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1. THE U S EMBASSY CARACAS ADVISED THROUGH STATE DEPT CHANNELS THAT WHEN THEY ARE AVAILABLE THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE:

"AFTER EXAMINATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED THE PORTIONS OF THE SPACE VEHICLE WHICH IMPACTED IN VENEZUELA IN MAY WERE A PART OF REGISTERED SATELLITE 722-1 WHICH WAS LAUNCHED FROM VANDENBURG AFB 27 APR 64 TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPACECRAFT TECHNIQUES AND TECHNOLOGY."

AFTER RELEASE OF THE ABOVE IS AUTHORIZED, THE EMBASSY MAY 2. FOR THE VENEZUELAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE THROUGH THE U S ATTACHE IN CARA - "THE EQUIPMENT WHICH IMPACTED NEAR LA FRIA VENEZUELA, THAT WERE RETURNED TO THE U S GOVT BY VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AS BEING PORTIONS OF A SPACE VEHICLE LAUNCHED FROM VANDENBURG AFB, CAL., FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPACECRAFT TECHNIQUES AND TECHNOLOGY, THIS SPACE VEHICLE WAS ESTIMATED TO HAVE RE-ENTERED THE ATMOSPHERE THROUGH NORMAL DECAY 26 MAY 64 IN THE GENERAL CARIBBEAN AREA, EXAMINATION

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OF THE EQUIPMENT BY U S TECHNICIANS WILL PROVIDE EXTREMELY VALUABLE CORROBORATING DATA RE THE PERFORMANCE OF SPACECRAFT,

COOPERATION RENDERED BY THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT, THE VENEZUELAN ARMY, POLICE OFFICIALS, AND THE GOOD CITIZENS OF VENEZUELA, WITHOUT WHICH THIS VALUABLE DATA WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE, IS GREATLY APPRECIATED."

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