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INIC [redacted]

CITE [redacted]

CORONA SECUR [redacted]

ATTN: L/COL FORD, L/COL BUMM, [redacted]

[redacted] SECUR APPROVES AND YOUR CONCURRENCE IS REQUESTED RE THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES COVERING CORONA RECOVERIES AT HAWAII:

1. [redacted] WILL PHONE [redacted] AT [redacted] OFFICE AND REQUEST [redacted] TO MEET HIM AT A PREARRANGED MEETING PLACE, THE MATS TERMINAL, HICKAM AFB AT 0900 HRS. THIS MEETING ALWAYS TAKES PLACE THE DAY AFTER THE SCHEDULED LAUNCH DATE. BY PREARRANGEMENT SHOULD [redacted] NOT HEAR FROM [redacted] BY 1600 HRS ON LAUNCH DAY, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE CAPSULE IS IN ORBIT. SHOULD A SLIPPAGE OCCUR, [redacted] WILL CALL [redacted] AGAIN, PROVIDING A NEW MEETING DATE.

2. UPON MEETING ON THE MORNING FOLLOWING THE LAUNCH, [redacted] IS FURNISHED A LIST OF ESTIMATED TIMES OF PARACHUTE DEPLOYMENT (ETPD). ONE ESTIMATED TIME IDENTIFIED WITH AN ASTERISK IS THE MOST LIKELY ETPD IN THE JUDGMENT OF OPS PERSONNEL. FROM THE ETPD LIST [redacted] KNOWS THAT HE MUST BE IN PLACE AT MATS TERMINAL PARKING LOT APPROX THIRTY MINUTES AFTER THE ASTERISKED ETPD. SHOULD THE ASTERISKED ETPD BE SCRATCHED, [redacted] IS TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED BY [redacted] OF WHATEVER NEW TIME IS SELECTED AS ETPD ON THE LIST SCHEDULE, OR WHATEVER NEW TIME EXTENDED BEYOND THE SCHEDULE, HAS BEEN CHOSEN.

3. RE A SUCCESSFUL AIR RECOVERY [redacted] DRIVES OUT TO MEET THE PLANE AT HICKAM AFB AND TAXIS BACK IN WITH IT. AT THIS TIME, CASUAL INQUIRIES ARE MADE OF CREW AS TO HOW MISSION WENT, PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND WHETHER ANYTHING UNUSUAL WAS NOTICED. SHOULD EVERYTHING APPEAR NORMAL, AS SOON AS THE CREW DEBARKS, A THOROUGH TECHNICAL EXAM OF CAPSULE TAKES PLACE AND THE CREW MEMBERS ARE AFFORDED A DETAILED MISSION DEBRIEFING.

[redacted] IS THEN GIVEN A FULL REPORT IN HIS CAR AT THE MATS TERMINAL PARKING LOT. IF NO PROBLEMS HAVE ARISEN, [redacted] RETURNS TO THE BRIEFING ROOM AND RELEASES THE CREW. IN TURN [redacted] DEPARTS HICKAM AFB, AFTER HAVING BEEN ADVISED OF NEXT SCHEDULED SHOT. SHOULD [redacted] JUDGE THAT A SECURITY PROBLEM EXISTS, A SMALL OFFICE AT THE HELICOPTER SQUADRON HANGER, HICKAM AFB, IS UTILIZED BY [redacted] TO BRIEF AND DEBRIEF CREW MEMBERS INDIVIDUALLY.

4. IN THE EVENT OF A WATER RECOVERY, [redacted] WILL HELICOPTER

THOSE PERSONNEL THAT HAVE PARTICIPATED I.E. CREW MEMBERS OF RECOVERY VESSEL, AND IF NECESSARY, PARA RESCUE TEAM, ARE DEBRIEFED. THE CAPSULE IS GIVEN A TECHNICAL EXAM UNDER SECURE CONDITIONS. AT THIS POINT, [REDACTED] RECEIVES A REPORT OF THE CREW DEBRIEFING AND CAPSULE EXAM VIA RADIO COMMUNICATION TO RECOVERY GROUPS CONTROL CENTER. AGAIN, IF ALL APPEARS NORMAL, [REDACTED] DEPARTS HICKAM AFB AND ROUTINE HANDLING AND MONITORING OF CAPSULE CONTINUES UNTIL PLACED ON BOARD A PLANE FOR ITS RETURN FLIGHT TO MAINLAND. SHOULD [REDACTED] DETERMINE THAT A SECURITY PROBLEM EXISTS, HE WILL LEAVE HICKAM AFB WITH [REDACTED] TO MEET SHIP AS IT DOCKS AT OAHU FOR PURPOSE OF BRIEFING AND DEBRIEFING INDIVIDUALLY THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN WATER RECOVERY.

5. FYI THE ABOVE PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN IN EFFECT FOR THE PREVIOUS TWO MISSIONS AND HAVE WORKED MOST SATISFACTORILY, UTILIZING BOTH THE WATER AND AIR RECOVERY PROCEDURES RESPECTIVELY.

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