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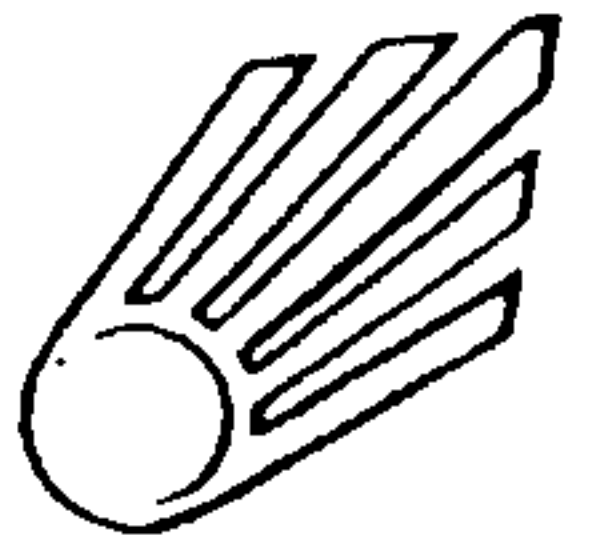
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Front Cover: Japan has plans for an extensive series of lunar missions in the first decade of the next century that will feature surface rovers and sample return systems. The first step will be taken by Japan's Institute of Space and Astronautical Science (ISAS) with the launch of the Lunar-A mission now scheduled for February/March 1999. See p.260. NASDA

