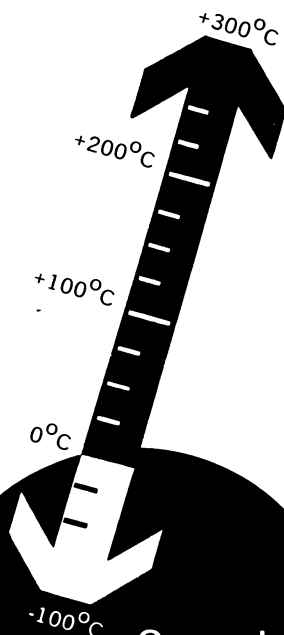


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Machine Translation

H. Wallace Sinaiko comes to substantially the same conclusion in his letter (17 Dec., p. 1182), "Translation by computer," as that of a National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council committee in 1966. The members of that committee (chairman John R. Pierce, John B. Carroll, Eric P. Hamp, David G. Hays, Charles F. Hockett, Anthony G. Oettinger, Alan Perlis) are gratified at this confirmation.

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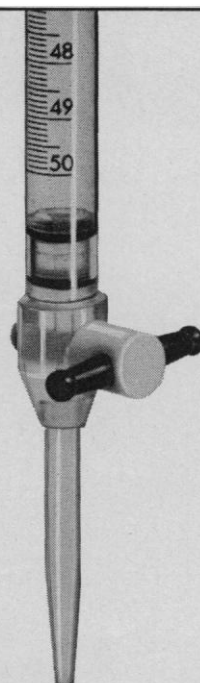
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Lunar Basalts

We agree with most of Allen L. Hammond's review (Research News, 25 Feb., p. 868) of the history and structure of the moon. However, there is one important point that should be clarified. He says, "Within this period, two major phases of thermal evolution have been identified: (i) widespread melting that apparently occurred about the time of the moon's formation; and (ii) partial melting beginning as early as 4.1 billion years ago to form basalts enriched in potassium, rare earth elements, and phosphorus (KREEP basalts), and somewhat later, flooding of preexisting basins with lava to form the lunar maria between 3.1 and 3.7 billion years ago." He makes other remarks that are not clear about the times at which the basalts were formed.



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