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AERONAUTICS

Rock of Gibraltar Modeled To Study Air Currents

SCIENTISTS at the National Physical Laboratory, near London, have made a model of the Rock of Gibraltar in order to determine the distribution of the wind currents in the neighborhood. Information obtained in this way will be of great importance to pilots flying in the vicinity of the famous fortress.

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