

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE



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A. 1043-2

B. REF [REDACTED]

C. ON REV 120 S [REDACTED] THE H-TIMER TAPE WAS SLIPPED MINUS 110 SEC TO COMPLY WITH THE REF REQUEST FOR 6 DEG 25 MIN NORTH BIAS. SLIPPING THE TAPE IN A MINUS DIRECTION CAUSES A LOSS OF STORED PROGRAM COMMAND FUNCTIONS FOR THE PERIOD OF TIME OF THE SLIPPAGE, IN THIS CASE, 110 SECONDS. ON REV 120 ONE OF THE SPC FUNCTIONS THAT WAS LOST WAS THE V/H PROGRAMMER START STEP. THIS CAUSED THE V/H PROGRAMMER TO REMAIN AT THE BOTTOM OF THE RAMP, THE SLOWEST CYCLE RATE, THROUGHOUT THE REV RESULTING IN IMPROPER MATCH DURING THE OPS TAKEN ON REV 120.

IF THE TAPE IS SLIPPED IN A PLUS DIRECTION, SPC FUNCTIONS WOULD BE REPEATED FOR THE PERIOD OF TIME OF THE SLIPPAGE.

IN THE FUTURE [REDACTED] WILL BE ADVISED OF ADVERSE AFFECTS ON

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GROUP 1 EXCLUDED FROM AUTO-MATIC DOWNGRADING AND DECLASSIFICATION

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SPC FUNCTIONS RESULTING FROM BIASING THE M-TIMER AND RESIDENT  
OFFICER WILL RECOMMEND AGAINST A BIAS THAT WOULD COMPROMISE MISSION  
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