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15 OCTOBER 1964

IMMEDIATE [REDACTED]

INFO PRIORITY [REDACTED]

REF A: MSN 1011-1

1. UNAUTHORIZED REMOVAL OF PARACHUTE FROM CAPSULE OF MSN 1011-1 HAS RESULTED IN LOSS OF EXTREMELY IMPORTANT INFORMATION RELEVANT TO RE-ENTRY EVENT. REMOVAL TOOK PLACE SOMETIME BETWEEN CATCH AND DELIVERY TO [REDACTED] REQUEST YOU LOCATE PARACHUTE AND EXPEDITE RETURN TO [REDACTED] WITH GREATEST POSSIBLE HASTE. REASON: THERE IS STRONG EVIDENCE THAT DROGUE CHUTE FAILED TO DEPLOY AND AN EXAMINATION OF CHUTE BY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL IS NEEDED TO DETERMINE IF DESIGN WEAKNESSES ARE EVIDENT OR IF PROCEDURAL CHANGES ARE CALLED FOR. THE CHUTE SHOULD HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION PRIOR TO NEXT FLIGHT.

2. FURTHER REQUEST THAT STANDING POLICY OF RETURNING ALL RECOVERED MATERIAL FROM CORONA MISSIONS TO [REDACTED] BE RE-EMPHASIZED TO ALL INVOLVED UNITS UNDER YOUR JURISDICTION.

END OF MESSAGE

VHW [Signature]

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Accordance with E.O. 12958

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