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IMMEDIATE [REDACTED] INFO PRIORITY [REDACTED] CITE [REDACTED]

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1. STILL UNABLE TO COMMAND ON REV 2. INSTRUMENTS ARE IN "ON" MODE AND WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE ACCORDING TO PROGRAM 4. CYCLE COUNTERS SHOW INSTRUMENTS WORKING NORMALLY. SINCE TIMER CANNOT BE ADJUSTED CANNOT CONTROL OPERATE LATITUDE.

2. WITH NO IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT CONDITION WILL USE LIFEBOAT TO RECOVER FIRST CAPSULE ON REV 49. AT THAT TIME WILL HAVE OVER 2600 CYCLES IN TAKE-UPS AND CANNOT CONTINUE IN PROGRAM 4 UNTIL REV 65 WITHOUT OVER FILLING AND BREAKING INSTRUMENTS. AFTER DUMPING "A" BUCKET, WILL LET "B" BUCKET GO TO CAPACITY AND RECOVER, AGAIN WITH LIFEBOAT, ON REV 112. IN THIS MANNER CAN GET ALMOST ALL FILM BACK.

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3. WE ARE PROCEEDING WITH MISSION AS THOUGH NORMAL IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT WE CAN TAKE IMMEDIATE ADVANTAGE IF COMMAND CAPABILITY REGAINED. PROBABILITY OF REGAINING NORMALCY CONSIDERED QUITE REMOTE AT THIS TIME. BEST GUESS AS TO TROUBLE IS A FAILURE OF THE BEACON POWER SUPPLY. ALL ELSE IN BOTH VEHICLE AND PAYLOAD SEEMS NORMAL.

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