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MOON-BOUND -- Apollo 11 command and service modules and attached lunar module speed toward waiting moon for attempt to land man on lunar surface for first time. In foreground is McDonnell Douglas S-IVB rocket, affectionately dubbed "Big Moose" by Apollo astronauts. S-IVB, its mission complete, will pass by moon en route to going into orbit about the sun. Earlier the liquid hydrogen, liquid oxygen-powered third stage of the Saturn V restarted to move the Apollo 11 out of its path about the earth and into a trajectory toward the moon. With shutdown of S-IVB, Apollo separated from rocket and docked with lunar module, which was attached to forward portion of S-IVB, and the Apollo and lunar module then proceeded on to the moon. McDonnell Douglas Corporation builds the S-IVB at Huntington Beach, California, facility of its McDonnell Douglas Astronautics Company for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Marshall Space Flight Center.