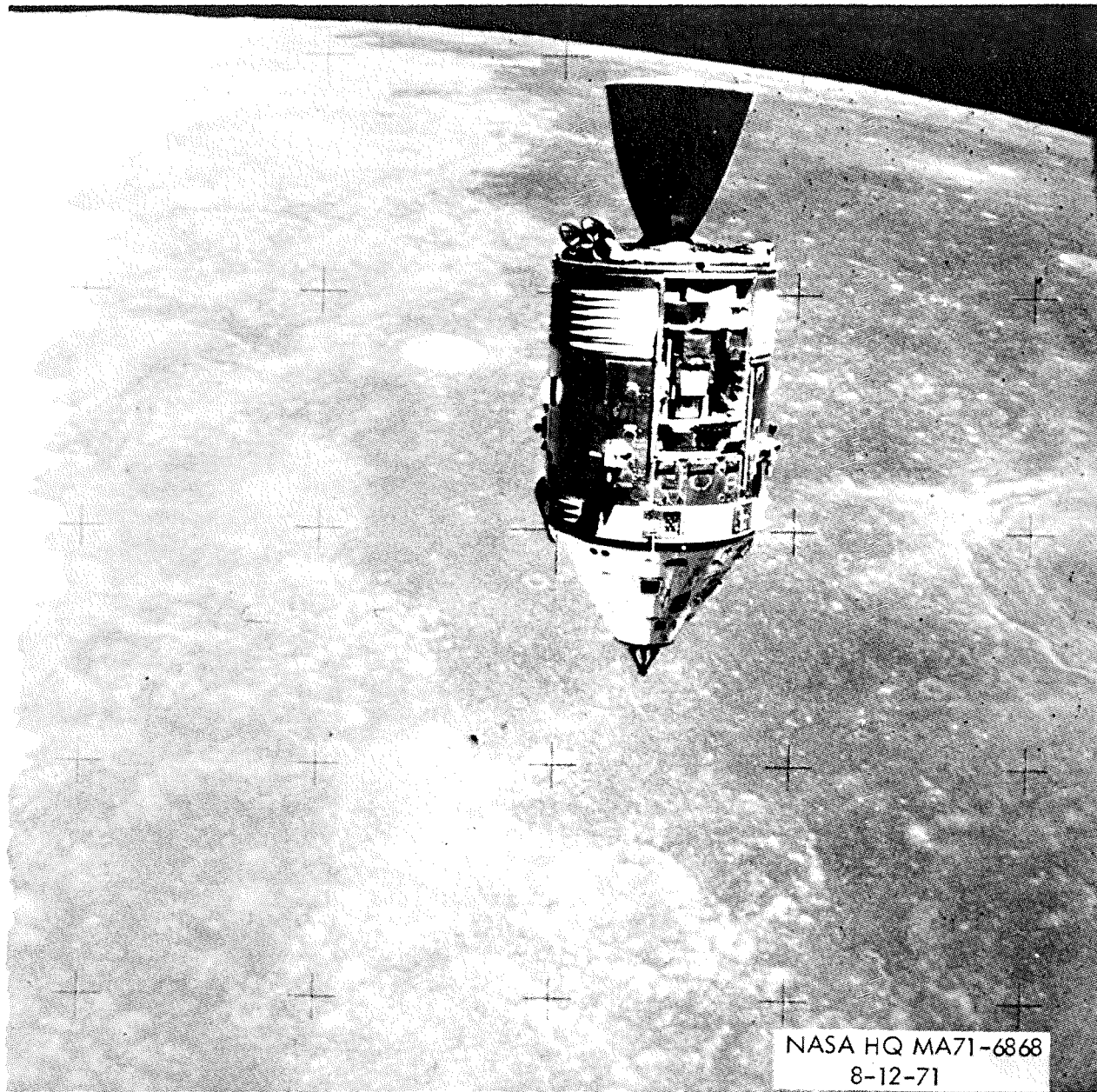
- ACQUIRED 62 HOURS OF PRIME DATA
- BACKSIDE RADIOACTIVITY SLIGHTLY LOWER THAN FRONTSIDE
- SOME PRELIMINARY EVIDENCE FOR LOCAL HIGH ACTIVITY AREAS
- AVERAGE LUNAR RADIOACTIVITY LESS THAN APOLLO 14 FRA MAURO SAMPLES

### **● X-RAY SPECTROMETER**

- 100 HOURS OF LUNAR AND 50 HOURS OF GALACTIC DATA
- HIGHLANDS ARE RICHER IN ALUMINUM THAN MARE
- MARE ARE RICHER IN MAGNESIUM THAN HIGHLANDS
- BACKSIDE HIGHLANDS ARE MORE ENRICHED IN ALUMINUM THAN APENNINE HIGHLANDS
- SEVEN DISCRETE GALACTIC X-RAY SOURCES OBSERVED

### **● ALPHA PARTICLE SPECTROMETER**

- 100 HOURS OF LUNAR AND 50 HOURS OF DEEP SPACE DATA
- DIFFUSION OF RADON  $10^3$  LESS THAN TERRESTRIAL RATES



**APOLLO 15  
X-RAY SPECTROMETER**

**THREE ORBITAL TRACKS  
RELATIVE ABUNDANCES  
NORMALIZED TO SILICON**

**WHITE: HIGH MAGNESIUM, LOW ALUMINUM**  
**BLACK: LOW MAGNESIUM, HIGH ALUMINUM**

# THREE ORBITAL TRACKS

## RELATIVE ABUNDANCES

### NORMALIZED TO SILICON

☐ **HIGH MAGNESIUM, LOW ALUMINUM**  
Langrenus F

☐ **LOW MAGNESIUM, HIGH ALUMINUM**

# APOLLO 15

## ORBITAL SCIENCE

### ● MASS SPECTROMETER

- 40 HOURS OF LUNAR AND 50 HOURS OF DEEP SPACE DATA
- UNEXPECTED POPULATION OF MOLECULES IN LUNAR ORBIT
- AN ORDER OF MAGNITUDE MORE GAS IN LUNAR ORBIT THAN DEEP SPACE
- TWO UNEXPLAINED TRANSIENT PHENOMENA OBSERVED

### ● PANORAMIC CAMERA

- V/H SENSOR MALFUNCTIONED
- 80% OF PHOTOGRAPHY IS NOMINAL; MAXIMUM RESOLUTION - ALL FILM IS EXCELLENT
- PRIMARY OBJECTIVES PHOTOGRAPHED IN HIGH RESOLUTION STEREO
  - APOLLO 15 LANDING SITE
  - APOLLO 15 LUNAR MODULE IMPACT POINT
  - POTENTIAL NEW LANDING SITES SOUTHWEST OF MARE CRISIUM

