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## (Skylab - Goddard Network) Experimental Skylab Flight Chart

**Stock#:** 92971

Map Maker: Aeronautical Chart and

Information Center / NASA

**Date:** 1971 May

Place: n.p.
Color: Color
Condition: VG

**Size:**  $40.5 \times 22$  inches

**Price:** \$ 750.00



## **Description:**

Detailed world map created under the direction of the Department of Defense by the Aeronautical Chart and Information Center (ACIC) of the United States Air Force for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The primary purpose of this map is to depict the Goddard Network, a global system of ground-based tracking and data acquisition stations operated by NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center.

Marked as the 1st Experimental Edition and dated May 19, 1971, the chart was lithographed by ACIC and showcases the locations of the Goddard Network stations across the globe. These stations were crucial for maintaining continuous communication, tracking, telemetry, and command support for various satellite and manned spaceflight missions, including the Skylab program.

By illustrating the Goddard Network on the chart, mission control personnel and astronauts involved in the Skylab missions were able to coordinate and execute their activities while in orbit, ensuring effective communication and accurate tracking. This chart played a significant role in the success and safety of the Skylab program and other space missions of that era.

Skylab was the United States' first space station, and its purpose was to study the effects of long-duration spaceflight on the human body, as well as to conduct various scientific experiments in Earth observation, solar astronomy, and materials processing. The chart would have played a crucial role in mission planning and execution, ensuring the safety and success of the Skylab program.

## **Detailed Condition:**

Image cleanly cut down at the top edge.