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1. APPROXIMATELY 80 PERCENT OF THE MASTER CAMERA (116) FILM IS SEVERELY FOGGED DUE TO LIGHT LEAKS SIMILAR TO THOSE OBSERVED ON MISSION 9056 (M22). MOST FRAMES CONTAIN A LARGE TRIANGULAR REFLECTION, 3 INCHES FROM THE STARBOARD HORIZON CAMERA EDGE, HAVING THE SAME CHARACTERISTICS REPORTED ON MISSION 9056. FOGGING DOES NOT OCCUR ON THE FIRST THREE FRAMES OF THE TAKE, INDICATING THAT THE LIGHT LEAK MAY NOT HAVE OCCURRED DURING LAUNCH.

2. THE FIRST FOUR AND THE LAST FIVE FRAMES OF EVERY CAMERA OPERATION FROM THE SLAVE CAMERA (117) IS ALSO SEVERELY AFFECTED BY FOGGING, AND THE GROSS FOG LEVEL IN THE REMAINING FRAMES IS ABOVE OPTIMUM.

3. SPECIAL PRINTING PROCEDURES MAY SALVAGE SOME IMAGERY FROM THE LEAST DEGRADED FRAMES OF BOTH CAMERAS.

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1. APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN PERCENT OF THE PHOTOGRAPHY IS NOT USABLE DUE TO EXTREME FOG PRESENT AT THE BEGINNINGS AND ENDINGS OF ALL PASSES. THE REMAINING FRAMES ARE DEGRADED TO VARYING DEGREES BY HIGH GROSS FOG LEVEL. THE FOG IS ATTRIBUTED TO LIGHT LEAKS AND NOT TO CORONA STATIC DISCHARGES OR RADIATION.
2. THE FIRST AND LAST FEW FRAMES OF EACH PASS ARE AFFECTED BY FOG DERIVED FROM LIGHT LEAKS BUT TO A LESSEER DEGREE THAN THE MASTER FILM PAYLOAD. THE GROSS FOG LEVEL APPEARS NORMAL IN THE REMAINING FRAMES.

THIS WAS THE HOT VEHICLE.

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