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1. BECAUSE OF A MALFUNCTION IN ABLATIVE SHELL RELEASE SYSTEM THE SHELL WAS RECOVERED ALONG WITH NORMAL BUCKET. THIS REPRESENTS A TREMENDOUS ENGINEERING TONUS.

2. FROM ESTIMATES, THE PAYLOAD DID EXPERIENCE TEMPERATURES UP TO 130 DEGREES F FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT 5 MINUTES.

3. RECOVERY CREW WAS UNABLE TO REMOVE SHELL. ENTIRE PACKAGE WILL BE TRANSPORTED IN SECUR MANNER TO [REDACTED] AREA AND SEPERATION DONE HERE.

4. REMOVAL OF SHELL WILL CAUSE NO COMPLICATIONS IN REMOVAL OF PAYLOAD.

END OF MESSAGE

IN ACCORDANCE WITH E.O. 12958

on NOV 26 1997

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