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SUBJ: HEXAGON SALVAGE OPERATIONS

1. TRIESTE SUBMERGED 26/0319Z AND ARRIVED ON BOTTOM 16,400 FT AT 26/0515Z. SIGHTED DEBRIS 26/0845Z. SIGHTED MARINE PHYSICS LABORATORY PACKAGE AT 26/0900Z. COMMENCED MANEUVERING TO RECOVER AT 26/0930Z. PACKAGE SECURED AND RECOVERY DEVICE TRIPPED AT 26/1030Z. COMMENCED ASCENT AT 26/1050Z. UPON ARRIVAL SURFACE AT 26/1238Z, PACKAGE BROKE INTO SMALL PIECES AND FELL THROUGH LINES OF RECOVERY

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DEVICE. RECOVERY DEVICE REMAINED SHUT. SOME LIGHTWEIGHT REMNANTS FROM PACKAGE RECOVERED. THE TRIESTE PILOT DEBRIEFING WAS TAPED.

[] HAS CUSTODY OF DEBRIEFING TAPES AND DEBRIS.

2 [] CONSIDERED NOTHING TO BE GAINED FROM CONTINUED OPERATIONS AND THEREFORE WILL TERMINATE OPERATIONS. [] EXPECTED ETA AT HICKAM IS 28/2200Z APR 72. WHITE SANDS AND TRIESTE NOW ENROUTE PEARL HARBOR.

3. [] REQUESTS A COURIER BE PROVIDED. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE COURIER SCHEDULED FOR THE FIRST RECOVERY OF THE CURRENT IRON ALSO BE USED TO COURIER DEBRIS RECOVERED BY TRIESTE.

4. IT APPEARS TO US THAT THE SMALL AMOUNT OF DEBRIS WILL PRESENT NO PACKAGING PROBLEMS. IT ALSO APPEARS THAT A TEMPERATURE OF 40 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT NEED NOT BE MAINTAINED DURING TRANSPORT. WE WILL CONFIRM THESE ASSUMPTIONS WITH [] UPON HIS ARRIVAL AT HICKAM.

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