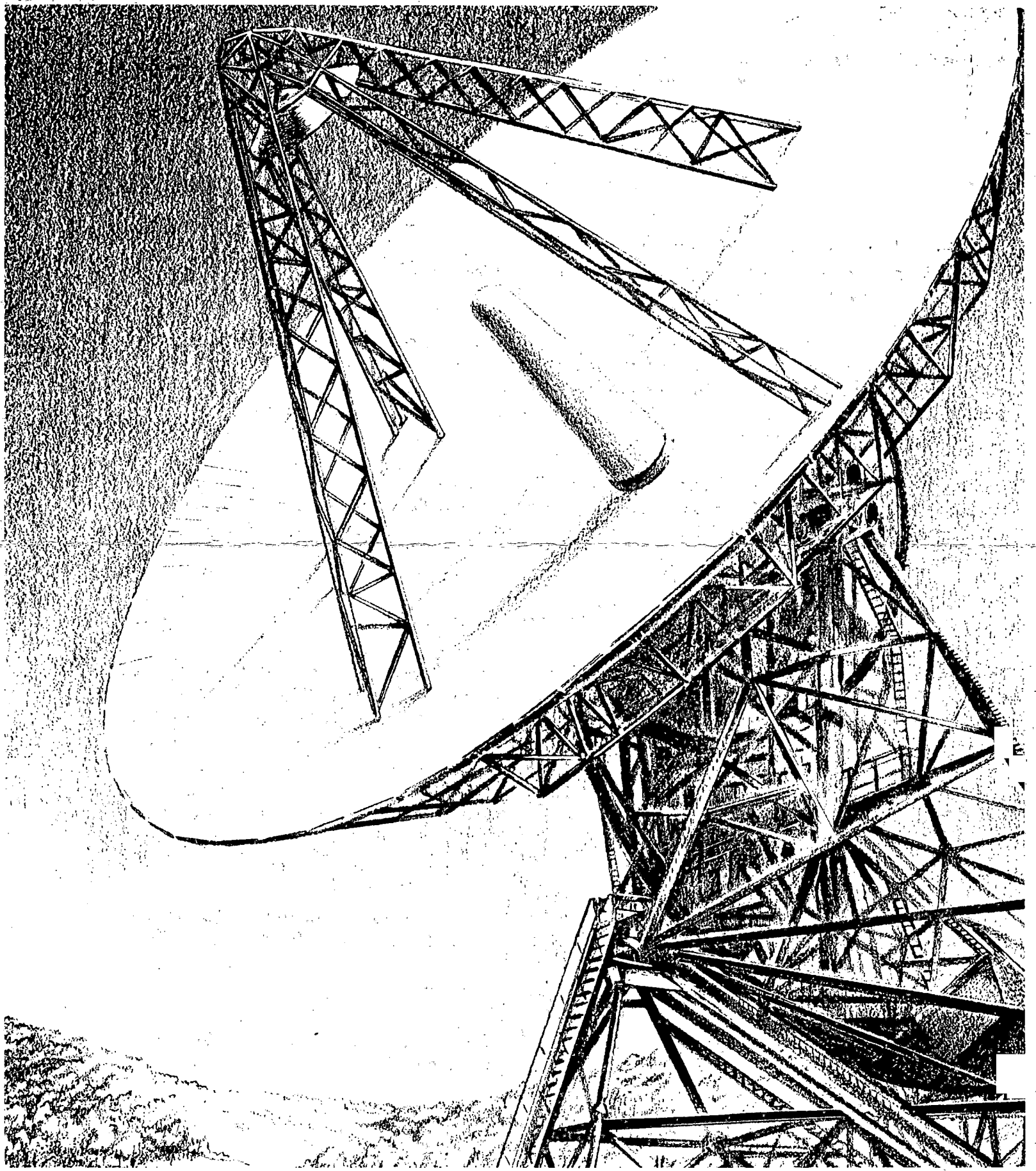
- THE DISH -



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APOLLO - 12 EDITION

With the help of the same good cover reporters, I was able to put out this "DISH". I myself was lax in getting ready for Apollo-12 and missed sending out the stations for this launch. Luckily I have been able to pick up a few covers from friends.

