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PROJECT ARCON

Preliminary World Grid Mapping System

Precision Mapping Camera Subsystem

3" - 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Terrain Camera

3" - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Dia. Stellar Camera

Pressurized Camera System

Film Capacity - 1000 ft. (7 $\frac{1}{2}$ /Frame)

Recovery of Exposed Film

Automatic Data Handling System

Location Accuracy 1000 ft. (or better)

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ORBIT TRACK

Operational flight presently under investigation with parameters of

Perigee Altitude

Eccentricity

Period of Orbit

Launch Azimuth

Exposure Conditions

Launch Time

Recovery Time

Land Masses

Film Footage

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WEIGHT STATEMENT

ITEM

Recovery System
Vehicle Fairing and Accessories
Camera and Accessories
Film
Vehicle Clock
Pressurisation System
Recovery System Telemetering
Miscellaneous Instrumentation

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230 lbs.

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92

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TOTAL

457 lbs.

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AGENA VEHICLE PERFORMANCE

469 lb. payload

200 St. Mi. Orbit (nominal)

.01 to .03 Eccentricity (determined by pre-flight settings of integrator)

4-day Active Lifetime

Margins

200 Ft. per Sec. (Based on proven specific impulse of Agena engine and tag values of Thor performance.)

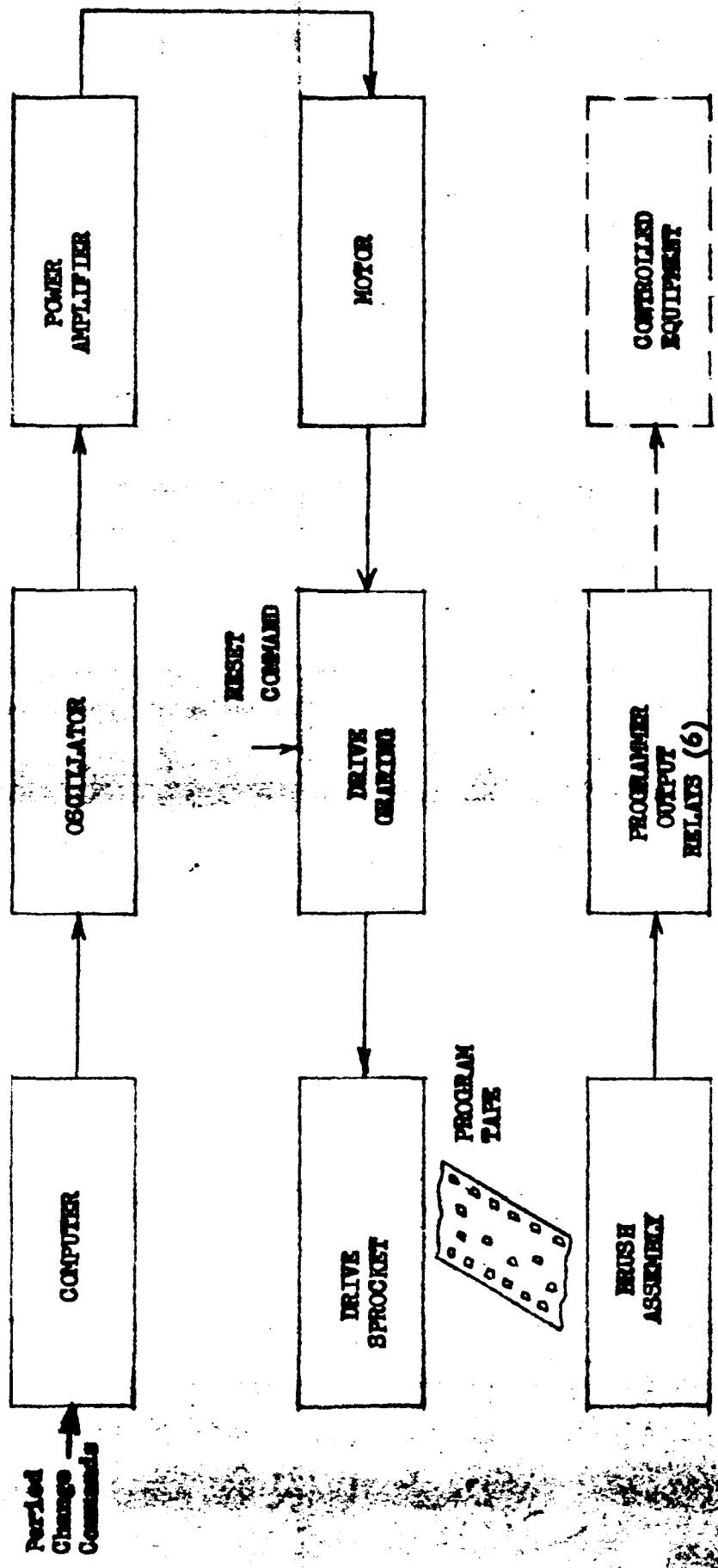
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SIMPLIFIED FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM

