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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, SUBCOMMITTEE ON DEFENSE, COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, UNITED STATES SENATE  
CHAIRMAN, SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE, UNITED STATES SENATE  
CHAIRMAN, PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE, UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
CHAIRMAN, SUBCOMMITTEE ON DEFENSE, COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SUBJECT: Notification of NRO Satellite Reentry

[redacted] EHF SIGINT Search Satellite  
(GLORIA II/Mission 7244) [redacted]

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[redacted] the Solid Rocket Motor failed to accomplish the final orbit adjust burn to circularize the orbit. Because the vehicle did not achieve its nominal orbit, mission life was shortened considerably from the estimated one year duration. Mission 7244 was declared fully operational on [redacted] with tasking up to 230 minutes per day.

On August 15, 1991, Mission 7244 operations ceased after the vehicle was destroyed reentering the earth's atmosphere.



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Deputy Director  
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