



SKYLAB SILHOUETTED AGAINST EARTH, DARK SKY, AS VIEWED FROM COMMAND/SERVICE MODULE



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SKYLAB CLUSTER IN EARTH ORBIT—This excellent view of the Skylab 1 space station cluster in Earth orbit was photographed from the Skylab 2 Command/Service Module during the final “fly around” inspection by the CSM. Clouds cover much of the Earth in the background. Sun reflection on the clouds at bottom right gives off an interesting coloration. This is a good view of the Earth’s terminator. The gold-colored diamond-shaped material on the Orbital Workshop (OWS) shields the vehicle from the powerful rays of the sun. The parasol covers the area where the OWS’s micrometeoroid shield is missing. The one remaining OWS solar array system wing has been fully deployed successfully, because of efforts by the astronauts to free the previously stuck solar array beam. The solar panel on the opposite side of the OWS is completely missing.