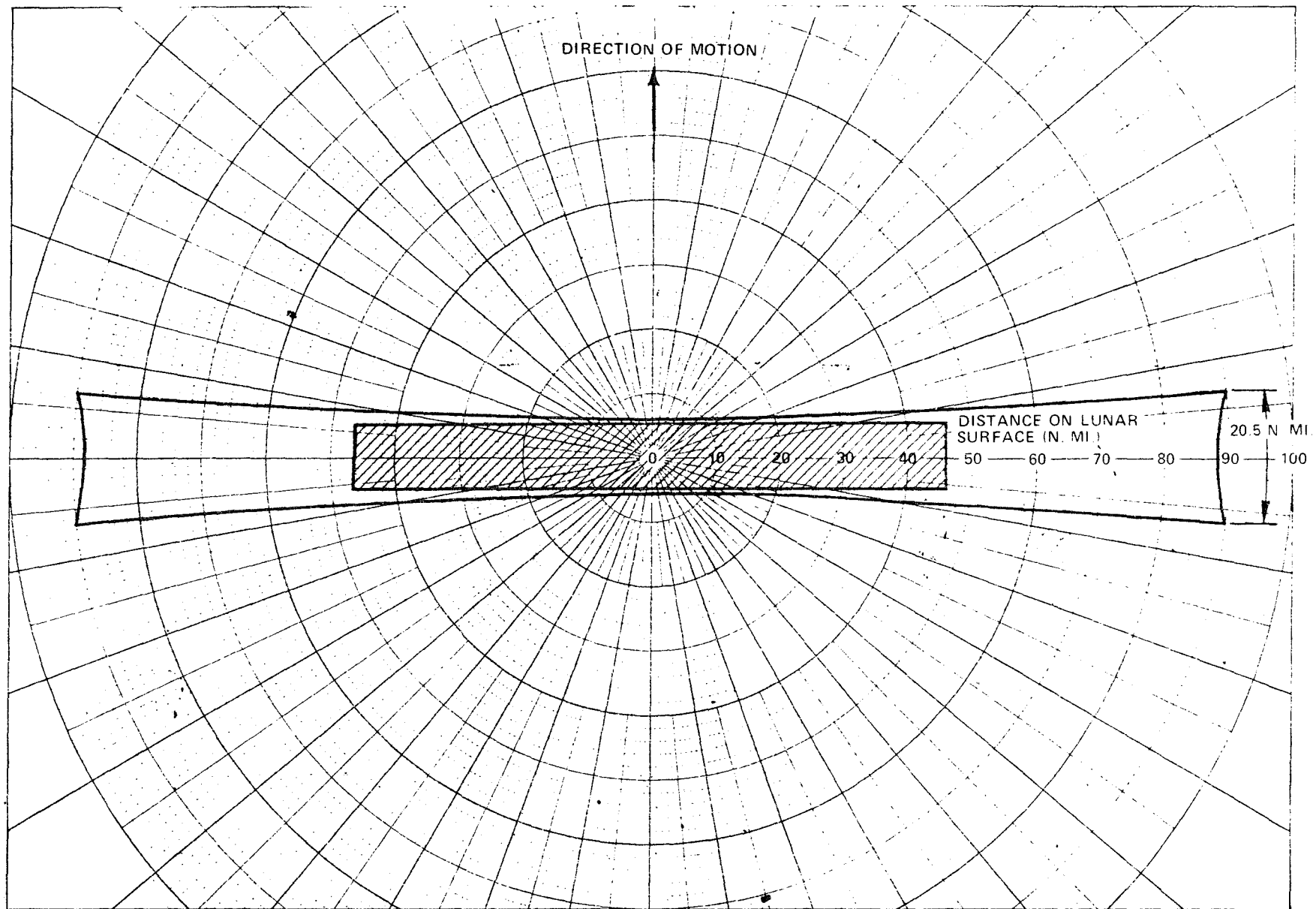
### ● MAPPING CAMERA

- ALL PLANNED COVERAGE OBTAINED
- FILM HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AND IS OF EXCELLENT QUALITY

### ● LASER ALTIMETER

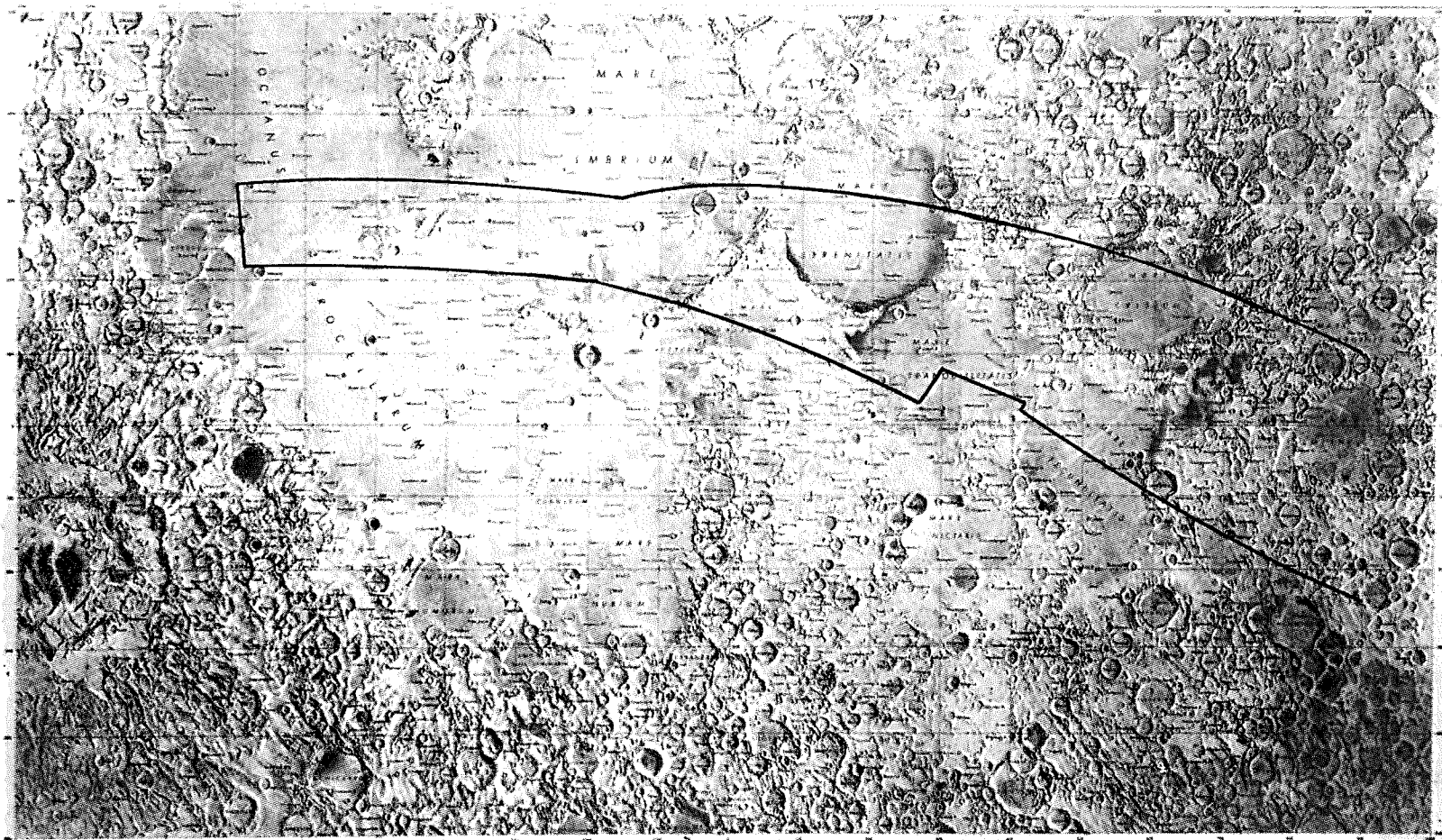
- NOMINAL PERFORMANCE ON REV 15
- SHOWS SHAPE AND SLOPE OF MARE BASINS
- REV 15 DATA SHOWS MOON'S CENTER OF MASS OFFSET FROM CENTER OF FIGURE

