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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, WFO-WA/P
SUBJECT: Special COMSMA Recovery Team

1. The attached is the proposed plan to be implemented by a special team in event of recovery of a COMSMA capsule in other than the Pacific area.
2. With your concurrence the plan will be put into effect.

SIGNED

[Redacted Signature]
Chief, Security Section
WFO-WA/P

CONCURRENCE:

[Signature]
Acting Chief, WFO
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[Signature]
Chief, WFO

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Chief, Ops, WFO
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Attachment to
[REDACTED]

PURPOSE

To form a technical and security team and establish procedures to be implemented in event of recovery of a COMINT capsule in other than the Pacific area.

TEAM

Captain A. E. Johnson
[REDACTED]

NSD
Sgt, Technical
Sgt, Technical (alternate)
Sgt, Security

FUNCTION

To ensure proper security and handling of the COMINT capsule in event of recovery in other than the Pacific area.

PROCEDURE

The Headquarters representatives will be on standby at Washington, D. C. The NSD representative will be on standby at AFSSB, Inglewood, California.

Headquarters will be alerted immediately by NSD and/or LNSD when there are indications that recovery will not be in the established area. When the approximate area of impact has been determined, Headquarters will be advised immediately of same as well as the identity of the area Air Rescue Service Commander.

When advised of the foregoing, the Headquarters and NSD representatives will immediately proceed via commercial aircraft to the indicated impact area. Upon arrival contact will be made with the area AAS Commander.

Team members will ensure that instructions set forth in [REDACTED] are complied with. Upon release of the capsule to the NSD representative, the security representative will afford an appropriate debriefing to all AAS personnel who were in direct contact with recovery efforts and take such other security action as the particular situation suggests.