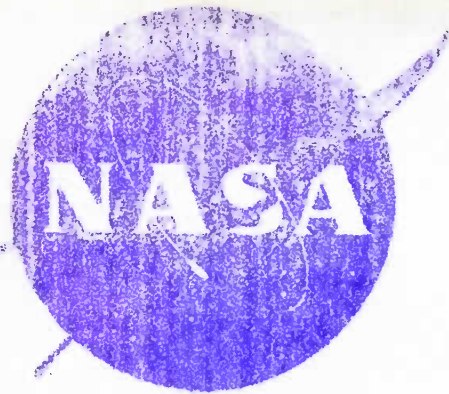


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This is artist Don Davis' conception of events some 20,000 feet above the Martian surface as the Viking lander (enclosed in a aeroshell) heads for a touch down on the plains of Chryse about July 4, 1976. After parachute deployment, the Viking lander detaches from the aeroshell and proceeds to a soft landing on the Martian surface, using small rockets for braking and maneuvering. The view is to the south. The bright star above the aeroshell is Fomalhaut. Capricorn is in the sky at right. The Mars landing will culminate a 704-million-kilometer journey from Earth which is scheduled to begin with launch on August 11, 1975. A second Viking will be launched 10 days later.

DESCENSO DE LA NAVE VIKING SOBRE LA SUPERFICIE DE MARTE

El principal paracaídas de la nave espacial Viking se abrirá a unos 6.000 metros de la superficie de Marte, tal como muestra la fotografía de un dibujo realizado por Don Davis. Hasta este momento, la nave irá cubierta de una funda protectora, de la que se desprende, e iniciará un suave descenso hasta la superficie del planeta valiéndose de un pequeño cohete que frenará y maniobrá la nave. (75-20)

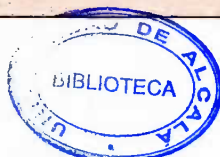


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