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REF MISSION 9042A

1. RECOVERY EVENTS REF MISSION WERE COMPLETED NORMAL UNTIL AIR CATCH ATTEMPT. CHUTE DEPLOYMENT OCCURED AT SCHEDULED POINT. CAPSULE WAS UNDER VISUAL OBSERVATION OF TWO AIRCRAFT, TWO HELECOPTERS AND THE BOAT DURING MOST OF EVENT. EXACT REASON AIR CATCH FAILED NDT KNOWN (CHUTE MAY HAVE STRUCK RECOVERY BOOM OR HOOKS FAILED TO CATCH) CHUTE TAILED AND CAPSULE FELL INTO WATER. HELECOPTERS WERE WITHIN 1/8 MILE OF AREA AND OBSERVED CAPSULE TO SINK AT ONCE.
2. SEARCH OF AREA WILL CONTINUE UNTIL DARK.
3. THIS WILL BE LAST OPERATIONAL REPORT THIS MISSION.

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