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74-2549.- EL POLO NORTE DEL PLANETA JUPITER

Fotografía obtenida por el Pioneer 11. La parte superior corresponde a la región polar norte del Planeta. Según científicos de los Estados Unidos, las regiones polares son "más apacibles que las zonas ecuatoriales" y por lo tanto más favorables a la posible existencia de vida. La famosa "mancha roja" en la parte inferior derecha, se cree corresponde a una gigantesca tormenta que cubre una extensión de unos 40.000 kilómetros de anchura.

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NORTH POLE OF JUPITER -- Pioneer-11 picture of Jupiter from about 1.3 million kilometers shows the planet's north polar region at top. This view of the giant body has never been seen before, because from Earth one always sees a "full Jupiter," that is, the full hemisphere is illuminated by the Sun. U.S. program scientists say "the polar regions are somewhat more placid than the vigorously circulating equatorial areas and may be favorable for forms of life." The famous "red spot" at lower right is believed to be a giant storm some 40,000 kilometers wide. The spacecraft was directed toward a rendezvous with Saturn after swinging around Jupiter. (74-2549-C)

