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REF: [REDACTED]

1. PILOT CONCURS WITH THE [REDACTED] RECOMMENDATION TO CONTINUE THE SALVAGE EFFORT ON 1201-3. TO ADDRESS THE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS RAISED IN THE REF:

A. PILOT HAS REVIEWED IN DETAIL THE [REDACTED] TEST RESULTS. THE TEST CONCLUSIONS, BASED ON A NORMAL HEXAGON FILM SPOOL, WERE THAT THERE WOULD BE A VERY THIN EDGE THAT WAS FOGGED (ABOUT 1/4 INCH), THEN AN EDGE TWO INCHES WIDE WITH A LATENT IMAGE THAT WAS DEGRADED ABOUT ONE STOP IN EXPOSURE, BUT PROBABLY STILL USABLE, AND 2.5 INCHES OF GOOD PHOTOGRAPHY.

[REDACTED] CONSIDERS THIS TO BE USEFUL AND RECOMMENDS CONTINUING THE RECOVERY OPERATIONS. PILOT AGREES WITH THE TEST RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS.

B. CONSIDERABLE EFFORT HAS BEEN EXPENDED BY [REDACTED] AND PILOT IN DETERMINING THE PROBABLE IMPACT POINT OF THE RV. A SEARCH AREA 1.5 MILES WIDE BY 8 MILES LONG HAS BEEN DEFINED WHICH INCLUDES ALL THE RECOMMENDED IMPACT POINTS. THE NAVY AND THE SEARCH TEAM FEEL THAT THEY

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HAVE A GOOD CHANCE OF LOCATING THE RV IF THE SEA BOTTOM IS AS SHOWN ON THE [Redacted] CHARTS AND THEIR INSTRUMENTATION RESPONSE IS AS PREDICTED. BASED ON THE ABOVE, WE BELIEVE THE RECOVERY OPERATION SHOULD HAVE A REASONABLE CHANCE OF SUCCESS. A PRACTICE RECOVERY IS PLANNED TO VERIFY THE EQUIPMENT AND PROCEDURES TO BE USED.

C. THE [Redacted] STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS FEEL THAT THE RV WILL BE IN ONE PIECE WITH THE NOSE CANNISTER HYDROFORMED AROUND THE TAKEUP. THE FILM STACK SHOULD NOT BE DAMAGED.

2. THE RECOVERY OPERATION IS PROCEEDING WITH THE SEARCH PLANNED TO BEGIN ON 1 OCTOBER AND THE RECOVERY ON 16 OCTOBER.

END OF MESSAGE

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