# APOLLO PANORAMIC CAMERA FIELD-OF-VIEW (MONOSCOPIC MODE) ON LUNAR SURFACE

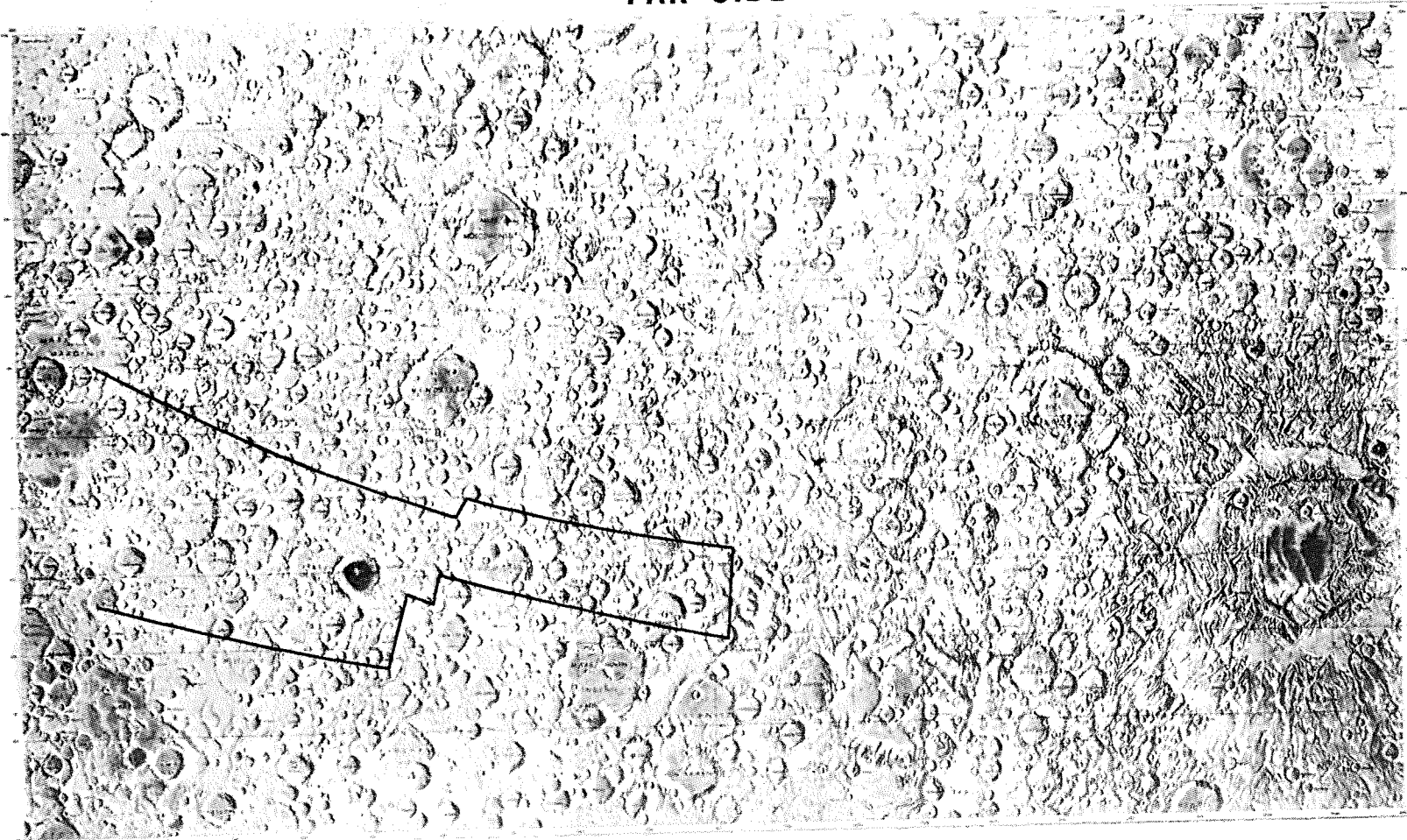


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PAN CAMERA COVERAGE  
NEAR SIDE



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PAN CAMERA COVERAGE  
FAR SIDE**

