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Cronkite	<ul> <li>describes the video footage coming from the moon</li> <li>sees Armstrong step onto the moon</li> </ul>	historic details of the event	secondhand