I hope everyone is acquainted with Bob Ekas's new numbering system. Some confusion seemed apparent (or was it just me) in the reports I received. On stations where they are listed under more than one heading, some collectors reported all, but I'm sure these are all the same cover. I felt since it's only one cover, I shouldn't show it in more than one place in the report for the DISH. Some people might not agree with me and that, of course, is up to the individual.

Thanks to Ken Bieda for the illustration of recovery ship cachets and cancels. Also thanks to the following for their fine reports on station covers: Bob Ekas, H. Rose, R. Rothgiesser, V. Eismont, S. Steinberg, J. Frasketi, C. Fuchs, I. Fager and P. Lash. If I missed anyone, I'm sorry.

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TRACKING SHIPS

Three instrumentation ships will be withdrawn from the tracking network supporting future Apollo manned flights. The three ships are USNS REDSTONE, MERCURY and HUNTSVILLE. The fourth ship, USNS VANGUARD, will be continued on station in the Atlantic Ocean. Operating about 1,000 miles southeast of Bermuda, VANGUARD covers Apollo flights in the early phase following launch into Earth orbit. It is also available in the recovery fleet for possible emergency landing in the Atlantic. A fifth ship, USNS WATERTOWN, was dropped from the Apollo fleet. It is now used by the Air Force in the Pacific for support of launches from its Western Test Range.

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Thanks to all the many people who sent in donations after receiving the Apollo-11 "DISH". I did not keep track of them, but it did help to put out this issue. About 100 APOLLO-12 issues were sent out.

APOLLO CUTBACK

NASA has announced a cutback of approximately 50,000 people. It also will have 2 Apollo flights per year and none in 1972. One Apollo flight has been cut, but the Saturn 5 rocket will be used for other purposes.

APOLLO-12 COVERS REPORTED AS RECEIVED

All station numbers refer to Bob Ekas' list of stations. This listing is not of stations that took part. This is only a record of what has been reported to me. All covers canceled November on date shown.

#	STATION	CANCEL	DATE
A 1*	Eglin	Eglin AFB	14
A 2	645 Radar	Patrick AFB	14
A 3	6596th Sqdn	Lompoc	18
A 4	El Salvador	(not reported)	
A 5	Turkey	APO 09294	15
	&	Diyarbakir	20
A 6	A. P. O. N. Y.	(poor cancel)	?
C 1	Goddard	Greenbelt	14
C 2	Houston	Houston	14
C 3	Switch HI	Honolulu	14
C 4	Comsat HI	Haleiwa	14
C 5	Comsat CA	Carmel Valley	14
C 6	Comsat WV	Rowlesburg	14
C 7	N.J.	Nutley	14
	&	Newark	19
C 8	Comsat WA	Brewster	14
C 9	Comsat MA	Andover	14
C 10	Comsat DC	Washington	15
C 11	Comsat PR	Cayey	14
C 12	England	London	14
C 13	Goohilly	(returned covers)	
C 14	OTC Canada	Mill Village	14
C 15	France	Pleumeur Bodou	14
C 16	Germany	Raisting	14
C 17	Italy	Avezzano	14
C 18	Australia	Curtin	15
C 19	Australia	Moree	15
C 20	OTC Aust.	Carnarvon	15
C 21	Australia	Paddington	19
C 22	Australia	Sydney	15
C 23	Australia	Bringlly	15
C 24	Australia	Doonside	14
C 25	Japan	Takahagi	19
C 26	Chile	Melipilla	14
C27	Peru	Lima	20
C 28	Brasil	(not reported)	
C 29	Bahrain	Manama	19
C 30	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	14
C 31	Thailand	Sriracha	14
C 32	Australia	(not reported)	
C 33	Australia	(not reportd)	
C 34	Taiwan	(not reported)	
C 35	Argentina	Balcarce	19
C 36	Philippines	(not reported)	
C 36a	Philippines	(not reported)	

