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SUBJECT: Telecon with Lt. Cdr. Doyle

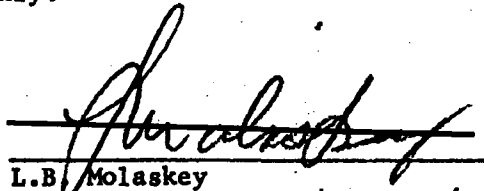
I called Lt. Cdr. Doyle to inquire of the status of the underwater hook recovery test program being conducted off San Diego. He indicated that there was a problem of some sort with the hook which occurred during the operation of transferring the hook from the White Sands to the Trieste. Something either broke, came apart or was damaged. He had no details of the exact problem. However, the damage has been repaired and as far as he knows the hook is now operable.

Recovery of the test shape is being delayed because as yet the shape hasn't been located. The dive that occurred last Wednesday was unsuccessful due to a failure in the underwater navigation computer. In preparation for the third dive that anomaly has been corrected. However, they haven't been able to pin-point the location of the test shape from the surface.

Lt. Cdr. Doyle said that he expected they could complete the test program by Friday or Saturday at the latest. Adding 19 days for travel time to the site they should arrive on or about the 3rd or 4th of November. He suggested I delay my arrival in Hawaii to that time.

He reported that the DeSteiguer has experienced some problems in locating the test site. They apparently laid a network of transducers on the ocean floor from an initial survey. In rechecking their location it was concluded that they were in the wrong place. However, a second check indicated they were probably in the right place. (no official word has yet been received.) The DeSteiguer is apparently still having trouble with their satellite navigation system.

Lt. Cdr. Doyle suggested I keep in touch so that the logistics of my up-coming trip can be worked out smoothly.


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