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TO DIRECTOR
FROM [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: OPS (1-2-3-4-5)
INFO: S/C (6)

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In Accordance with E. O. 12958
on NOV 26 1997

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TO OPIM [REDACTED] INFO PRITY [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

REF A MISSION 9036

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1. ALL INDICATIONS ARE CAPSULE REF MISSION HAS SUNK. ONE A/C REPORTED SINKING. SMOKE POTS WERE DROPPED WITHIN YARDS OF CAPSULE WHEN FIRST OBSERVED IN WATER. AREA WAS WELL MARKED BUT VISUAL SIGHTING AND DEACON LOST.

2. CHUTE DEPLOYMENT WAS VERY CLOSE TO PREDICTED. (FYI ENTIRE RECOVERY AREA WAS SHIFTED 140 MILES SOUTH BECAUSE OF WX IN PRIMARY ZONE). VISUAL SIGHTING BY A/C MINUTES AFTER CHUTE DEPLOYMENT BUT AIR SNATCH MISSED. DETAILS NOT EXPECTED UNTIL CREWS RETURN AND ARE DEBRIEFED.

3. A/C WILL SEARCH TO DARK. DEACON HAS BEEN DROPPED. RECOVERY SHIP WITH HELICOPTERS ESTIMATING AREA 1400Z. SHIP WILL SEARCH AT THAT TIME.

4. WILL ADVISE WHEN MORE DETAILS AVAILABLE, HOWEVER DO NOT EXPECT FULL STORY FOR MANY HOURS.

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