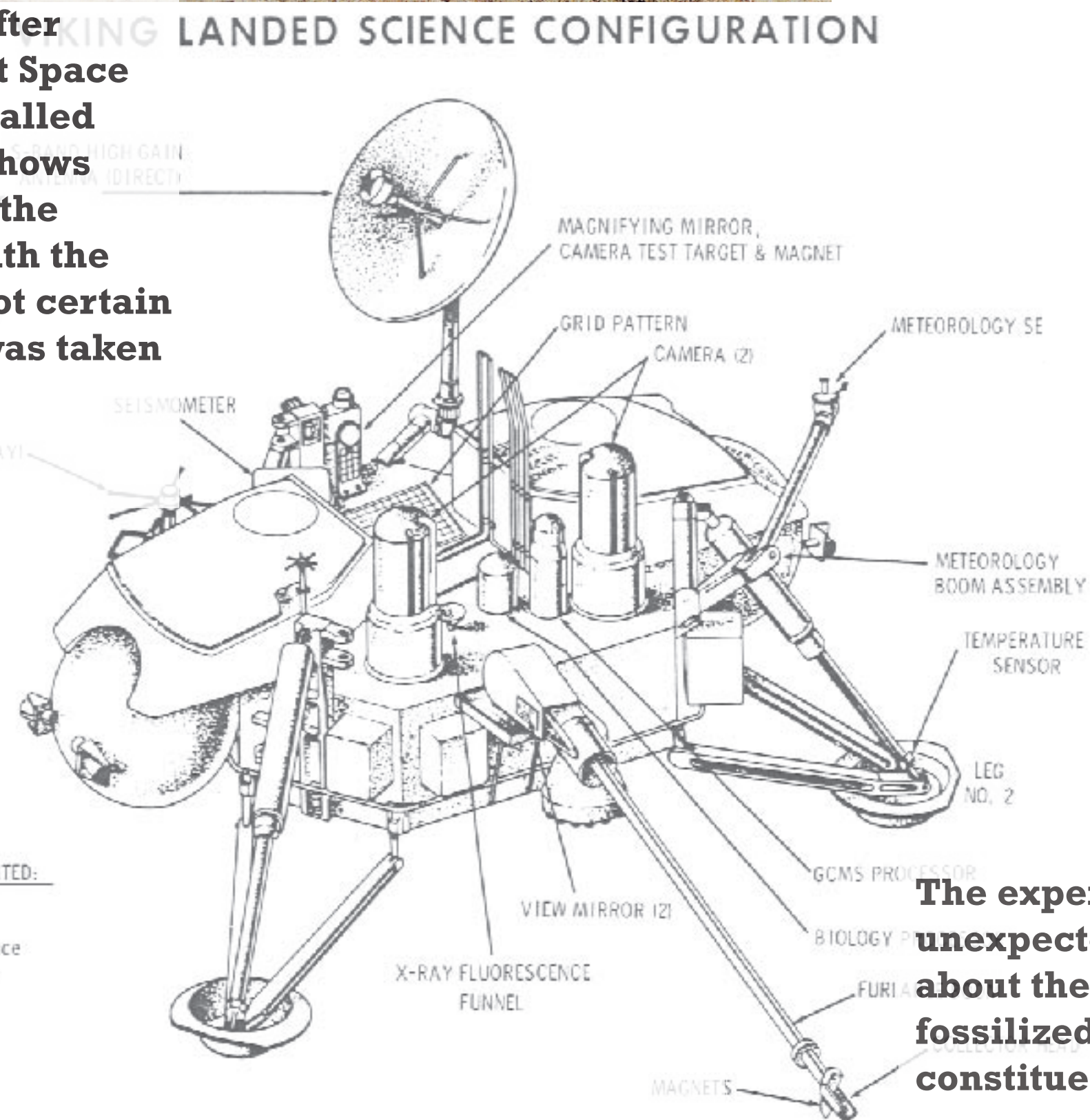


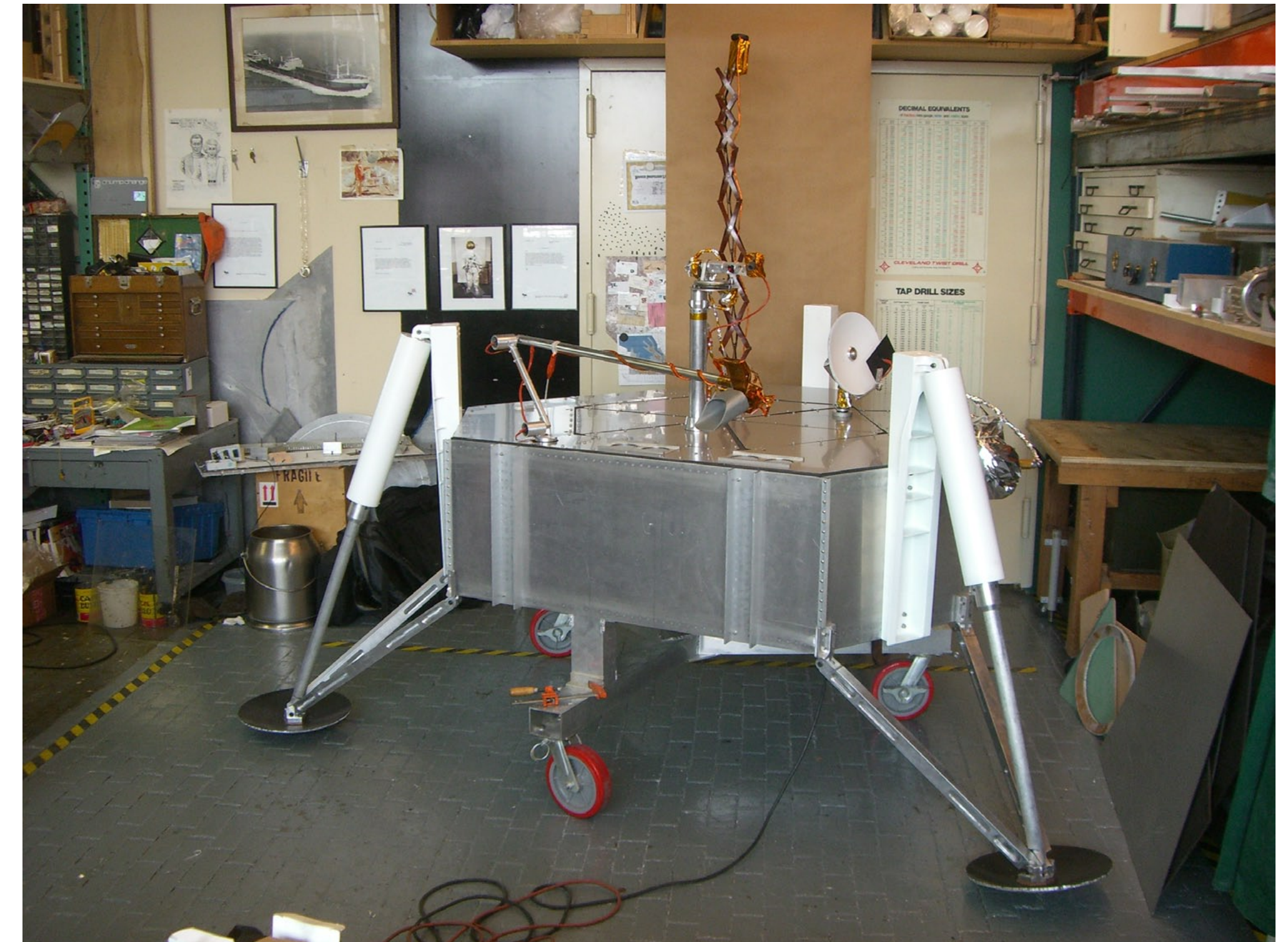
The Munin Spacecraft was originally modeled after the U.S.A. Government Space Agency Mars lander called Viking. This picture shows one of the planners of the project, Carl Sagan with the Viking Lander. It is not certain whether this picture was taken on Mars or not.



The experiments yielded unexpected results and debates about the presence of life, its fossilized remains, or even its constituent elements continued.

The Viking spacecraft was sent to Mars as a pair of identical vehicles. Their mission was essentially to test the feasibility of sending remotely operated spacecraft to Mars and also to search for evidence of life. Sagan suggested that bait be affixed to the sides of the vehicle so that Martians might lick it and get their picture taken.

BPL-003, Moranic Mission To Montana is scheduled to launch in August, 2009. See BPL doc. 200902-bpl003 (at <http://memo.browerpropulsionlab.com/2009/02/bpl003.html>) for details and links.



The present state in June, 2009 of the Munin vehicle is depicted here. Many critical components are in place and the configuration is taking shape. One significant missing element is the expensive but somewhat necessary power source. The Viking vehicle used radioactive thermoelectric assemblies to generate power. As BPL researched this technology, it became apparent that we could attract more left-leaning adherents, which are our true power source, if we embraced the fad of solar panels for electricity production. And like all objects of middle class fetishization, we have not yet concentrated the capital to make the panels. Anyway, for now we can just plug the thing into the wall.



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