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FOCUS OF SEARCH FOR LIFE -- This view of the Martian surface reveals a small dune of fine-grained material at center left scarred with trenches dug by Viking-1's sampler in the effort to detect life forms. The scoop is seen in its temporary "parked" position at right and the magnet cleaning brush is mounted at the end of the short boom at lower left. Also visible are angular rocks of various shapes and types. The picture was taken on August 15, 1976.

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