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1. IT IS TRUE THAT SAC LOST ART 375 ON AN OVERFLIGHT MISSION OUT OF [REDACTED] ON 1 JUNE. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO REPORT ON THE ACCIDENT AS YET SINCE THE BOARD IS STILL IN SESSION; ALL THE INFO BELOW IS INFORMAL.

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2. ART 375 DPT [REDACTED] IN POOR WX WITH REPORTED CBS AND TURBULENCE. THE PILOT HAD ABOUT 100 HOURS TOTAL IN THE BIRD AND THIS WAS HIS FIRST MISSION. AT 45M ON HIS CLIMB OUT HE REPORTED A MINOR "EXPLOSION". HE WAS HAND FLYING THE AIRCRAFT. HE STATES HE DID NOT LOOK AT ENG INSTRUMENTS BUT STOP-COCKED THE ENG IMMEDIATELY. HE ENTERED A 20 DEGREE BANK TURN FOR RETURN TO THE BASE. THE ONLY INSTRUMENT HE REMEMBERS OBSERVING WAS THE BDHI. AT THIS POINT HE ATTEMPTED CONTACT WITH FORT WORTH CENTER. HE REPORTED PASSING 37 THOUSAND (LOSS OF 8M IN ONE MINUTE). THE PILOT THEN FELT HE WAS IN A SPIN TO THE

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RIGHT AND INSTITUTED SPIN RECOVERY. A SECOND LOUD EXPLOSION WAS HEARD AT THIS TIME. (PROBABLY AIRCRAFT BREAK-UP) THE PILOT EJECTED SHORTLY THEREAFTER. EXAMINATION OF THE WRECKAGE REVEALS THE AIRCRAFT WINGS FAILED IN MUCH THE SAME MANNER AS THE ROLLING PULL-UP FAILURE OF 342 (OVERSTRESS). THERE HAS BEEN NO CONCLUSION FROM THE ACCIDENT BOARD WHICH HAS NOT COMPLETED ITS INVESTIGATION AS FAR AS WE KNOW. BUT PRESUMABLY THE PILOT EITHER LOST FLIGHT REFERENCE THROUGH SOME INSTRUMENT FAILURE (ALTHOUGH NOTHING AT THE SCENE COULD BE FOUND TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS) OR HE PLACED HIMSELF IN A MANUEVER THAT OVERSTRESSED THE ARTICLE. WE WILL PROVIDE FURTHER INFO AS IT IS RECEIVED.

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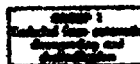
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