#	STATION	CANCEL	DATE
D 1	Mars	Barstow	14
D 1a	Pioneer	Barstow	14
D 1b	Echo	Barstow	14
D 1c	Venus	(same as D 1)	
D 2*	K. S. C.	(same as M 2)	
D 3	DSS-41	Woomera	15
D 4	DSS-42	Canberra	15
D 5*	Joburg	Kenmare	14
D 6	DSS-61	Madrid	14
E 1	Gr. Bahamas	Freeport	14
E 1a	Gr. Bahamas	(poor PMK)	14
E 2*	K. S. C.	(same as M 2)	
E 3	Turk Is.	Gr. Turk	14
E 4	Antigua	(not reported)	
E 5	Ascension	(not reported)	
E 6	Seychelles	La Misere	14
E 7	S. Africa	Pretoria	16
M 1	Goldstone	Barstow	14
M 2*	Kennedy	Kennedy S, C.	14
M 3	Hawaii	Waimea	14
M 4	Texas	Corpus Christi	14
M 5	Guam	Agana	15
M 6*	Madagascar	Tananarive	14
M 7	Australia	Carnarvon	14
M 8	Honeysuckle	Canberra	14
M 9	Spain	Madrid	14
M 10	Gr. Canary	Las Palmas	14
M 11	Gr. Bahama	(station closed	
M 12	Bermuda	St, George	14
	&	APO 09856	14
M 13	Ascension	Ascension	14
M 14	Antigua	St. John's	14
M 15	Mexico	Guaymas	14
N 1	NORAD	Colo. Springs	14
N 2	14th Aero.	Colo. Springs	14
N 3	Alaska	Clear	14
N 4	Greenland	APO 09023	14
N 5	Canada	Medley	14
N 6	England	Pickering	15

#	STATION	CANCEL	DATE
O 1	Mass	Boston	14
O 2	Arizona	Amado	14
O 3	Hawaii	Kula	14
O 4	Peru	Arequipa	19
O 5	Argentina	Rivadavia	14
O 6	Brazil	Natal	14
O 7	Spain	Cadiz	16
	&	Navy Br. 17049	18
O 8	Ethiopia	Addis Ababa	19
	&	APO # 319	19
O 9	So. Africa	Olifantefonte	17
O 10	Greece	Athens	16
	&	APO 09223	19
O 11	India	Naini Tal	14
O 12	Japan	Mitaka	15
	&	Musashino	15
O 13	Australia	Woomera	20
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R 1	Eglin	Eglin AFB	14
R 2	Hq 73rd	Panama City	14
R 3	966th	(did not take part)	
R 4	Task Force 140 - Norfolk		24
R 5	Canal Zone	Albrook AFB	14
R 6	W. Germany	Landstuhl	14
	&	APO 09012	14
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S 1	Mojave	Barstow	14
S 2	Alaska	Fairbanks	14
S 3	No. Car.	Rosman	14
	&	Brevard	19
S 4	Florida	Ft. Myers	14
S 5*	Joburg	(same as D 5)	
S 6*	Madagascar	(same as M 6)	
S 7*	Australia	(same as M 7)	
S 8	Australia	Tharawa	14
S 9	Ecuador	Quito	14
S 10	Chile	Santiago	14
S 11	England	Windsor	19
S 12	Canada	St. John's	14
T 1	Palomar	Pasadena	14
T 2	Lick	Mt. Hamilton	19
	&	San Jose	14
T 3	Arizona	Flagstaff	14
T 4	No. Car.	Chapel Hill	14
T 5	Texas	Ft. Davis	14
T 6	Georgia	Atlanta	14
T 7	Colorado	Denver	14
T 8	Jodrell Bank	Macclesfield	14