SECONDARY PROGRAMMER



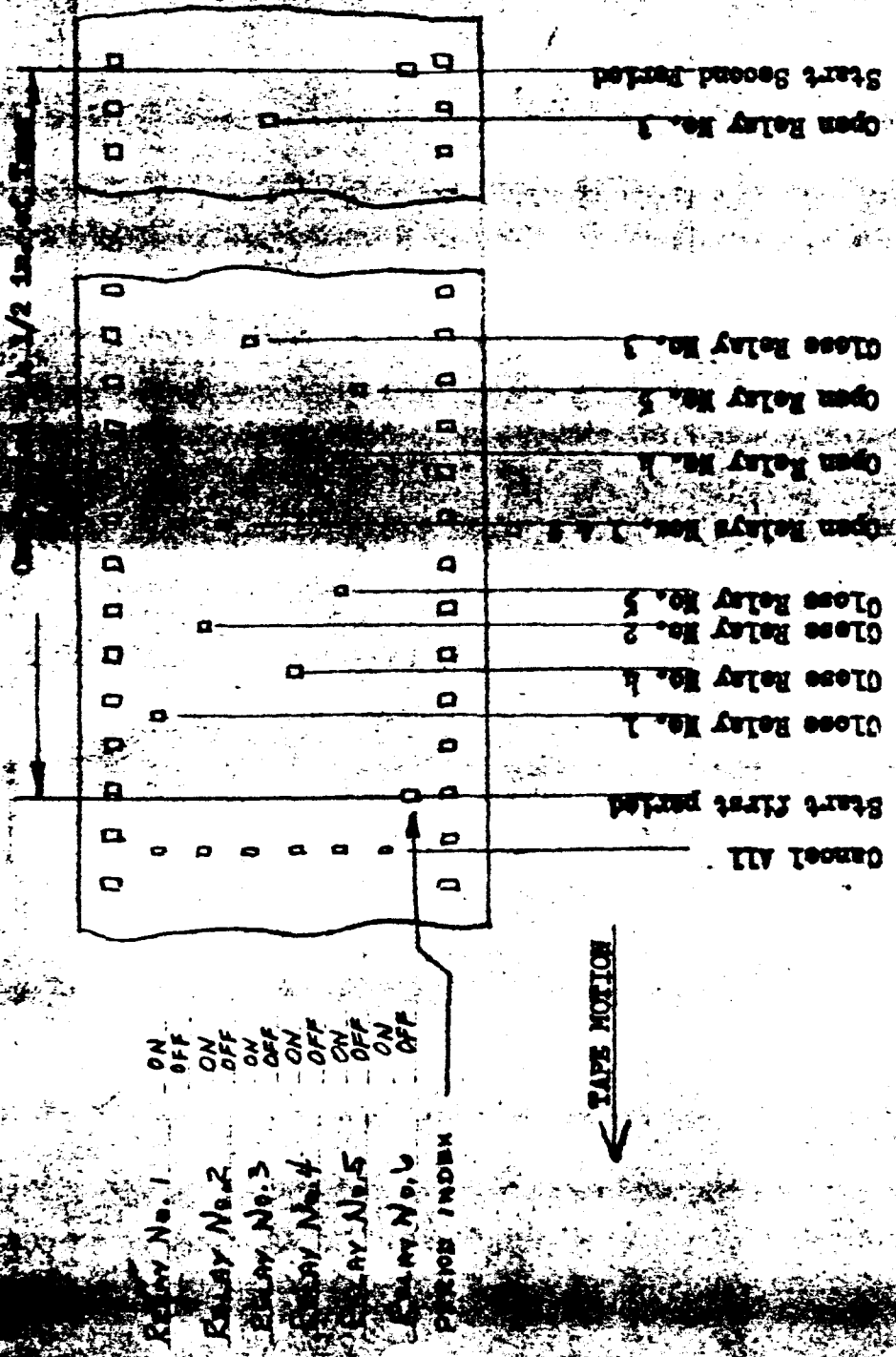
PROGRAMMER PERIOD IS ADJUSTABLE BY COMMAND TO BE EQUAL TO VEHICLE ORBIT PERIOD TO \pm 5 SECONDS
 PROGRAMMER CAN BE RESET BY COMMAND TO SYNCHRONIZE PROGRAMMED EVENTS WITH POSITION OF VEHICLE IN ORBIT
 ANY ORBIT PROGRAM CAN BE REPEATED OR SKIPPED BY COMMAND
 CAPACITY - 120 ORBIT PROGRAMS - ALL DIFFERENT.