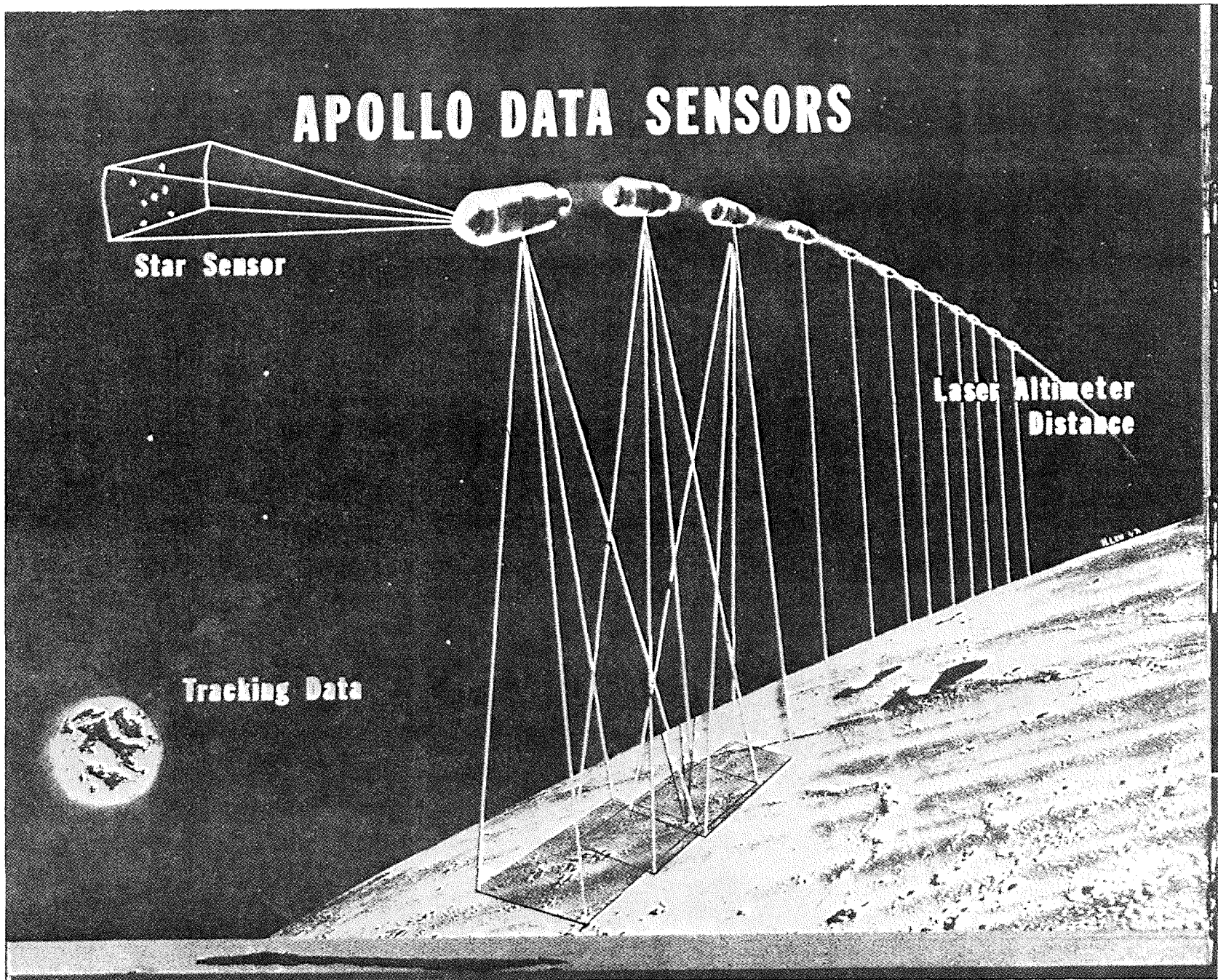


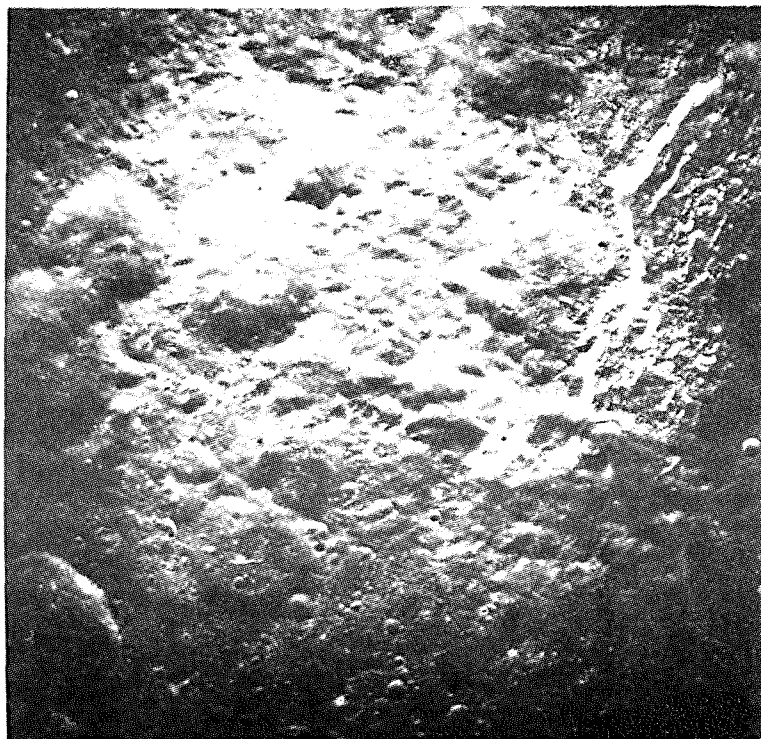
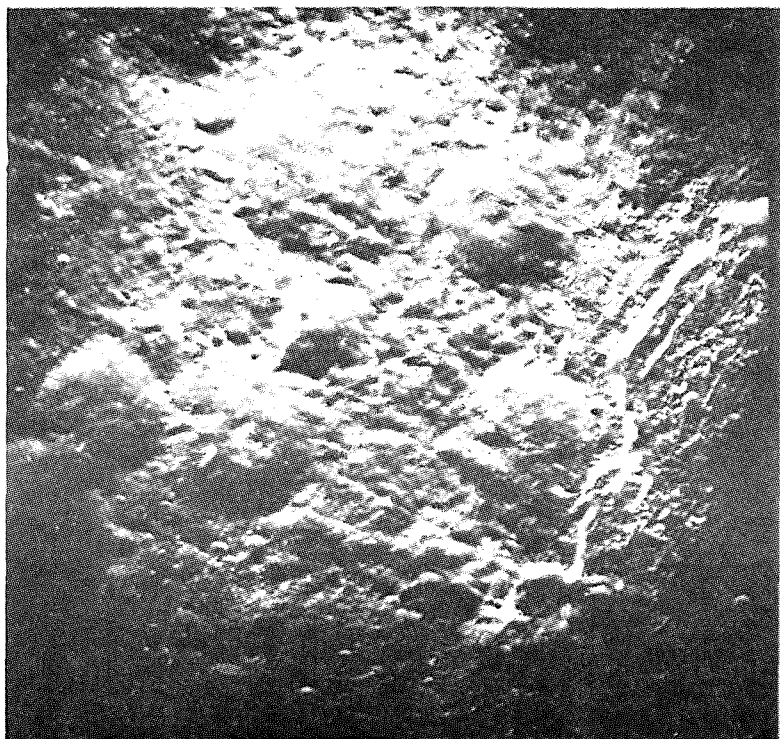
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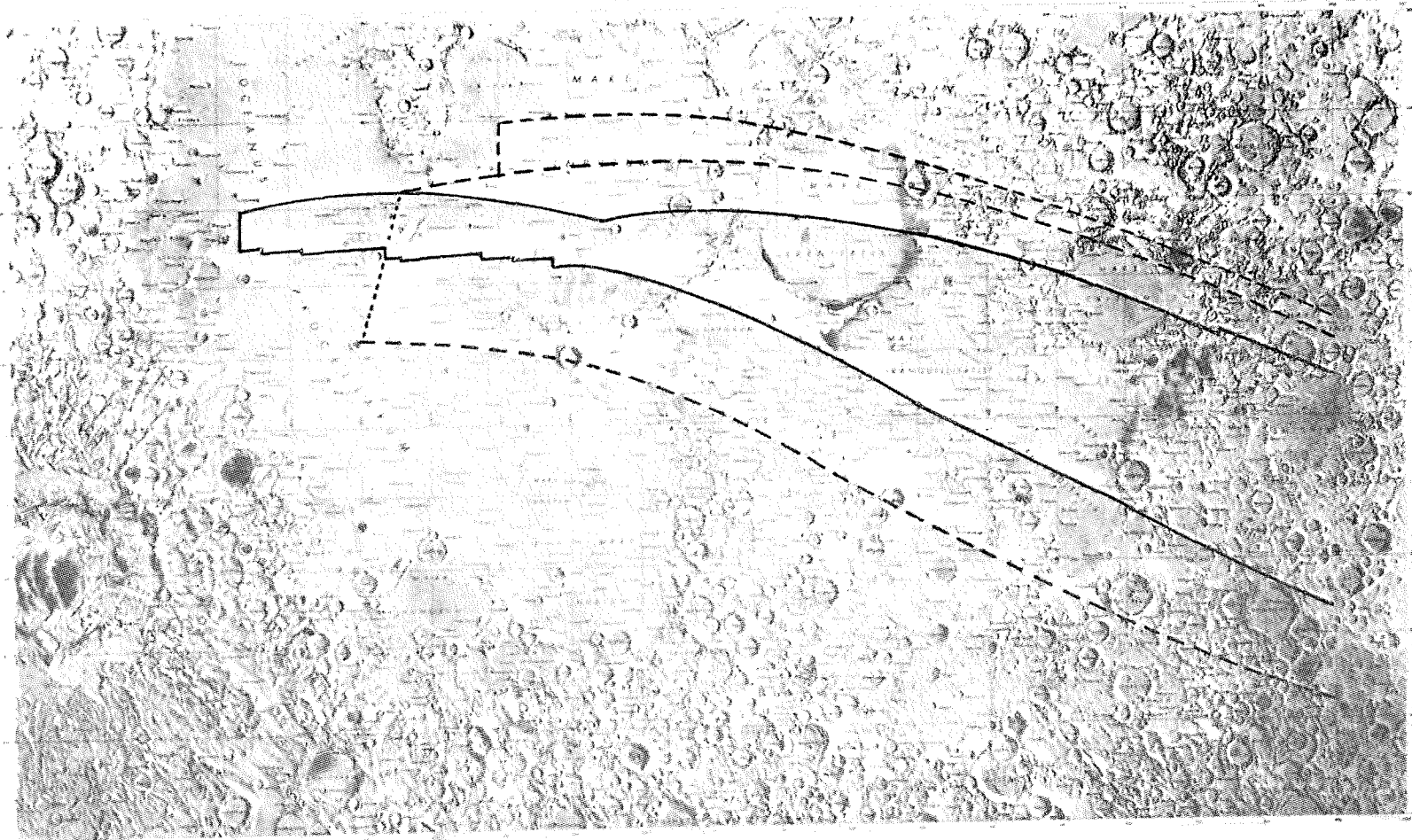
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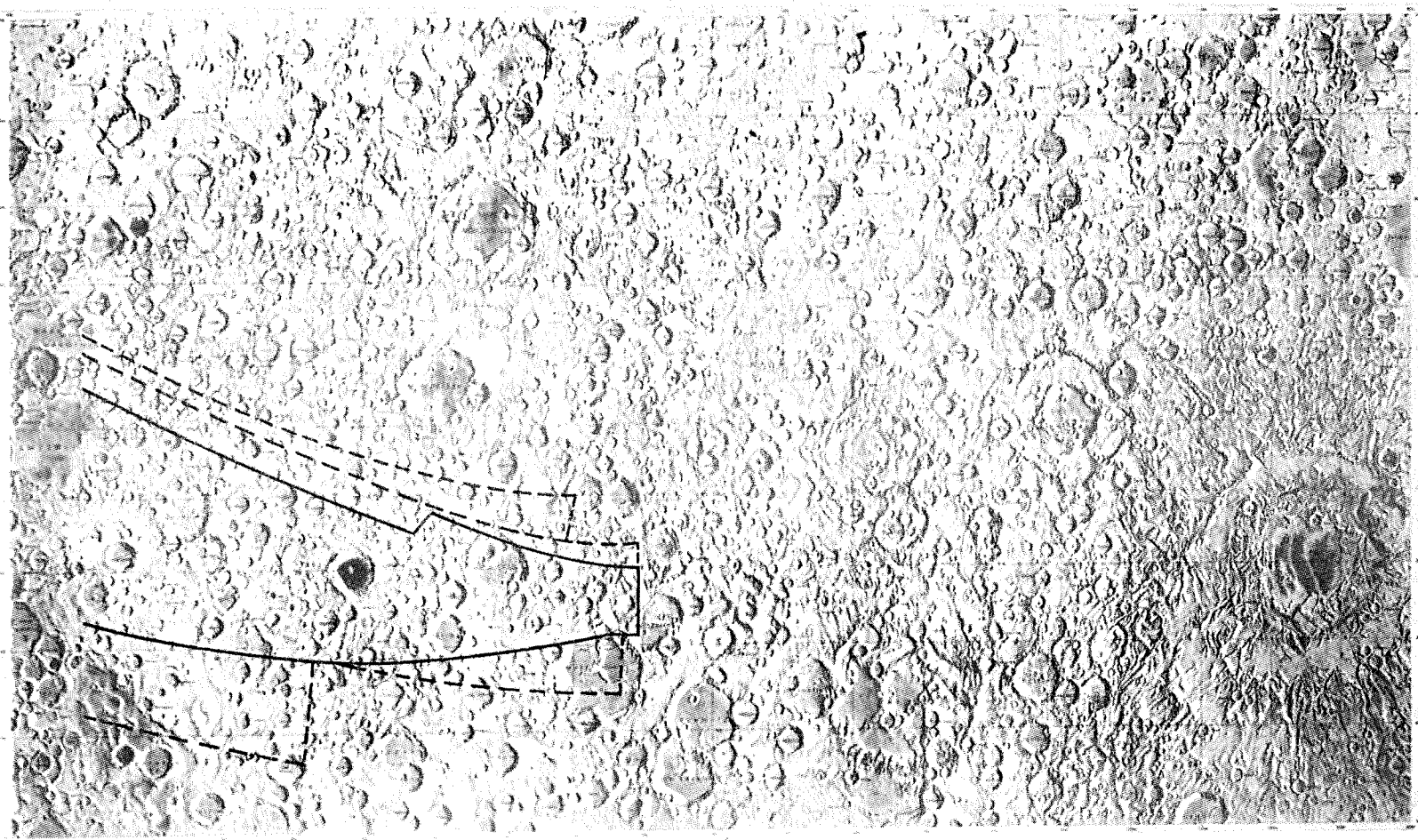