#	STATION	CANCEL	DATE
T 9	W. Germany	Berlin	14
T 10	W. Germany	Bochum	14
T 11	Australia	Parkes NSW	14
T 12	Netherlands	Oudenbosch	14
T 13	Netherlands	Utrecht	14
T 14	Canada	Richmond Hill	14
T 15	Royal Obs.	Kowloon	15
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W 1	Colorado	Boulder	14
W 2	Colorado	Ent AFB	14
W 3	California	San Fernando	19
W 4	Hawaii	(refused)	
W 5	New Mexico	Sunspot	14
W 6	Mass.	So. Hamilton	14
W 7	D. C.	Washington	14
W 8	Kennedy S. C.	Kennedy S. C.	14
W 9	Florida	Miami	14
W 10	Texas	Houston	14
W 11	Arizona	Maricopa	14
W 12	P. R.	Ramey	14
W 13	Greece	APO 09223	14
W 14	Hawaii	Honolulu	14
W 15	APO, S. F.	APO 90528	25
W 16	Australia	Adelaide	14
	&	Two Wells	15
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X 1	Nevada	Jackass Flats	14
X 2	Virgina	Wallops	14
X 3	New Mexico	White Sands MR	14
	&	Las Cruces	14
X 4	New Mexico	(not reported)	
X 5	California	Vandenberg AFB	14
X 6	California	Edwards	14
X 7	California	Moffett Field	14
X 8	Mass.	(not reported)	
X 9	Mass.	Boston	14
X 10	Ohio	Sandusky	14
X 11	Penn.	Philadelphia	14
X 12	Hayden	New York	19
X 13	Canada	Ft. Churchill	14

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Although 3 or 4 dates may have been reported for the many stations, I chose the one closest to launch, Moon landing, or splashdown respectively for this listing.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

By: Bob Ekas, P.O. Box 146, Chicora, Pennsylvania 16025

NORAD COVERS should be P.O. Box 5123
T-10 address given is the person that services our covers
This is the other address: Institut fur Weltraumforschung
D 463 Bochum-Sundern
Blankensteinerstr. 200a W. Germany
S-11 address given is the Official Station Address. To have covers serviced send IRC per cover to: Mrs F. N. Meer
16 Ellerton Crose
Branksome Estate
Darlington (CO DURHAM)
England
On page 1 where it states "Do not use U.S. stamps" etc,,, R-4 should be R-5 and add E-7.
C-26 is S. Radic
M-7 P.O. in front of Box
M-8 A.C.T. eliminate after
Honeysuckle Creek
C-18 eliminate NASA Communications
C-21 eliminate Satellite Earth Station
C-21 2021 is postal code
T-11 2870 is postal code
108 5794 is postal code

NEW STATIONS or CORRECTIONS:

E-1a Commander - ETR Station
Eleuthera AAF
Box 4187
Patrick AFB, Fla., 32925

C-19 O.T.C. (A) Satellite
Earth Station
P.O. Box 377
Moree, N.S.W., Australia, 2400

C-28 Estraqao Terrena De Comunicaqoes
vis Satelite Da Embatel Itborai-Estado Do
Rio De Janeiro, Brasil

C-29 Cable & Wireless
Satellite Earth Station
Manama, Bahrain

C-30 Comsat Earth Station
Cable & Wireless Ltd.
Mercury House
Hong Kong

C-31 Communications Satellite Earth Station
Si-Racua
Chon Buri, Thailand

C-32 O.T.C. (A) Satellite Earth Station
Ceduna, S.A. 5690 Australia

C-33 O.T.C.
Box 21
Balga, W.A. 6061 Australia

CORRECTED ADDRESSES

C-29 Cable & Wireless
Satellite Earth Station
P.O. Box 14
Manama, Bahrain

C-31 Communications Satellite Earth Station
Siracha, Chonburi, Thailand

ADDITIONS

C-34 Earth Station - Comsat
C.G.R.A. Yangminshan
Taipei, Twiwan,
Republic of China

C-35 Jefe Division Estacion Terrena Balcarce
Ciudad de Balcarce, Prov. B. Aires,
Argentina

C-36 Philippine Communications Satellite Corp.
POTC Madrigal Bldg.
Makiti Rizal, Philippines

C-36a Philippine Earth Station
Philcomsat Station
Tanay, Rizal, Philippines

T-16 Narrabri Observatory
P.O. Box 169
Narrabri, NSW, Australia 2390

T-17 Solar Radio Observatory
Culgoora, NSW, Australia

DROP

T-15 Hong Kong, No more cover service.