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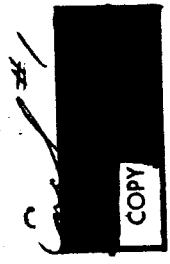


TYPICAL TAPE
SECONDARY PROGRAMMER

TAPE MOTION

DOPPLER SYSTEM COMPARISON

<u>Characteristic</u>	<u>Strad</u>	<u>PDTs</u>
Accuracy	200 Feet	600 feet
Weight	8 pounds	8 pounds
Power (Max.)	6 watts	2 watts
Input (Average)	6 watts	2 watts
Availability of Flight Hardware	Six months	On hand
Availability of Track. Sta. (Devel.)	Six months	In operation
Compatibility	APL network, LMSD	APL network LMSD net with minor mod.
Airborne Complex	Complex	Simple
Countermeasures Susceptibility	High	Least



- 1. SUBSYSTEM DESCRIPTION
 - (a) Mechanical Schematic
 - (b) Configuration and Interface Drawing
 - (c) Electrical Schematic
 - (d) Weight Analysis
 - (e) Recommended Telemetering

MECHANICAL SCHEMATIC

- A. Film Supply
- B. Film Transport Drive
- C. One Rev. Timing Motor
- D. Terrain Camera
- E. Recording Camera
- F. Data Recording
- G. Pressure System
- H. Film Take Up Cassette

CONFIGURATION

- A. Mounting Plate
- B. Pressurized Box
- C. Terrain Lens
- D. Recording Lens
- E. Film Path
- F. Film Chute
- G. Cassette

Cassette

1. Take up Torquer
2. Telemeter

Camera

1. Supply Torquer
2. Shutter rewind motor
3. Metering motor
4. Shutter Trip Solenoid
5. Monitoring and Telemetering

CAMERA * Cont.

- 6. Film Transport Program
- 7. Unit 1 cycle timer and ~~...~~ Programmer
- 8. Shutter Timer
- 9. "J" Box
- 10. Vehicle Clock

WEIGHT

Weight - Est.

<u>Part Name</u>	
Rollers	3.0
Bearings, Gears and Shafts	4.0
Film Transport Motor	2.0
Spider	1.0
Main Plate	5.0
Main Box and Cover	12.0
Main Lens and Barrel	12.0

WEIGHT - EST.

PART NAME

Lens Cone	1.5
Shutter (2)	10.0
Flatten (2)	1.5
Recording Lens and Barrel	3.0
Lens Cone	1.0
Spool (2)	6.0
Cassette Assembly (Lens Spool)	6.5
Gas Pressure System	4.0
Attitude Ref. Recording	1.0

PART NAME

WEIGHT - EST.

Film Transport Programmer

2.5

Job Box and Power Supply

7.0

Recording Lights, Telem. and Wires

8.0

Unit 1 Cycle Timer

1.2

F.C.I.C. Sub Total

97.5

Gas System

5.0

Vehicle Clock

10.0

Film

40.8

Total

218.3

RECOMMENDED INSTRUMENTATION FOR TELEMETRYING

- A. Temperature Sensors (No. and location to be determined)
- B. Presence of film in film path.
- C. Internal Pressure (2)
- D. Film Transport (input and output)
- E. Film Footage (supply and takeup spools)
- F. Light Sensor
- G. Shutter operate pulse (main and recording)

SUBSYSTEM 1E CONT.

- H. All one Rev. shaft pulses.
- I. Metering Brake
- J. Commutated Rollers (2)
- K. Shutter Rewind Clutch
- L. Binary Vehicle Time Code (serial)
- M. Vehicle Time Freeze Pulse.

