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FROM PRS/WCPO

SUBJ: RV-3 IMPACT POINT

1. THE PREDICTED IMPACT POINT FOR RV-3 WAS 24-58N, 161-58W. MWC BEST GUESS OF PROBABLE DISPERSION AT SURFACE IS UP TO 6.4 NM DOWNRANGE AND UP TO 13.8 NM EAST OF PREDICTED IMPACT POINT.

2. THE RECOVERY GROUP REPORTED AN AIRCRAFT SIGHTING OF BUBBLES AT 24-50 N, 162-00 W, BUT TEND TO DISCOUNT ANY CORRELATION. UNCERTAINTY OF LOCATION DUE TO AIRCRAFT POSITION, ETC. IS APPROXIMATELY A 3 NM RADIUS.

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3. WT OF RV INCLUDING CHUTE WAS 1127.62 POUNDS. WIND EFFECTS ON SURFACE IMPACT POINT DISPERSION IS CONSIDERED NEGLIGIBLE. EFFECT OF OCEAN CURRENTS ON SINK TRAJECTORY UNKNOWN. MWC GUESSES THAT SURFACE IMPACT WOULD HAVE SPLIT APART CAPSULE AND THAT PAYLOAD WOULD HAVE SUNK DIRECTLY, BUT LIKELY SEPARATE FROM CAPSULE BUCKET.

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