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1. FINAL FAILURE ANALYSIS ON REF MISSION SHOULD COME FROM [REDACTED] THE CONTRACTOR WILL PRESENT THEIR ANALYSIS TO [REDACTED] ON 13 SEPT. PEOPLE FROM GE ARE PRESENT AT AP TODAY UNDERGOING ANALYSIS OF THE FAILURE.

2. ANSWER TO QUESTIONS AS FOLLOWS: CAPSULE SEPERATION DID OCCUR. NO POSITIVE INFORMATION ON RETRO-ROCKETS IGNITION HOWEVER CAPSULE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE REMAINED IN ORBIT IF RETRO-ROCKETS DID NOT IGNITE. VEHICLE TELEMETRY LOSS WAS NOT @ DUE TO POWER FAILURE. SEVERAL TM COMPUTATORS HAD CEASED WORKING PROBABLY DUE TO MECHANICAL DIFFICULTIES. SOME CAPSULE TELEMETRY ^W WAS RECEIVED BY THE SURFACE VESSEL. ~~THE~~ THE TM AIRCRAFT WAS NOT AVAILABE. THE ORIGINAL AIRCRAFT TO BE USED FOR TM ^{COVERAGE} HAD LOST AN ENGINE AND HAD TO RETURN TO ITS BASE. IN LIEU ^U OF THE TM AIRCRAFT A STATION ON SHERMYA WAS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN TM DATA. INITIAL REPORT INDICATES THAT SOME DATA WAS OBTAINED. THE MAGNETIC TAPE CONTAINING THIS DATA IS ENROUTE TO THIS AREA.

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NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FAILURE TO RECOVER CAPSULE AT THIS TIME.
T/M DATA FROM RECOVERY SHIPS DUE IN MOMENTARILY. BEST GUESS AT THIS
TIME IS THAT CHUTE FAILED TO DEPLOY.