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SATELLITE RECOVERY
SYSTEM

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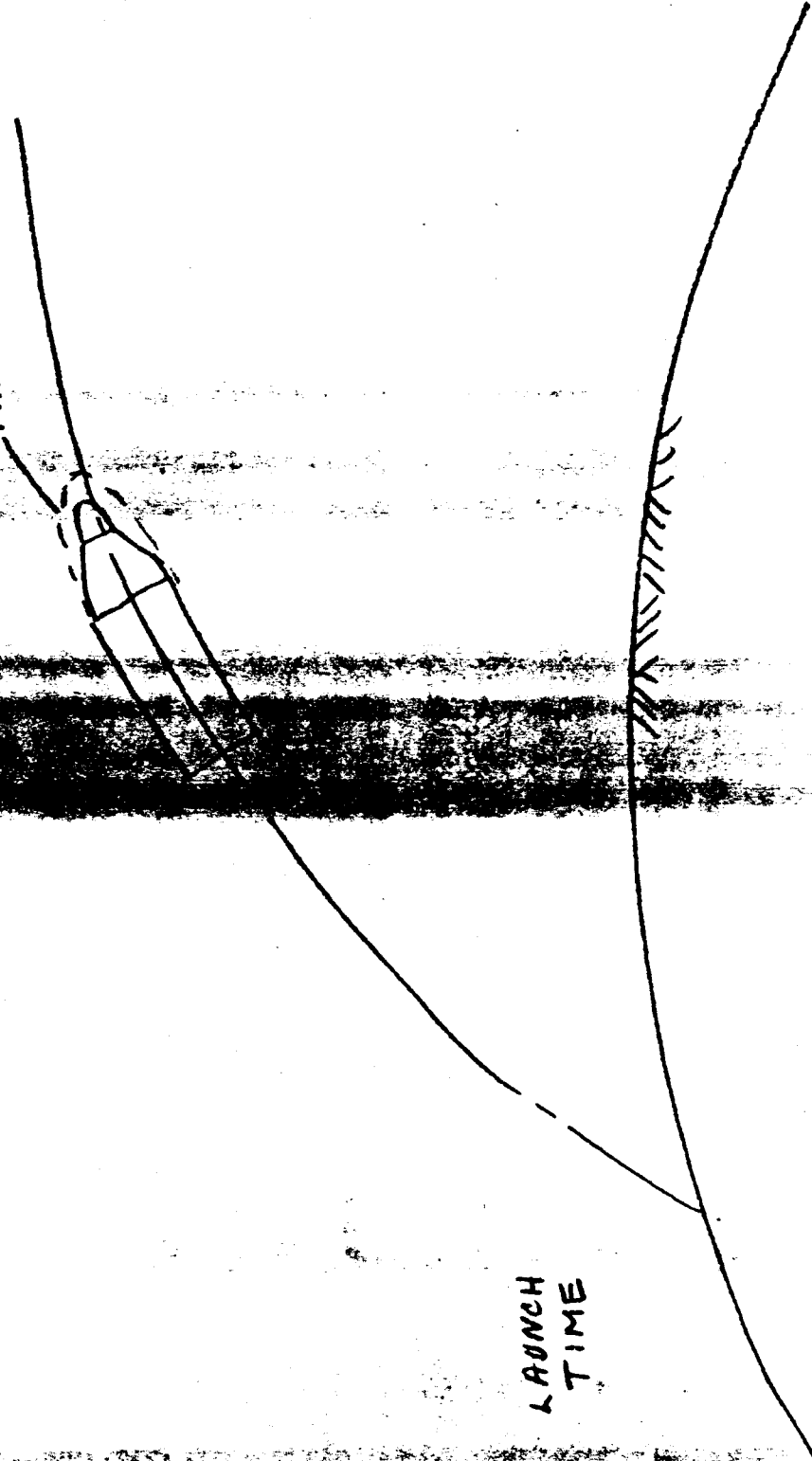
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LAUNCH

FAIRING

LAUNCH
TIME



THE BALANCE

PROBLEMS:

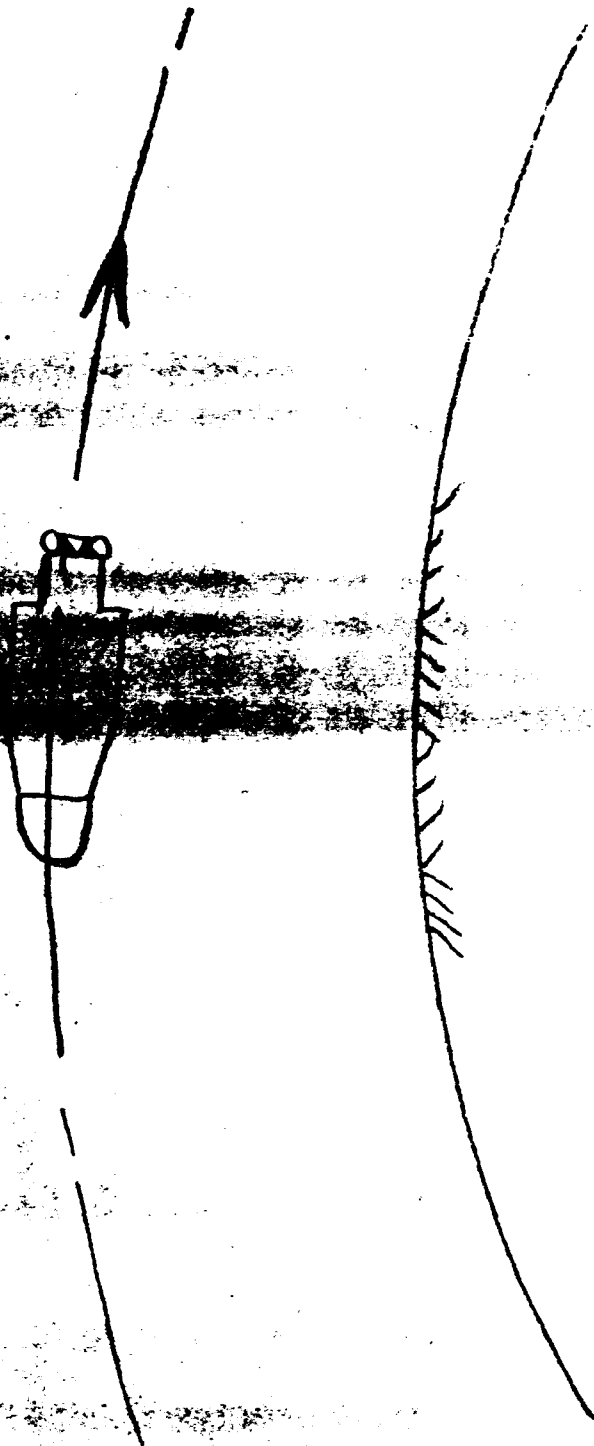
1. New Launch times: Noon \pm 6 hours.
2. Requirement that system be passive
3. Requirement that system:
Survive powered flight.
Provide single $\frac{2}{e}$ that will provide suitable T^o P for all missions.
Not interfere with reentry.

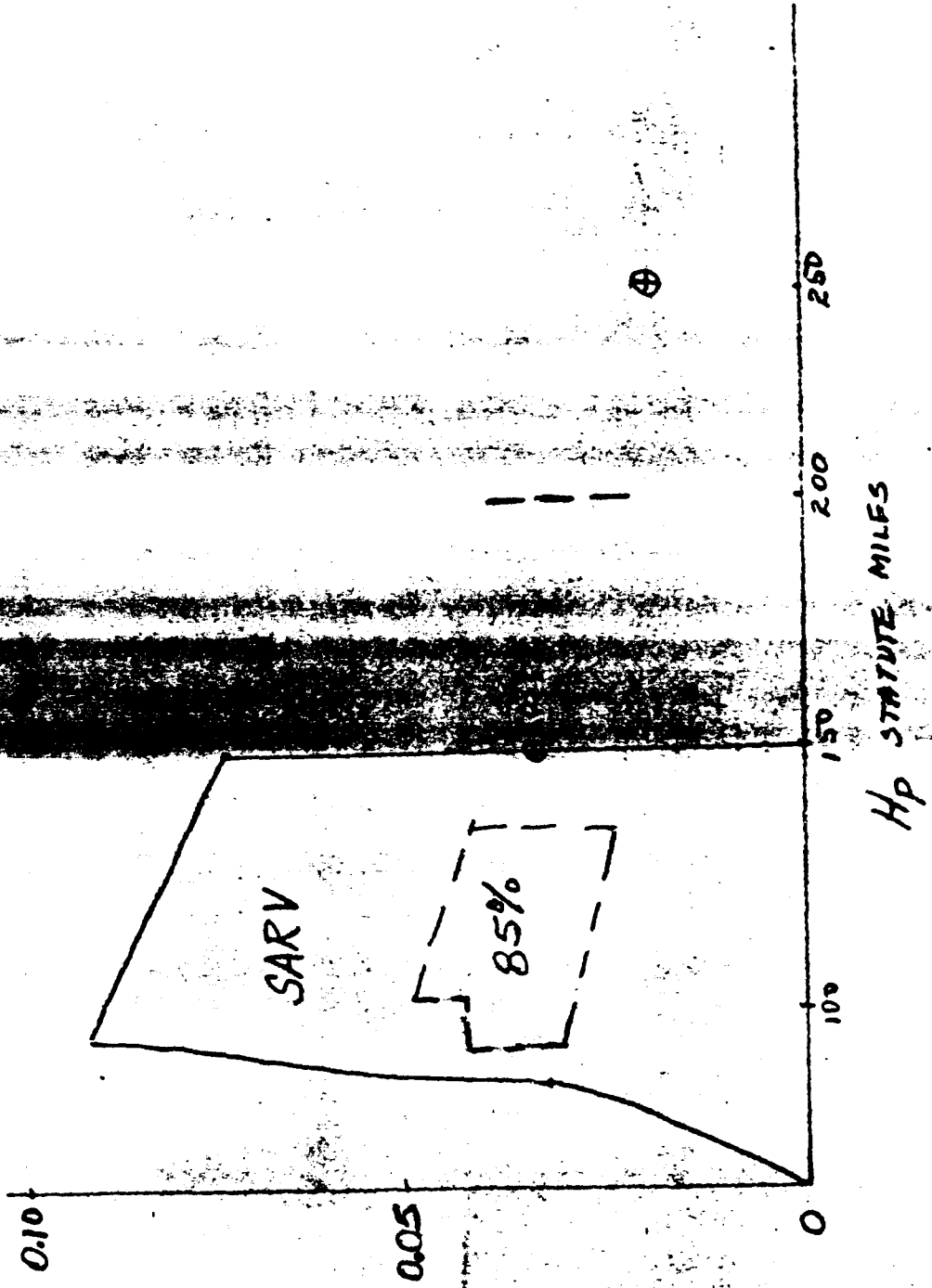
SOLUTIONS:

1. Initially, N/C fairing and simple $\frac{2}{e}$ coating.
2. Later, $\frac{2}{e}$ coating with differential properties.
3. Heaters as back up.
4. Investigation of minimum-active systems.

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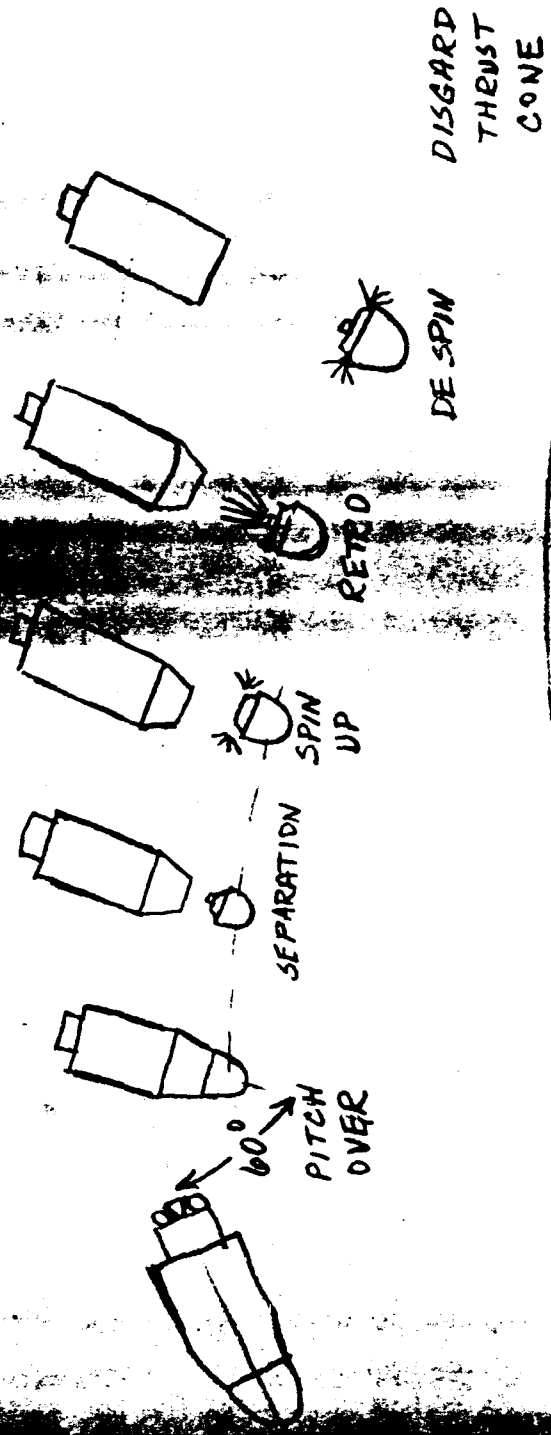
REENTRANCE DEPENDENCE ON ORBIT

1. Orbit survival requirements.
2. Cut-down survival requirements.
3. Powered flight survival requirements.

SOLUTIONS:

1. SARV configuration.
2. Nylon-glass-phenolic shield.
3. 30 lb. weight-saving objective.
4. Also dependent on C.G. (See recovery).