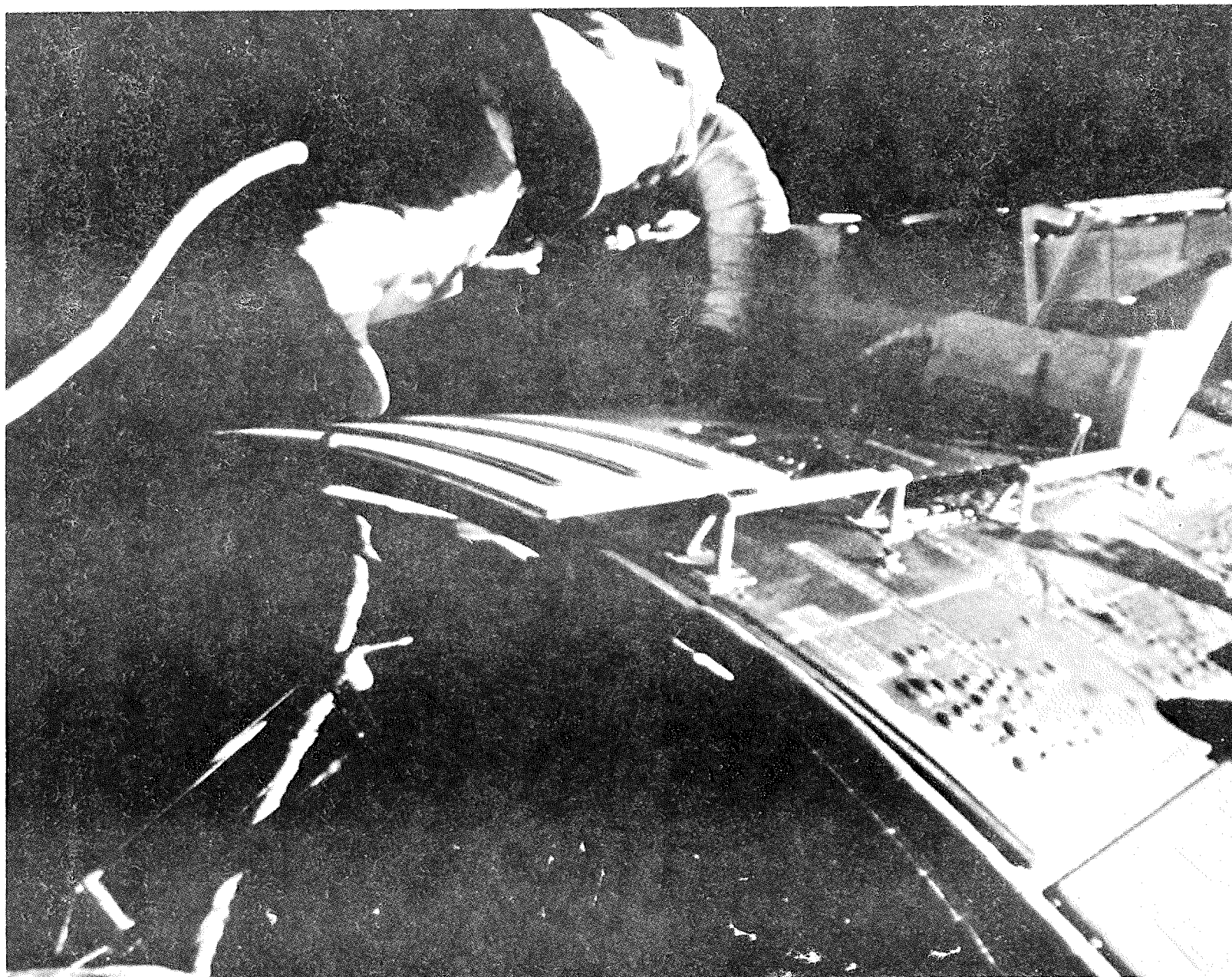


**APOLLO 15**  
**MAPPING CAMERA COVERAGE**  
**NEAR SIDE**



APOLLO 15  
MAPPING CAMERA COVERAGE  
FAR SIDE





# APOLLO 15

## ORBITAL SCIENCE

### ● SUBSATELLITE

- DEPLOYED IN 76 X 54 NAUTICAL MILE ORBIT
- ORBIT INCLINATION 28°
- S-BAND TRACKING FOR GRAVITY DOPPLER EVERY TWELFTH ORBIT
- BATTERY CHARGING PASS FOLLOWING S-BAND TRACKING PASS

### ● PARTICLE DETECTOR EXPERIMENT

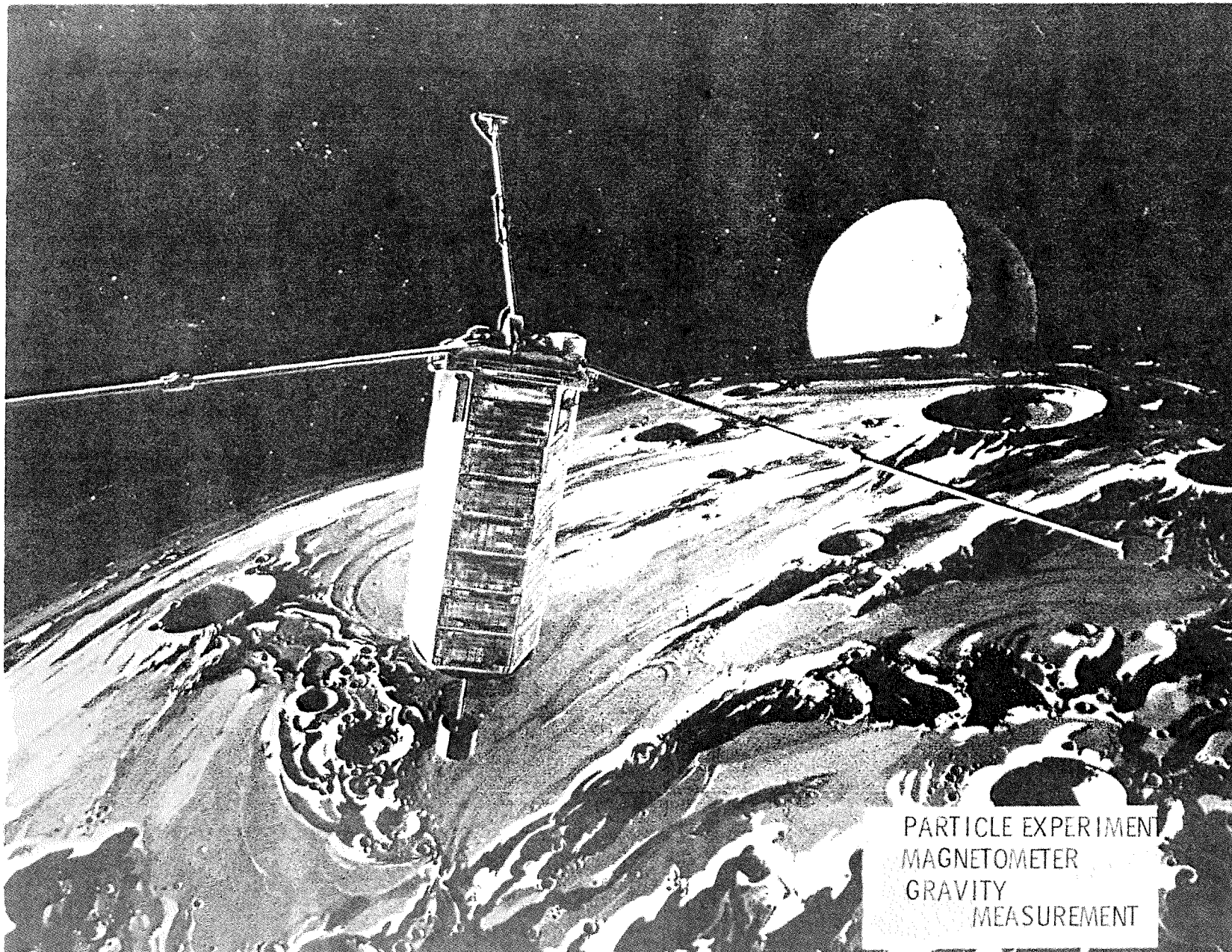
- PARTICLE TELESCOPES DETECTED LARGE PROTON FLUX IN MAGNETOPAUSE
- GOOD PARTICLE COUNTS IN PLASMA SHEATH
- EXCELLENT DIRECTIONAL INDICATION OF PARTICLE FLUXES

