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INFO

This document contains information referring to Project TORNA

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1. AFTER BLOSSOM TIME (CHUTE DEPLOYMENT) A JC-54, NORTH OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND, RECEIVED A T/M SIGNAL FROM THE CAPSULE BUT WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN ON BEARING. THE SIGNAL WAS HELD FOR 25 MINUTES. THE AREA OF THE JC-54 MATCHED THE IMPACT AREA INDICATED BY POST REENTRY COMPUTATIONS BASED ON [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] TRACKING INFO.

2. ANOTHER JC-54 WAS DIRECTED TO THE AREA. BOTH AIRCRAFT RECEIVED SIGNALS FROM THE G.E. BEACON AND REPORTED A VISUAL SIGHTING AT 0440Z AT THE PRESENT TIME BOTH A/C ARE CIRCULING THE AREA. AREA IS 0505N 15914W

3. PLANS FOR RECOVERY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- (A) A C-130 WILL DEPART FOR THE AREA AND DROP A RATU (MARKER BEACON).
- (B) A/C WILL REMAIN IN AREA.
- (C) A SA-16 WILL DEPART HAWAII AT 2400L TO MAKE A SEA LANDING AND

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(D) CAPSULE WILL BE FLOWN TO CHRISTMAS ISLAND AND THEN TO HAWAII BY C-130.

(E) THE SHIP DALTON VICTORY IS ALSO PROCEEDING TO THE AREA BUT IS 600NM AWAY .

4. CAPSULE IS EQUIPED WITH 48 HR. SINK PLUG. HOWEVER, WARM WATER COULD REDUCE TIME BY 8 HOURS.

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