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1. DUE TO THE STILL UNEXPLAINED ANOMALY THAT CAUSED INSTRUMENT TO RUN FOR ABOUT 400 UNWANTED CYCLES ON REV 1 IT WAS CONSIDERED ADVISABLE TO PLACE INSTRUMENTS IN OFF POSITION. AT THIS TIME TM COULD NOT ESTABLISH NORMAL STATUS. TM WAS STILL RAGGED AND UNUSABLE SO INSTRUMENT WAS TURNED OFF TO AWAIT EVALUATION AND EMERGENCY PLANNING. THERE WAS SOME DANGER THAT CASSETTES WOULD OVERFILL AND DISABLE INSTRUMENTS IF ANOMALY STILL PERSISTED. POST PASS EVALUATION OF REV 6 DATA ESTABLISHED THAT INSTRUMENTS HAD OPERATED NORMALLY SINCE REV 1. BY THIS TIME IT WAS TOO LATE TO ACCOMPLISH REV 6. INCIDENTALLY, IT HAS NOW BEEN DETERMINED THAT PROBLEM OCCURRED ON REV 1 ONLY AND NOT ON REV 2 AS PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT.

2. WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE AS NORMALLY AS CONDITION OF TM WILL ALLOW. INVESTIGATION OF RUNAWAY PAYLOAD OCCURRENCE CENTERING ON PROGRAMMER BUT NOTHING DEFINITELY ESTABLISHED AS YET.

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