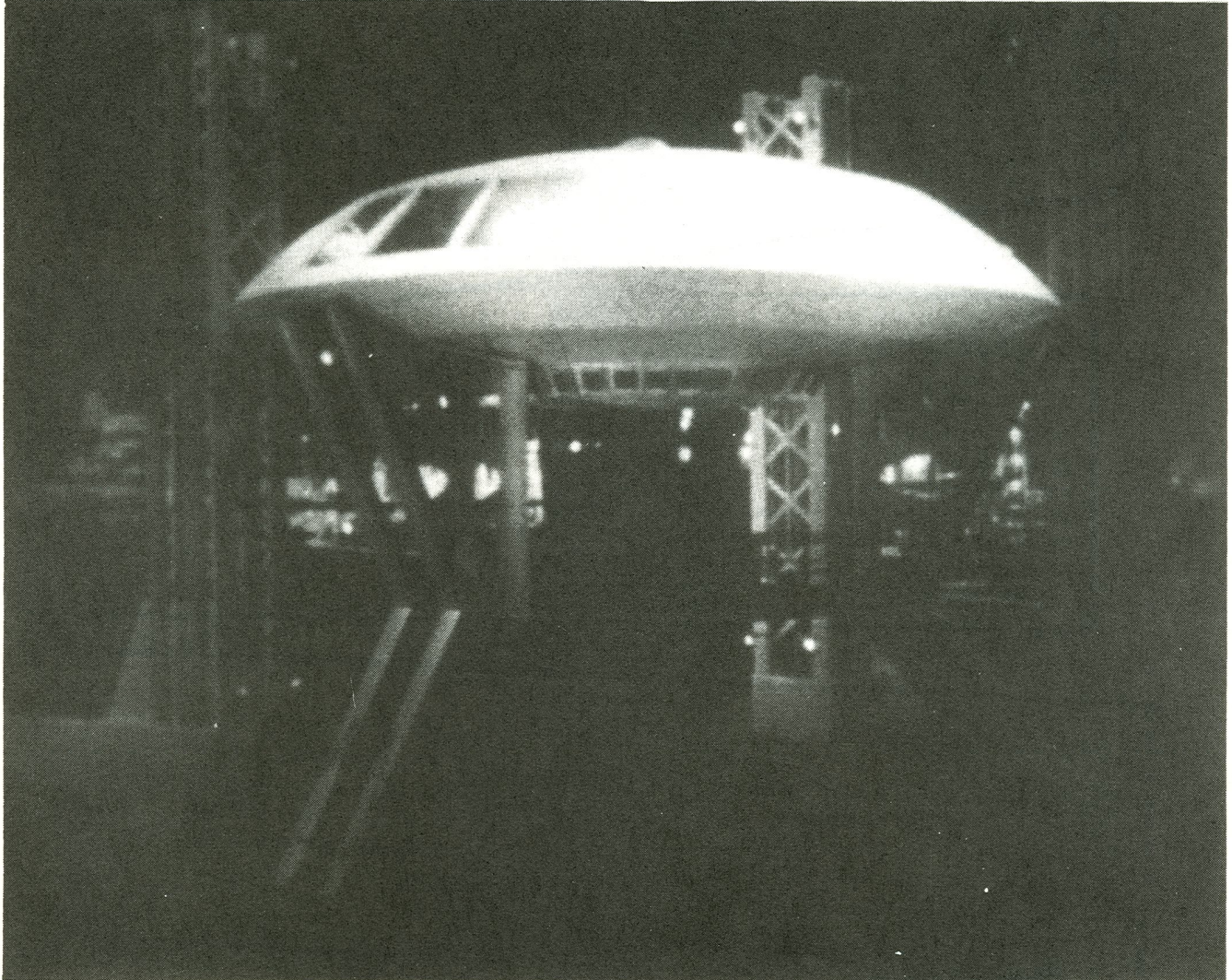


# THE JUPITER II

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The Jupiter 2 on its launch pad just before liftoff.

*Excerpt from Episode One: "The Reluctant Stowaway"*

## TV COMMENTATOR

Here now is the Jupiter 2, the culmination of nearly forty years of intensive research and the most sophisticated piece of hardware yet devised by the mind of man. Bold in concept, brilliant in execution, this most delicate yet most colossal of instruments makes possible man's thrust into deep space and will soon set out on its quest for a new world.

This historic flight, preceded by nearly a decade of intensive research and preparation. . . at a cost estimated at forty-two billion dollars. . . has been shrouded by the most rigorous security precautions within this correspondent's memory. And there is good reason for such precaution. Other nations, in even more desperate need for breathing room on our critically crowded planet, are racing the United States for access to this nearest of possible space colonies.