ORBIT EJECTION



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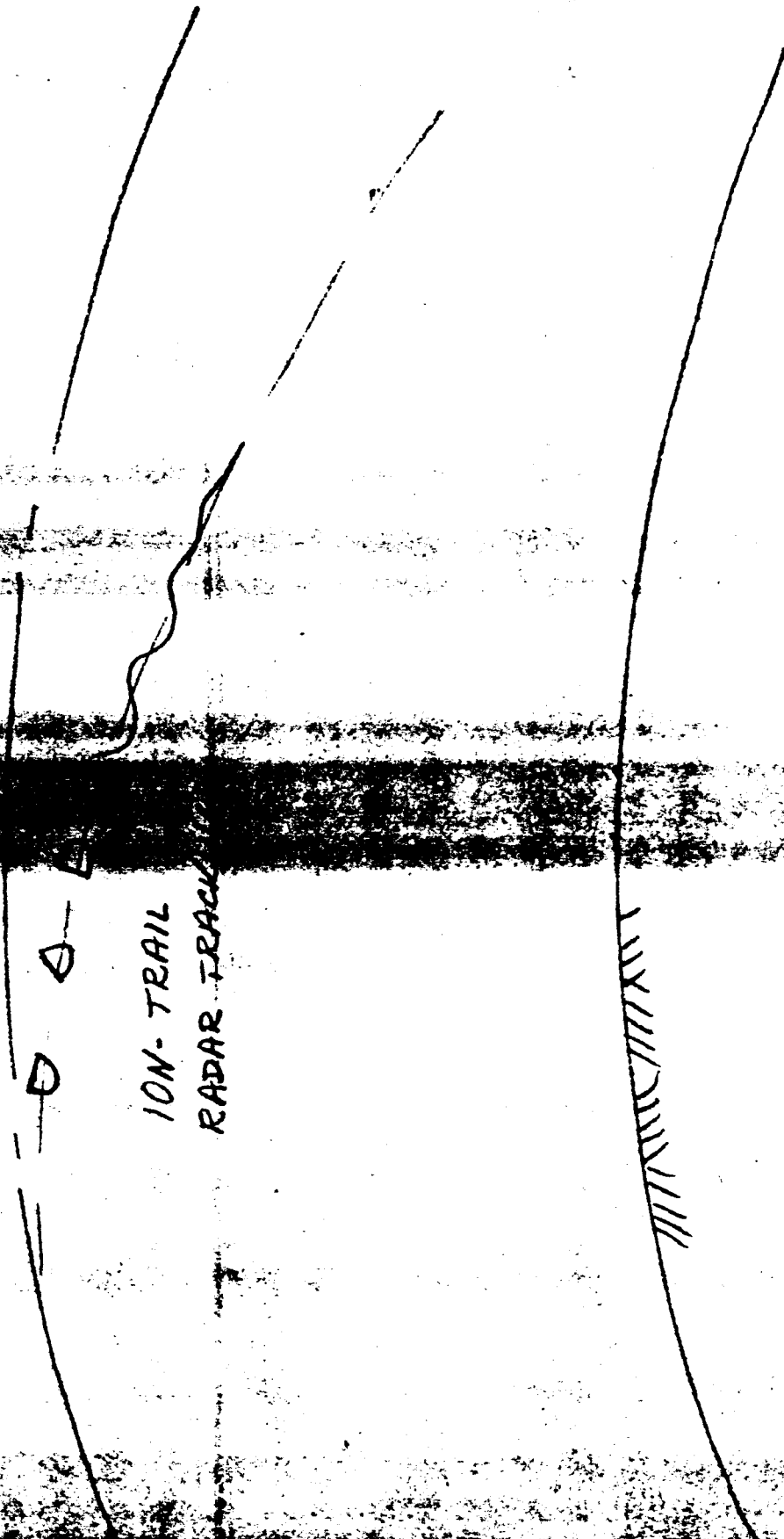
ORBIT EJECTION

SOLUTIONS:

1. Increased spin RPM.
2. Increased electrical power margin.
3. IDC-type Pyro qualification and acceptance.
4. Event simplification.
5. Single-point thrust cone detachment.
6. Retro-rocket redesign and requalification.
7. Beacon turn-on.

