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Moon dust from Columbia

REF : (a) USDAD AMEMBASSY/BOGOTA 231856Z Feb. 1968
(b) Bogota 2945
(c) Bogota 3491

Enclosed for your information and retention are photographs of objects returned from Columbia which have been identified as fragments from the Apollo 6 LM Descent Stage.

Pictures 1 and 2 are of the sample which was forwarded for identification. The other pictures are of the three pieces which were forwarded after identification had been established.

MOP is desirous of obtaining more explicit data on the geographical location at which the fragments were found. The coordinates in Reference (a) are quite remote from "the area of OROQUE" where objects are alleged to have fallen. Reference (b) mentions a second object "about 40 km from original find." The location of second object is also of interest. Was "second" object included in the 3 returned to NASA?

It was noted that sizeable portions of the fragments had been removed by sawing prior to return to the U. S. Pictures 3, 4 and 5 show where sections have been removed and pictures 6 and 7 show the saw cuts. It is evident that the total amount was not returned.

Reference (c) states Columbian Nuclear Institute made analysis and requests copy of NASA laboratory report for comparison. NASA investigation has been limited to identification. The identification has positively been established by comparing fragments with fabrication drawings and specifications. As this data is not available to the Columbian Nuclear Institute no comparison is possible.

If it is believed politic to provide additional technical data to the Columbian Nuclear Institute it is recommended that NASA obtain and review the report which they have prepared, or that the desired information be specified for NASA consideration.

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