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(ATTN: COL MAY)
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SUBJECT: HEXAGON (Mission 1220) Launch Failure

On 18 April 1986 at 1345 EST, HEXAGON Mission 1220 was launched from SLC-4E at Vandenberg, AFB using a Titan booster. An explosion occurred seconds after lift-off and the command to destruct was issued at approximately 10 seconds after lift-off. [REDACTED]

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