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FROM LT COL MURPHY

REF MISSION 9008

1. RESULTS OF RECOVERY ATTEMPT OF REF MISSION ARE STILL CONFUSED. TELEMETRY INDICATES SEPARATION AND RECOVERY SEQUENCES DID OCCUR UP TO BUT NOT INCLUDING 5 G SWITCH ACTIVATION. EXACT ATTITUDE OF VEHICLE AT SEPARATION NOT KNOWN. CAPSULE WAS TRACKED SPORADICALLY AND APPEARED TO PASS OVERHEAD TO SOUTH. ONE SCHOOL OF THOUGHT IS THAT CAPSULE IS SEPARATED BUT STILL IN ORBIT.

2. AIR SEARCH HAS BEEN STOPPED AND THE CAPSULE WITH ITS 17.5 LBS OF FILM MUST BE CONSIDERED LOST.

3. A COMPLETE ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION MUST AWAIT DATA FROM T/M SHIPS, ETC. THIS DATA WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

END OF MESSAGE

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