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QUOTE:

1. DEBRIEFING OF CREWS INDICATE PARACHUTE BAG NOT ATTACHED TO DROGUE CHUTE. STRAP HANGING DOWN FROM ATTACHMENT POINT OF PARACHUTE LINES WAS APPROXIMATELY THE LENGTH OF THE DROGUE PARACHUTE SYSTEM. DROGUE WAS OBSERVED IMPACTING SURFACE. IT FLOATED APPROXIMATELY ONE MINUTE AND SUNK.

2 & 3. ALL AIRCRAFT ACQUIRED DELTA 1 AND DELTA 2 AT APPROXIMATELY 2122:30. SEARCH FOR DELTA 3 COMMENCED AND DELTA 3 WAS ACQUIRED AT 2125:00Z BY DAMP 4, 2125:25 BY DAMP 3, 2127:00 BY DAMP LEADER. ALL AIRCRAFT REPORTED LOSS OF DELTA 3 BY 2134:00. DEBRIEFING OF THE CREWS CONFIRMS THAT THE DELTA 3 SIGNAL REPORTED WAS A SPURIOUS SIGNAL

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GENERATED BY THE RECOVERY AIRCRAFT. THE SIGNAL REMAINED ON THE TAIL OF THE AIRCRAFT REGARDLESS OF AIRCRAFT HEADING. I BELIEVE THIS SIGNAL IS GENERATED BY THE UMF GUARD MODE. WE WILL INVESTIGATE THIS PROBLEM. A PROCEDURE CHANGE SHOULD PROVIDE A SOLUTION.

PART II. THE SEARCH CONDUCTED WAS NEGATIVE. HOWEVER, AT APPROXIMATELY 2145Z DAMP 9 DID REPORT A DISCOLORATION OF THE WATER MEASURED ONE HUNDRED FEET SQUARE. NO DEBRIS WAS SIGHTED. HOWEVER AS NEAR AS CAN BE ASCERTAINED THERE WERE MANY AIR BUBBLES WITHIN THE AREA. AIRCRAFT RETURNED TO SAME AREA AND COULD NOT SIGHT DISCOLORATION AGAIN. QUINN SENDS. UNQUOTE

C. ADDITION DATA RECEIVED FROM HICK 0002 DTG 110246Z JULY 15 AS FOLLOWS. QUOTE:

DELTA 1 AND DELTA 2 WERE ACQUIRED SIMULTANEOUSLY AT 2115:40Z AND FADED DURING BLACK OUT AT 2116:35Z. AFTER BLACK OUT D-1 AND D-2 WERE REACQUIRED AT 2119:40Z. A SUDDEN LOSS OF BOTH D-1 AND D-2 OCCURED AT 2122:30Z. D-3 AS REPORTED BY DAMP 3 AND DAMP 4 OCCURRED AT 2123:25Z THROUGH 2133:45Z. HOWEVER, DEBRIEFING OF BOTH AIRCREWS REVEALED THAT THIS WAS A SPURIOUS SIGNAL GENERATED WITHIN THE AIRCRAFT AND ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED AS

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D-3 ACQUISITION. THE DROGUE CHUTE WAS SIGHTED BY DAMP 02 AT 2127:00Z, AIRCRAFT ALTITUDE 22,000 FEET. THE DROGUE CHUTE WAS ESTIMATED AT 26,000 TO 28,000 FEET. THE DROGUE CHUTE WAS OBSERVED IMPACTING THE WATER AT 2140:00Z COORDINATES 24 DEG 50 DEG N, 162 DEG 00 DEG W. THE DROGUE CHUTE FLOATED FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE MINUTE AND SANK. FURTHER SEARCH REVEALED NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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