

REF MSN 1020

DURING RECENT R-I TEST, PAYLOAD FOR REF MSN SUSTAINED CONSIDERABLE CORROSION TO EXTERIOR SKIN REQUIRING A NUMBER OF SPOTS TO
BE RESURFACED. THE THERMAL PATTERN DESTROYED BY RESURFACING CAN
BE REPAIRED BY TAPE. IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT ALL CORROSION HAS
STOPPED, WILL BE NECESSARY TO LEAVE THE AFFECTED AREAS UNCOVERED
UNTIL THE SYSTEM IS SCHEDULED FOR FLIGHT. PRESENT R-7 SCHEDULE
DOES NOT ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME TO APPLY THE THERMAL TAPE AFTER
RELEASE FROM R-7. TWO EXTRA DAYS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS TASK,
THEREFORE, RECOMMEND THAT REF MSN BE HELD AT AN R-9 CONFIGURATION.
REF MSN CAN BE AT R-9 ON 28 APRIL 65.

END OF MSG

Declaration and Released by the NRC

in Accordance with E. O. 12958

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