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A two-day old New Moon over the onion dome of the Old Royal Observatory, Greenwich. A 6-second exposure at f/3.0 taken by Chris Mann with a Panasonic DMC-FZ30 digital camera on 2007 December 7.

