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Attached is the original and one copy of the report on Discoverer XV recovery activities rendered in compliance with AFMD 80-695, 15 Sep 60. The report was prepared in triplicate; disposition of the remaining copy is as shown on the appended receipt.

2. The board's findings and recommendations were reviewed with Gen Schriever and Ritland yesterday. Immediately following this review (conducted by Cols Curtis/Soper) the matter was discussed further in a separate meeting between Gen Schriever and Ritland and Col Moore.

3. As a result of the foregoing review, Gen Schriever directed that he be given a detailed briefing on recovery plans prior to the next Discoverer shot. It was emphasized that the plans must include specific alternative plans for recovery actions in event of capsule reentry outside the target area; these alternative plans should be world-wide in scope. It was also stressed that recovery operations employ resources and techniques to provide fast reaction, i.e., primary reliance on fixed wing aircraft supported by paradrop personnel and equipped for both air and sea snatch retrieval.