M-11 NASA Bahama, Station is closed.

O-5 Chubot, Argentina, Closed. For Apollo-13 send covers to Messrs. Menor or Tewksbury, 60 Garden St., Cambridge, Mass. 02138. When sending, enclose covers inside envelope with I.R.C.'s and note "This to be sent to new station formally at Chubot, Argentina.

O-12 SAO Japan, No more cover service

NOTE

C-6 Rowlesburg, Maximum of two (2) covers will be serviced only.

USNA Huntsville (T-AGM-7) will not participate in future Apollo shots.

V. Eismont, who has been a great help in reporting covers and addresses, is in need of Apollo-11 covers: S-1, 8; D-4; C-10, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24; O-13; T-5, 12; E-4, 6, 7; W-2, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16; N-2 and #8 Toowoomba.

V. Eismont also reports he received nice covers from many observatories in South Africa, Germany, Argentina, France, Holland, Denmark, Canada--about 30-35 different covers. He would like to hear from other collectors who also tried for these many observatories for the purpose of swapping.

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Hans J. Rautschke - 1 Berlin 22 - Hersbrucker Weg 35-37 - Germany, will again service covers for Apollo-13. New cachets will be used. Charge again 25¢ per cover including the German air mail postage. Four cachets will be available (same as now). All orders should be sent no later than March 1, 1970.

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Jacques Koch, at Bay Stamps - P. O. Box 90 - Glenelg, South Australia, who services covers for all the Australian stations, would like to buy or trade in larger quantities Apollo tracking covers for Australia covers. Also recovery ships and Mercury-Gemini, any quantity. He will also exchange Australia covers for someone to service USA, or other overseas tracking and launch covers.

Mr. Koch also reports for Apollo-13 he will have printed covers for stations where the official cachet is not too big. For collectors wanting covers from Buckland Park (W-16), please take note: Buckland Park does not have a registered address, and Buckland Park is the station's name, not the one of a township, so it can only be reached through Bay Stamps. Service fee for this station is: 10¢ per cover SASE, 20¢ per cover AE (I supply the stamps - sea mail), 30¢ per cover (everything supplied by me - air mail). The same service for "Apollo Bay", which is not a tracking station but has a nice "fat" postmark. All other Australia tracking covers will be 38¢ per cover. The following covers are limited: Honeysuckle, Carvon (NASA), Culgoora, Holt, Narrabri, Alice Springs. Address labels appreciated. (Ed. note: Mr. Koch's letter to me was full of interesting items which room does not permit me to print.)

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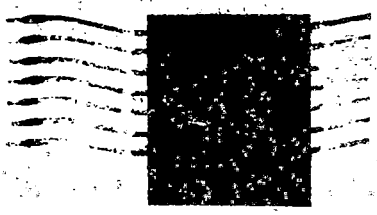
Charles Riser - 12205 Rolling Hill Lane - Bowie, Md. 20715, official 8 x 10 NASA space photos for major U. S. satellite launches and lunar landings. Hand cancelled at Cape Canaveral on launch date or date of lunar landing. Full write-up with each photo. U. S. space stamps used exclusively. Fully protected and mailed to you after each launch. $1.25 each on a subscription basis. Send 10¢ or a #10 S. A. S. E. for full details and example.

