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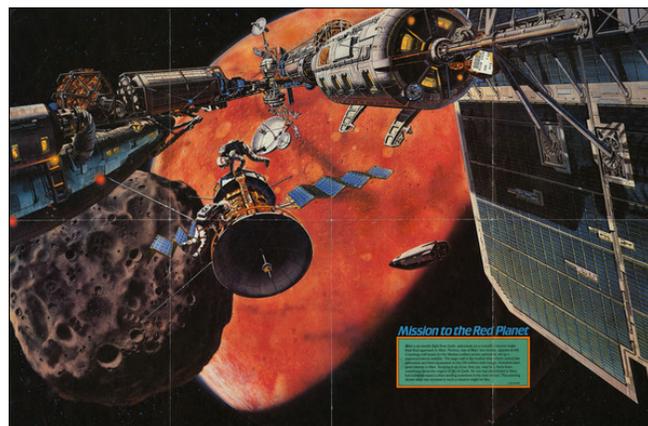
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## Mission to the Red Planet [on verso:] Space Quest

**Stock#:** 95754  
**Map Maker:** National Geographic Society  
**Date:** 1989  
**Place:** Washington, D.C.  
**Color:** Color  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 29.5 x 19.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 125.00



### Description:

Wonderfully illustrated by Paul DiMare, *Mission to the Red Planet* is a dynamic poster that encapsulates a fascinating depiction of future interplanetary travel and scientific exploration, notably emphasizing a human mission to Mars. DiMare's artwork adeptly mirrors a conceivable scientific mission, vividly detailing the astronauts' approach to the Martian landscape, the setup of a communication satellite, and the glimpse of Phobos, one of Mars' two moons.

This poster was produced in 1989, a period of burgeoning interest in space exploration. The last decade of the 20th century bore witness to the technological advances and scientific curiosity that fueled humanity's desire to venture further into the cosmos. Notably, it was during this period that scientists solidified their understanding of Mars' geological and atmospheric conditions, fostering aspirations of potential crewed missions to the Red Planet.

The *Mission to the Red Planet* vividly imagines these aspirations, capturing the essence of the era's spirit of exploration and scientific discovery. The mission shown here serves as a metaphor for mankind's indomitable spirit of discovery, its pursuit of knowledge, and its ever-evolving understanding of the universe.

On the reverse side, the poster includes *Space Quest*, a game that furthers the narrative of interplanetary exploration and resource collection. As a product of the National Geographic Society, the artwork and accompanying game provide a culturally significant, immersive experience, capturing the collective imagination and ambitions for space exploration at the end of the 20th century. This dual-functioning poster thus provides a compelling snapshot of a pivotal era in space exploration and the accompanying dreams of reaching beyond Earth's orbit.



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**Detailed Condition:**

Folding poster with minor wear at folds.