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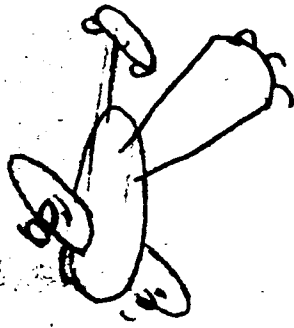


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RADAR TRACK

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RECOVERY AIRCRAFT



PARACHUTE

CAP

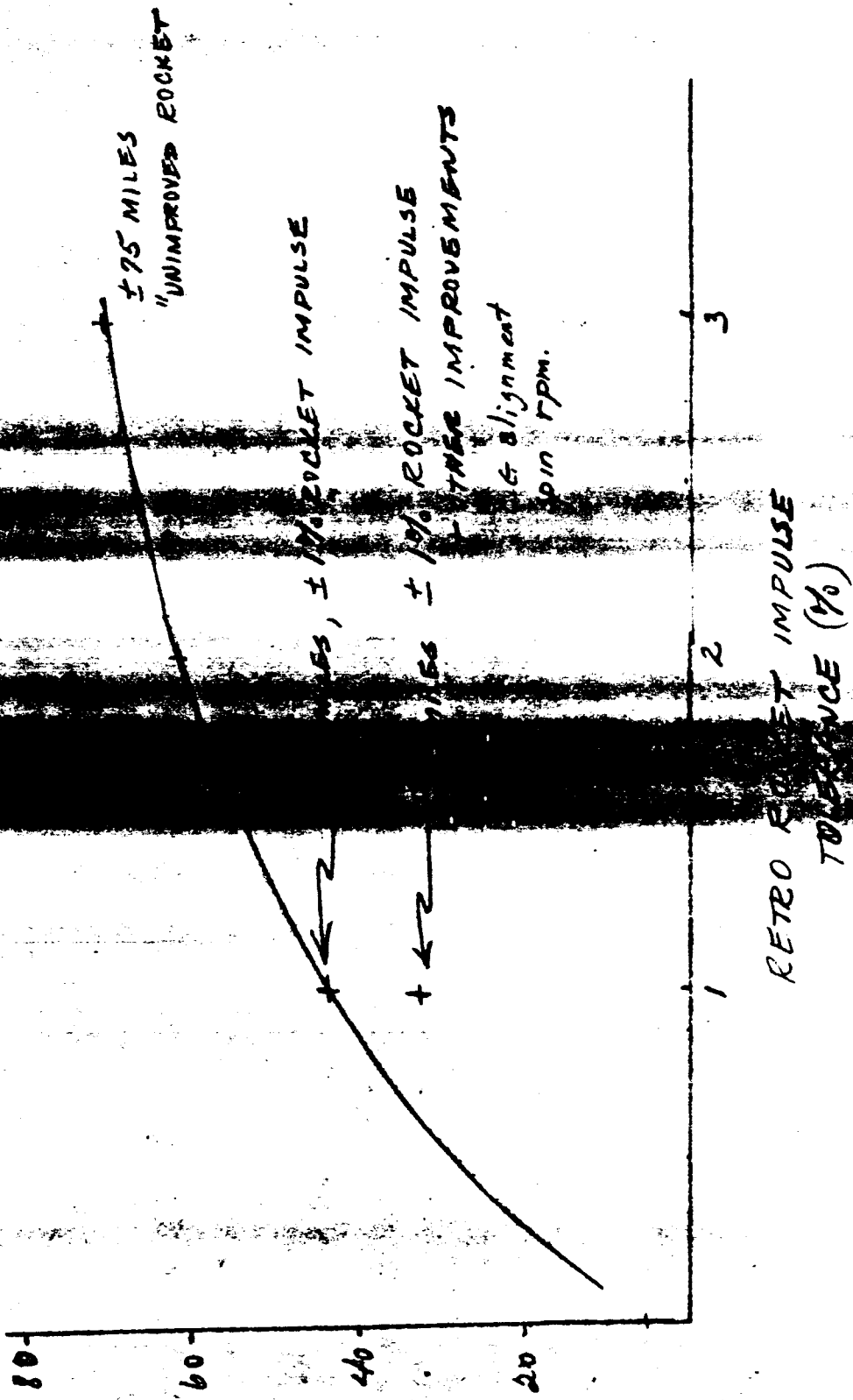
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RECOVERY IMPROVEMENTS

1. Full corridor antenna for beacon.
2. Centralised power supply.
3. Crystal controlled beacon.
4. Minimum detachment points.
5. Backup supersonic chute to eliminate transonic CG problem.
6. Improved flashing light.
7. Programmer event simplification.

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ACCESSIBILITY, MAINTAINABILITY

1. Separated disconnect (through side wall).
2. Thrust cone in-board.
3. Capsule cover Marmon clamp.
4. Single point attachments.
5. Relocated disconnect.