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1. CONTROL GAS CONSUMPTION RATE ON REF MISSION WAS SO EXCESSIVE THAT A NIGHT RECOVERY ON PASS 18 CONSIDERED NECESSARY. CURRENT RATES HAVE LEVELED OFF. SUPPLY AVAILABLE PASS 9 (26 PERCENT) PLUS LATEST CONSUMPTION RATES WILL ALLOW RECOVERY ON PASS 18. PROBABILITY OF MISSION CAPABILITY BEYOND PASS 18 ARE SLIM.

2. VEHICLE IS NORMAL IN ALL OTHER RESPECTS, WITH NO INDICATED REASON FOR HIGH GAS CONSUMPTION RATES DURING EARLIER PASSES.

3. CAMERA OPERATION HAS BEEN NORMAL. SINCE NO CHANCE OF MISSION DURATION EXCEEDING FILM SUPPLY WILL NOT TURN OFF CAMERA ON 15D, 15D, 17D OR 18D.

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