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SUMMER AFTERNOON ON MARS -- The Utopia Plain to the south of the Viking II Lander on Mars is strewn with rocks, some as large as a meter across. Many are porous and sponge-like, similar to volcanic rocks on Earth. Others are coarse-grained, such as the large one at lower left. Between the rocks, the surface is blanketed with fine-grained material that, in places, is piled into small drifts and banked against some of the larger boulders. The cylindrical mast in foreground is the low-grain antenna used to receive radio commands from Earth. (76-1874-C)

