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1. INDICATIONS ARE REF MISSION FAILED TO ORBIT WHEN 1ST STAGE FAILED TO PRODUCE SUFFICIENT BOOST. LIFT OFF WAS NORMAL AND VEHICLE TRAJECTORY APPEARED NORMAL FOR ABOUT 3 MINUTES, THEN ACTUAL PATH BEGAN TO GO RAPIDLY BELOW NOMINAL. TRACKING BECAME ERRATIC AND WAS SOON LOST. THE DOWN RANGE TELEMETRY SHIP SEARCHED FOR VEHICLE FOR 13 MINUTES BUT ACQUISITION WAS NOT ACCOMPLISHED.

2. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT WAS OPERATED DURING COUNTDOWN WITH NO PROBLEMS INDICATED. BECAUSE OF SHORT LIFE OF VEHICLE IT MUST BE ASSUMED POST LAUNCH CAMERA OPERATION WAS NOT OBSERVED. (1ST CAMERA ON POINT WAS LAUNCH PLUS 9 MINUTES).

3. DETAILED ANALYSES MAY TAKE SOME TIME, BUT WILL BE FURNISHED ASAP.

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