

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

DATE : 0340Z 21 AUG 59

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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : [REDACTED]

OFFICE : OPS (1)

INFO : S/C (2)

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TOR: 0420Z 21 AUG 59

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INFO

CITE

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NO NIGHT ACTION

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INFO AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME CONSISTS OF REAL TIME TELEMETRY READOUT FROM OSCILLOSCOPES AT THE TRACKING STATIONS. ANALOG TELEMETRY RECORDS WILL BE AVAILABLE STARTING APPROX 1700Z 21 AUGUST. THE AVAILABLE REAL TIME READOUT INDICATES THAT THE CAMERA OPERATED FOR APPROX 30 SECONDS. TEMPERATURES IN THE NOSE CONE ARE AGAIN MARGINAL, ALTHOUGH SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN ON FLIGHT 9002. TELEMETRY INDICATES NOSE CONE SEPARATION ON PASS 17. (NO AIR SNATCH OCCURRED AND WATER SEARCH CONTINUED UNTIL APPROX 21/0100Z AT WHICH TIME SEARCH WAS ABANDONED.)

A MAJOR EFFORT STARTED 20 AUGUST TO FIND FIXES FOR THE 2 MAJOR PROBLEMS: 1. E. LOW NOSE CONE TEMPERATURES AND CAMERA MALFUNCTION, AS FOLLOWS.

1. DESIGN FOR PRESSURIZATION
2. THERMAL STABILIZATION (FRONT END)

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3. ATTITUDE SENSITIVITY (INSTRUMENT NUMBER 10)
4. MECHANISM IN VACUUM
5. HIGH VACUUM TEST (10 TO THE MINUS 8 INCHES OF MERCURY PRESSURE). (INSTRUMENT NUMBER 12) AT MIT.
6. HIGH VACUUM TEST OF PRESSURIZATION DESIGN
7. 0 G TEST (USING C 130 A/C)
8. MATS TEST (INSTRUMENT NUMBER 5) (COMPLETE INSTRUMENT IN HIGH ALTITUDE CHAMBER)
9. CAMERA EVALUATION BY NON PREVIOUSLY CONNECTED EXPERTS
10. POTENTIAL PROBLEMS IN ORBIT
11. INSTRUMENT ACCURACY AND HIGH VOLTAGE CALIBRATION OF RESISTANCE THERMOMETER
12. DATA COORDINATION

NOTE: DATE OF LAUNCH FOR FLIGHT 9001 IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.

END OF MESSAGE

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