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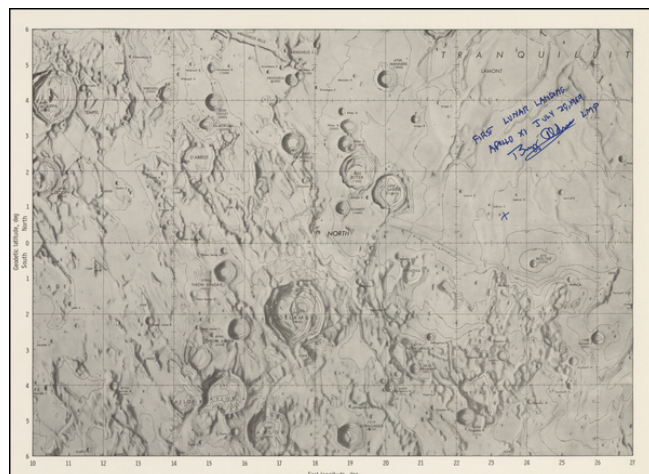
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[Apollo XI -- Lunar Landing Map -- Signed by Buzz Aldrin -- July 20, 1969]

Stock#: 0039bm
Map Maker: Aldrin
Date: 1969
Place: n.p.
Color: Uncolored
Condition: Fine
Size: 20.5 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Photo of the Apollo XI Landing Area -- Signed By Buzz Aldrin, LMP (Lunar Module Pilot).

An early map of a section of the moon, autographed by Buzz Aldrin and showing the location of the first Lunar landing on July 20, 1969.

Buzz Aldrin

Aldrin was selected as a member of the third group of NASA astronauts in October 1963. After the deaths of the original Gemini 9 prime crew, Elliot See and Charles Bassett, Aldrin and Jim Lovell were promoted to backup crew for the mission. The main objective of the revised mission (Gemini 9A) was to rendezvous and dock with a target vehicle, but when this failed, Aldrin improvised an effective exercise for the craft to rendezvous with a co-ordinate in space. He was confirmed as pilot on Gemini 12, the last Gemini mission and the last chance to prove methods for extravehicular activity (EVA). He set a record for EVA, demonstrating that astronauts could work outside spacecraft.[citation needed]

Aldrin was chosen for the crew of Apollo 11 and made the first lunar landing with commander Neil Armstrong on July 20, 1969. The next day, Aldrin became the second person to walk on the Moon, keeping his record total EVA time until that was surpassed on Apollo 14. Aldrin's first words on the Moon were "Beautiful view." Then, in response to Armstrong asking, "Isn't it magnificent?", he responded, "Magnificent desolation."

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