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Convection on a grand scale. This photograph permits one to see the outcome of rain formation processes
that extend from the ice crystal levels of the upper troposphere down to the ground. At the uppermost level a
piled up cloud, usually associated with thunderstorm formation, can still be seen even though the cloud mass has
begun to lose its characteristic cumuliform. The photograph strikingly illustrates the torrential downpour of
rain in the downdraft region characteristic of large cumulonimbus clouds. See review of Weather, page 739.
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