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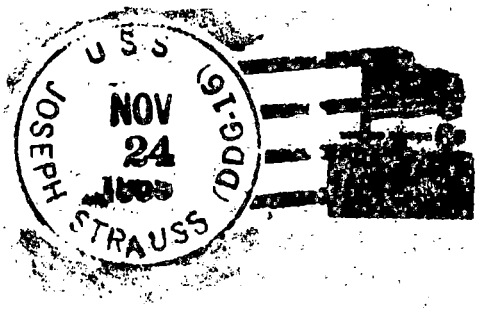
A. J. Silhanek - 526 Willow Ave. - Piscataway, N. J. 08854, has for sale 20 different cacheted covers, launch to splashdown, $1.25 postage paid.





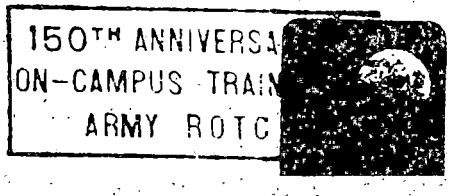


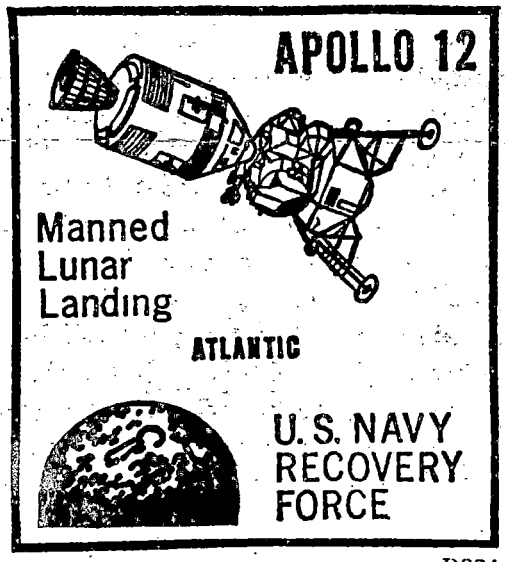
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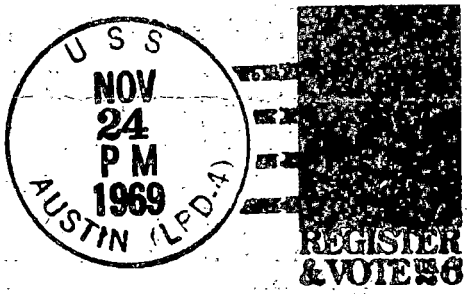


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U. S. S. ESCAPE (ARS-6)
c/o FLEET POST OFFICE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 09561





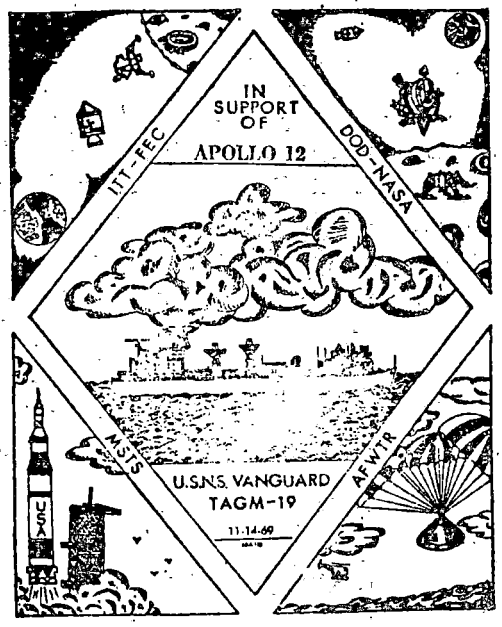


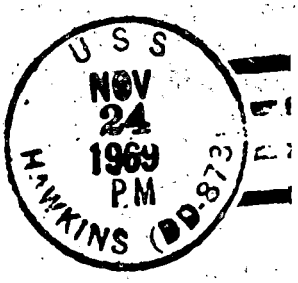


BECK'S PRINTED CACHET

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RUBBER-STAMP CACHET USED BY THE U.S.N.S. VANGUARD (T-AGM-19)...









NOTE; THE TWO TYPIES OF CANCELLATIONS USED BY THE U.S.S. HAWKINS (DD-873)..