

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

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1838Z 22 FEB 63

TO : DIRECTOR

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ACTION: OSA (1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10)

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TOR: 1852Z 22 FEB 63

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ACFT 123 FLEW FLT NUMBER 44 ON 21 FEB FOR 2 HOURS AND 12 MINUTES. PILOT GILLILAND. PURPOSE TYPE II PACKAGE, PLUS V/H SENSOR TEST FOR BOTH TYPE I AND TYPE II. SCHEDULED RUNS OVER SAND LAKE TARGETS AT 30,000 FEET, 310 KEAS, ON SOUTHERLY HEADING. FIRST RUN ABORTED DUE TO NO STAB LIGHT, INDICATING PLATFORM NOT STABILIZED. ROUGH AIR MAY HAVE BEEN FACTOR. SECOND RUN ABORTED FOR SAME REASON. THIRD, FOURTH, AND FIFTH RUNS OK. SIXTH RUN ABORTED DUE NO STAB LIGHT. ROUGH AIR AGAIN NOTED ON THIS RUN. SEVENTH RUN AGAIN NO STAB LIGHT, ALSO JUST BEFORE TARGETS ALL PACKAGE LIGHTS CAME ON INDICATING PACKAGE MALFUNCTION. FULL SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS LAST EVENT STILL UNDETERMINED. PACKAGE PEOPLE CONTINUING TO TROUBLE SHOOT TO ATTEMPT TO FIND. NORMAL LANDING WITH GOOD CHUTE, SORRY FOR DELAY THIS REPORT.

END OF MESSAGE

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