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MESSAGE TO THE FUTURE -- The Lageos satellite is expected to remain in Earth orbit more than eight million years and carries this picture message to anyone who might intercept it in the interim. Three world maps depict the land masses as they are thought to have been about 268 million years ago, as they are today with a diagrammatic representation of the craft being launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California, and as they are expected to be 8.4 million years hence. The time spans can be deduced from the accompanying binary numbers, with the number one under the Earth's orbit of the Sun denoting one year. The message was designed by Dr. Carl Sagan of Cornell University.

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