

order to hold an uninterrupted schedule for the S-IC-16 stage with a 38-month leadtime, which is the optimum leadtime, it would have been necessary to place orders for these long-lead items this past December. This date has gone by; however, it is possible to shorten this leadtime to an absolute minimum of 31 months by doing out-of-sequence installations and compressing testing. We believe that we can hold the delivery schedule for the 16th article based on three-per-year rate in February 1970, if we get authorization by July 1, 1967. Doing it this way is something less than optimum from the standpoint of the cost picture. To use a homely analogy, you can build a house starting with the roof, then add the second floor, then jack the

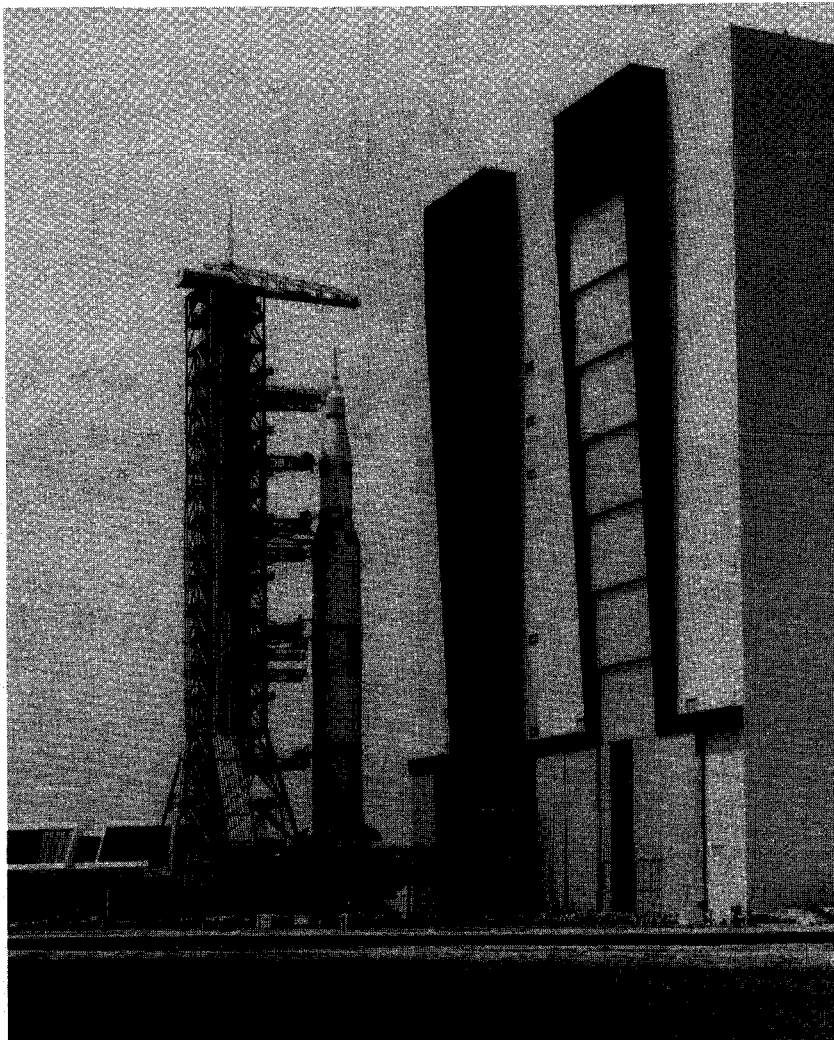


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