

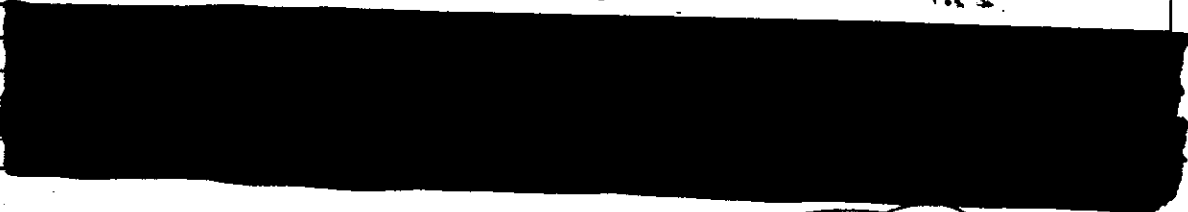
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SUBJ: MISSION 1050 - ATTITUDE CONTROL ANOMALY

1. ANOMALY ATTRIBUTED TO MALFUNCTION OF A STEERING VALVE IN THE AGENA SYSTEM. NUMEROUS CYCLIC TESTS HAVE BEEN RUN ON THE BENCH IN THE RESEARCH LABORATORY TO DETERMINE CAUSE. SEVERAL WORKMANSHIP ERRORS HAVE BEEN FOUND IN THE LATEST LOT OF VALVES AND ARE CONSIDERED PRIMARY REASON FOR MALFUNCTION.

2. QUESTION REGARDING REFURBISHMENT, REUSE OR REDESIGN BEING DETERMINED BY AGENA MANAGEMENT THIS AFTERNOON. PRESENT MANAGEMENT POSITION IS NO LAUNCHES ON ALL PROGRAMS UNTIL PROBLEM IS SOLVED. THE SAME VALVE MALFUNCTIONED ON THE LAST [REDACTED] FLIGHT.

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