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COVER PHOTO — Full-frame NASA Landsat image of the Stony Desert (a) and regions around Nazca, Peru, taken in 1974. Debate rages on the origin of large pre-Inca designs "etched" on the desert surface. They may have had religious significance or been a calendar system, and some claim they represent landing fields for prehistoric space travelers. A large X, which can be seen just northwest of the (a), is part of a vast complex of line drawings, most of which cannot be seen because of the resolution of the system. Submitted by David J. Brooks, Environmental Sciences Group, General Electric Company/MATSCO, Beltsville, Maryland.

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