### ● MAGNETOMETER

- MAGNETIC FLUX VARIATIONS DETECTED IN AGREEMENT WITH LSM
- DETECTS LUNAR SURFACE ANOMALIES WHILE IN EARTH'S MAGNETOTAIL
  - VAN DE GRAAF
  - GAGARIN
  - KOROLEV

### ● S-BAND DOPPLER GRAVITY EXPERIMENT

- EXCELLENT DOPPLER DATA
- NEW MASCON LOCATED NEAR EASTERN LIMB
- GRAVITY DATA WITH LASER ALTIMETRY ALLOWS COMPARISON OF SHAPE OF BASINS WITH SHAPE OF MASCONS
- ALL MASCONS DO NOT HAVE SAME SHAPE



PARTICLE EXPERIMENT  
MAGNETOMETER  
GRAVITY  
MEASUREMENT

# **APOLLO 15**

## **ORBITAL SCIENCE**

- **DIM LIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY**

  - GEGENSCHNITT

  - ZODIACAL LIGHT

  - SOLAR CORONA

  - LUNAR LIBRATION REGIONS

  - LUNAR SURFACE TERMINATOR

- **UV PHOTOGRAPHY - EARTH AND MOON**

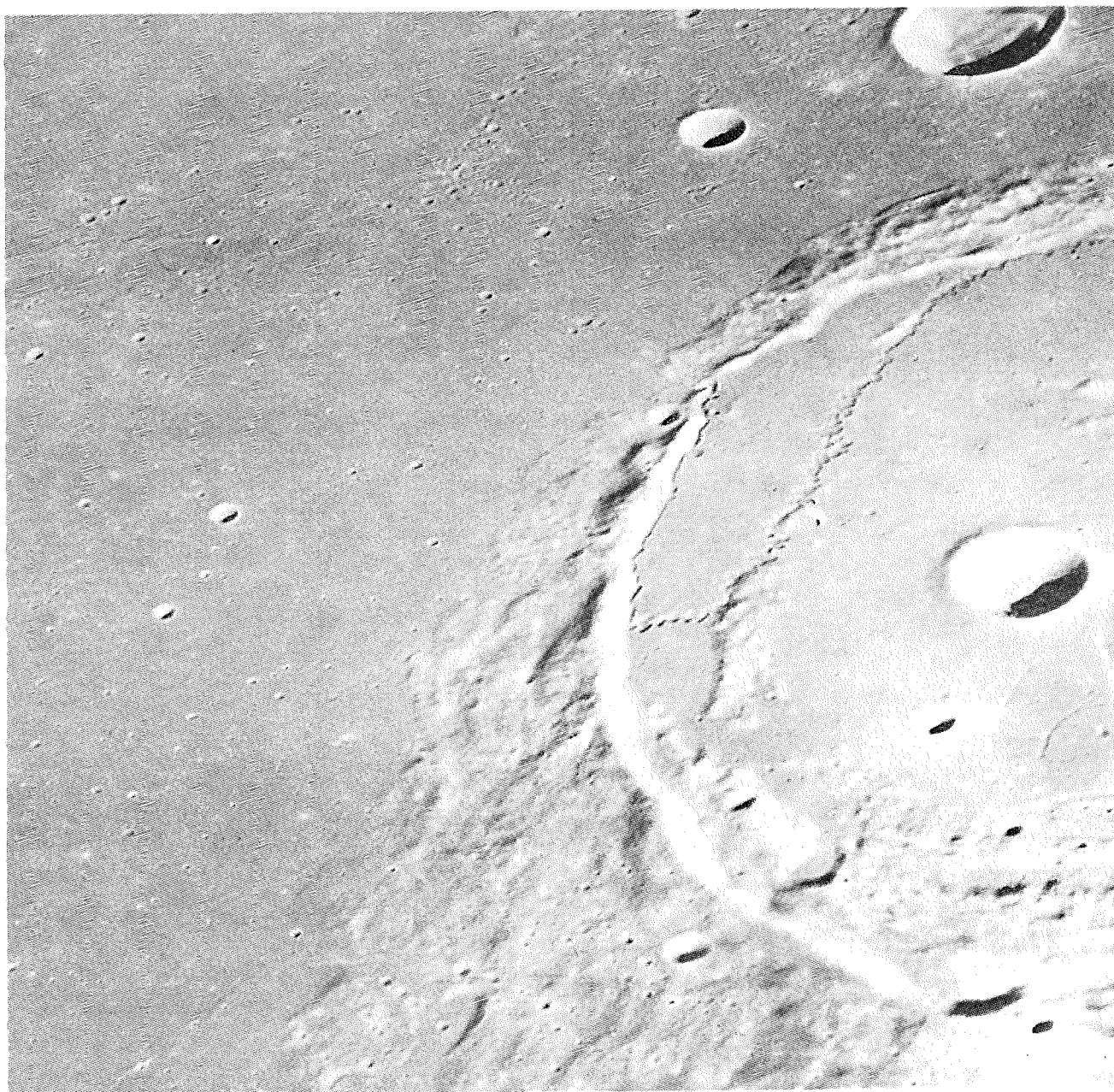
  - FIRST UV PHOTOGRAPHY OF EARTH FROM SPACE

