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To suggest the two images are "pictures" of Pluto is akin to saying a blackboard sketch of the Bohr atom is an actual photograph of a nucleus and its attendant electrons. The images represent a model, nothing more, nothing less.

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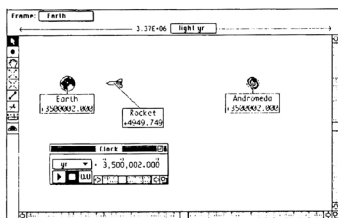
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Correction

June, page 48—UNESCO operates on a biennial, not an annual, budget. Its 1996–97 budget is about \$500 million, of which \$24.6 million is allocated to the science sector. ■

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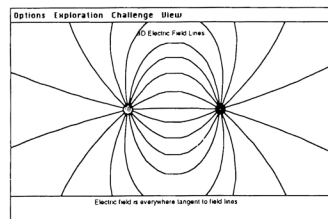
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