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**THE LOVELL TELESCOPE UPGRADE**

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The 76m Lovell Radio Telescope is currently playing a confirmatory role in the Project Phoenix SETI Observations. At present it is not able to carry out this role beyond about 1700 MHz due to its limited surface accuracy. A major upgrade is now in progress to replace the aging surface with new, high precision, galvanized steel panels. These will be set using a holographic technique to greatly improve the overall surface accuracy. The upgraded telescope is expected to have high efficiency at 5 GHz and may well be usable up to 8 GHz. The narrower beam-width at these higher frequencies also requires that the telescope pointing be improved and so a major part of the upgrade is to install a new and sophisticated drive system. The upgrade will be completed in late 2001 and will then allow the Project Phoenix observations to be extended upwards in frequency.