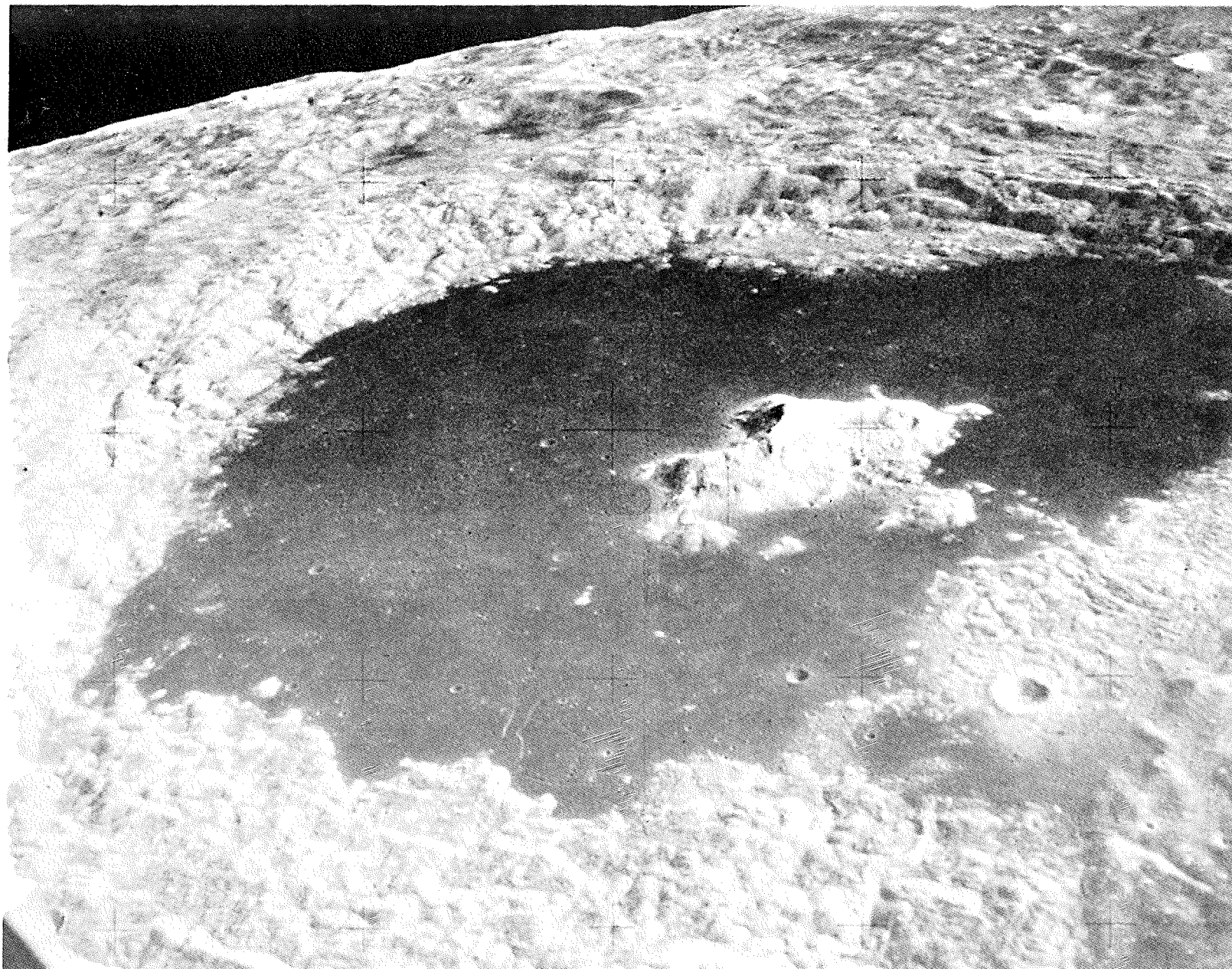
- **DOWNLINK BISTATIC RADAR**

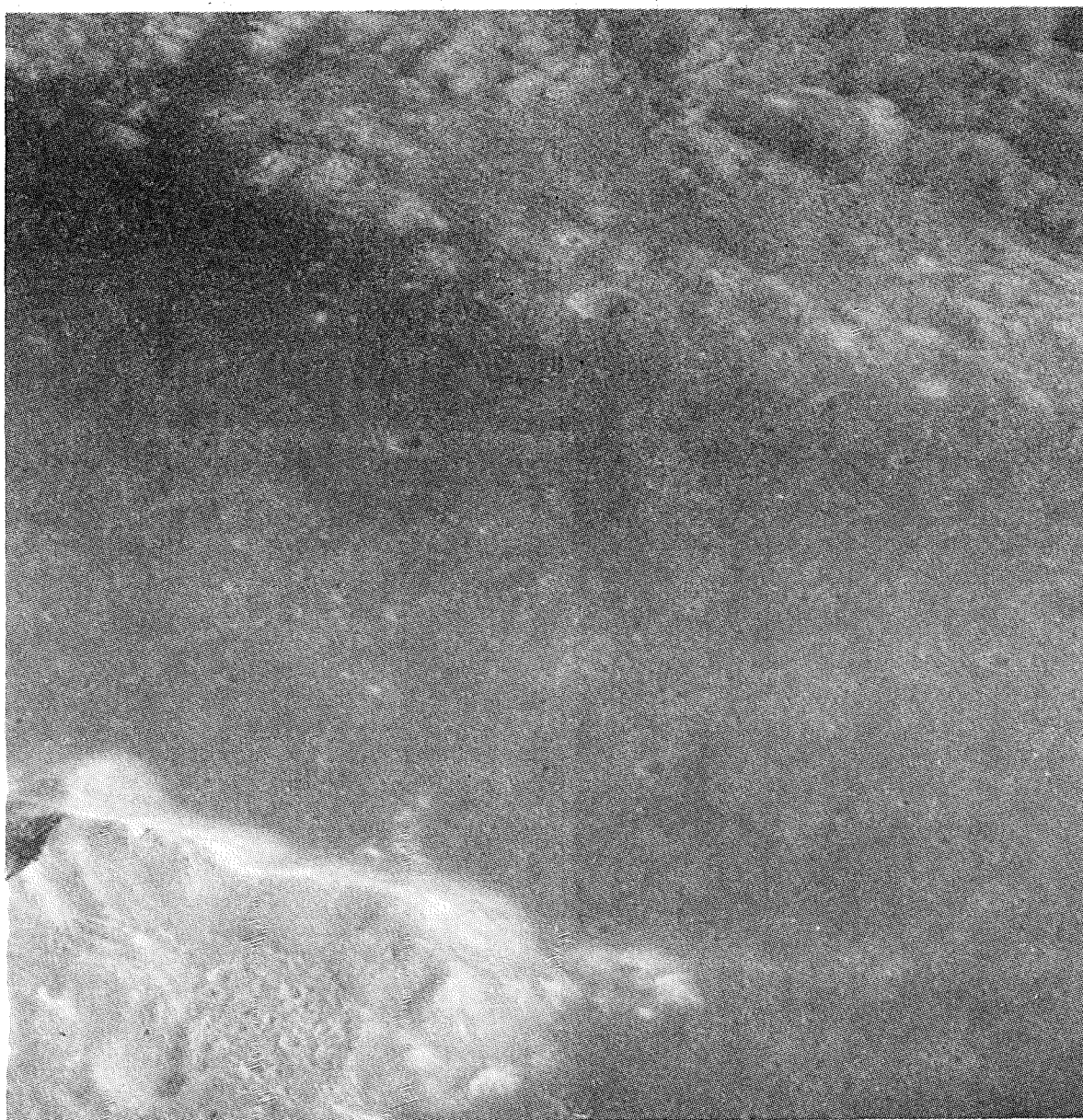
  - S-BAND AND VHF BISTATIC WILL DETERMINE ROUGHNESS AND DIELECTRIC CONSTANT

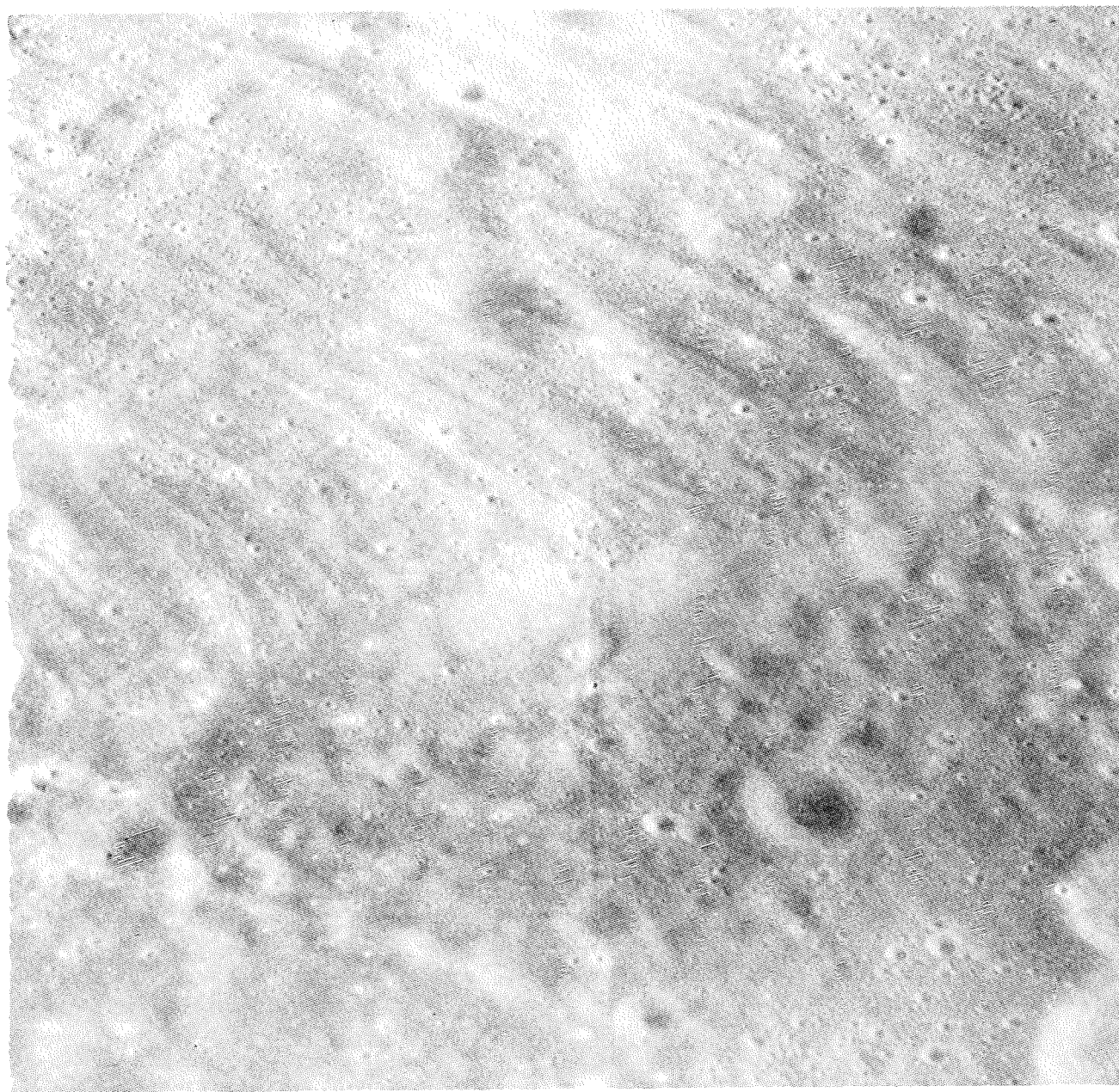
- **APOLLO WINDOW MICROMETEOROID**

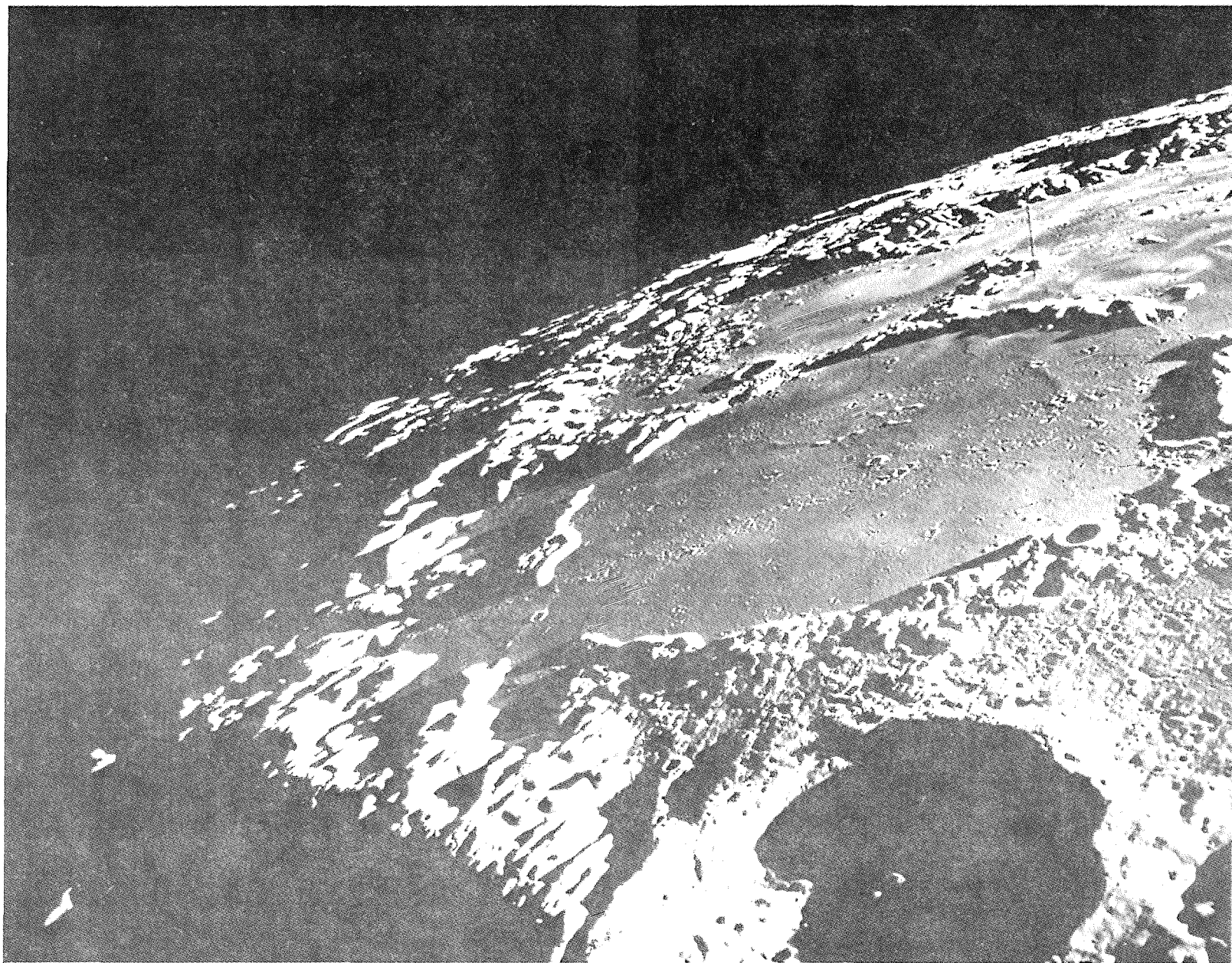
