He got the plates by chance

But he came to Caltech's Jet Propulsion Laboratory on purpose. How? When he was two months away from his Ph.D., he interviewed came to his school. Our Ph.D.-to-be made it a point to see him. And he liked what he heard. He heard how JPL scientists and engineers are designing the spacecraft and instruments destined to drop on our moon and planets. He heard about the many facilities housed at JPL's 150-acre Pasadena complex. And he found out about the talented people he'd work with in space exploration. Now we don't suggest that every Ph.D.-to-be we interview could be your opportunity of a lifetime. But we do suggest that such an interview could be your opportunity of a lifetime.