

~~SECRET~~
DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF SPECIAL PROJECTS (OSAF)
AF UNIT POST OFFICE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90045



REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

SP-1

23 AUG 1971

SUBJECT:

Recommendation for Decoration

TO:

DNRO (Dr McLucas)

1. Request you approve the attached recommendations for award of the Meritorious Service Medal to SSgt Philip R Saldivar.

[redacted] SSgt David J Lillico, [redacted] Sgt Bruce G Ropke, [redacted] and Sgt Gerald W Shrader, [redacted]

2. These four Sergeants, on the first HEXAGON recovery operation, performed exceptional services for the program by recovering both the Recovery Vehicle and its parachute from the water. The retrieval of the Recovery Vehicle and its payload was of course extremely important. The additional recovery of the damaged parachute which had been detached in accordance with established procedures, was a great bonus to the program office as it provided physical evidence of the type of damage sustained by this chute and gave us a start on identifying a possible system malfunction.

3. I believe this exceptional performance deserves the recognition by the award of the Meritorious Service Medal.

LEW ALLEN, JR.
Brigadier General, USAF
Director

EXCLUDED FROM AUTOMATIC
REGRADING; DOD DIR 5200.10
DOES NOT APPLY

~~SECRET~~ //

Approved for Release: 2018/11/08 C05116595

Handle Via
BYEMAN

Control System Only