- **COMMAND MODULE PHOTOGRAPHY AND VISUAL OBSERVATIONS**



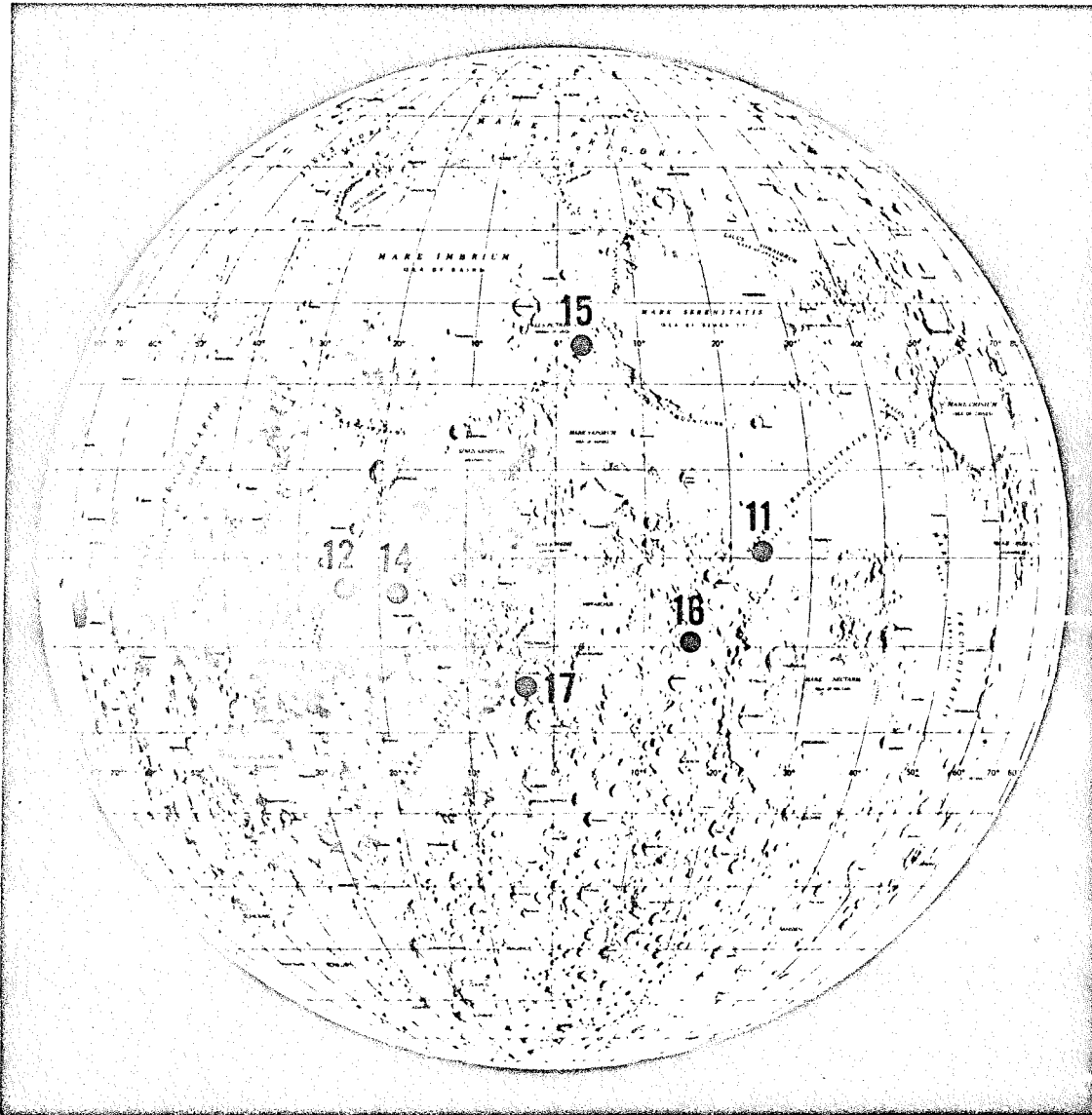








# LUNAR LANDING SITES



## LANDING SITES

**APOLLO**

- 11 SEA OF TRANQUILITY  
12 OCEAN OF STORMS  
14 FRA MAURO  
15 HADLEY-APENNINE  
16 DESCARTES  
17 ALPHONSUS  
(TENTATIVE)

