

EXTREMELY URGENT MAIL....The enclosed information in The Space Log, Vol 9 No 2 gives the complete background of this new service. This is your chance to secure the "Cachet #1" of this new SCCS series of covers. And the collecting of "Number One Issue" covers is very popular today. We offer the complete set of three covers (one with the se-tenant pair and the other two, each with one of the singles) at only \$2.00 The booklet of mint stamps (containing one pane of ten stamps) is 80¢.

PIONEER 11....Again, the complete story is in the enclosed issue of The Space Log. We offer the "Saturn Encounter" cover at only 90¢. It is postmarked at Mountain View, Calif, home of Moffett Field, the base of operations for NASA's Ames Research Center. Ames is the Mission Control Center for the Pioneer 11.

On November 20, 1975, Pioneer 11 first sighted Saturn but was still much too far away to take pictures from the craft's instruments. We had covers processed at Mountain View on that day and as far as we can determine this event was not covered by other servicers or dealers. We offer this SCARCE cover at \$1.25 with a limit of three per order.

SECOND GROUP SHUTTLE ASTRONAUT APPLICANTS....NASA's two-month drive for applicants for Shuttle Astronaut positions ended December 1, 1979. A total of 2,937 men and women applied. The astronaut selection board at the Johnson Space Center in Houston will narrow the selection to those best qualified for positions as mission specialist or pilot. Approximately 100 will be selected for preliminary screening and physicals to be held at JSC next spring. For the beginning of this second group of Shuttle Astronauts, we have a commemorative cover at 90¢. Its cancel is that of the Mailer's Postmark hand-cancel, Houston on December 1, 1979. To all that order this cover, future information on the astronaut selection will be sent.

HiMAT....Highly Maneuverable Aircraft Technology; a program jointly tested by NASA and the U. S. Air Force. The craft is an RPRV-870, an unmanned remotely piloted research vehicle. After many research hours going into the project, the First Captive Flight was made on July 11, 1979, It lasted 1 hour and 15 minutes. Then, on July 27, the First Free Flight was made. Its duration was 22 minutes of free flight. Both test flights were made at NASA's Dryden Research Center at Edwards, Calif. Flight Operations Chief, John Manke, called it "a real team effort."

We offer the set of two covers postmarked Edwards on the two correct dates at \$1.90 per set. Our cachet pictures the experimental craft and the Space City Cover Society is proud to have been able to commemorate this important event.