



SKYLAB 3 VIEW OF SOUTHWESTERN UNITED STATES



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SKYLAB 3 EARTH TERRAIN PHOTO—A Skylab 3 oblique view of a portion of the southwestern United States looking southwestward across Arizona toward the California-Mexico border area. The Colorado River, Grand Canyon and Lake Powell are in the foreground. The lower portion of the Colorado River flows southward toward the Gulf of California in the background. The river serves as the border between the states of California and Arizona. The Imperial Valley and the Salton Sea are in the center background. The Kaibab Plateau is the dark area on the north side of the big bend of the Colorado. The Mogollon Plateau is at left center. A small portion of Utah is in the lower right (northeast) corner of the picture. A broad spectrum of topography, vegetation, and water features of the U.S. and Mexico is visible in this view from 270 miles above the Earth. The many colors of the desert lands, the mountainous basin and range province, the coastal ranges, and the cloud-covered Pacific Ocean can be observed in this remarkable panoramic scene. Selected photographs such as this one (SL3-122-2630) will supplement data taken by the Earth Resources Experiments Package (EREP), and will provide a new dimension in viewing Earth terrain features in studies of this region by EREP investigators. All EREP photography is available to the public through the Department of Interior's Earth Resources Observations Systems Data Center, Sioux Falls, South Dakota., 57198