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Operations
Accident Report on #357

1. Headquarters has reviewed the accident report submitted by [Redacted] letter of transmittal dated 11 January 1957. We are in general concurrence with recommended action. (b)(3)

2. Specifically, Headquarters is taking precautions to negate any future similar occurrences:

a. We are adopting as operational SOP the use of gust alleviators in the "on" position on climbout to KWMEAD 5,000 and on descent from KWMEAD 5,000. As you may know, following the loss of #316 in SCCIDER, Headquarters recommended use of gust alleviators on climbout up to KWMEAD 5,000. We assume this has been adopted as normal procedure throughout the Detachments. We did not, however, specifically recommend use of gust alleviators on descent from KWMEAD 5,000. This will be clarified as an operational procedure.

b. All KWOLITERS will be informed that abnormal oxygen pressure or oxygen system malfunction will be absolute and positive cause for immediate abort.

c. All KWOLITERS will be instructed to descend to cabin KWMEAD 1,000 if oxygen supply falls below normal safe pressure.

d. [Redacted] is in process of incorporating a canopy release seal which will be activated by the canopy jettison handle. (b)(3)

e. [Redacted] will be instructed to study the best method of incorporating a warning device which will indicate to KWOLITIER that h has reached maximum allowable airspeed. This indicator may be some warning signal inside the communication system rather than an external horn which may not be heard with helmet and gear on. It may even be some type of vibrator attached to the rudder pedals which will give an indication. We propose to have [Redacted] look into this device and discuss their approach with KWOLITERS at KWGABLE. (b)(3)

3. The Director of Operations plans to discuss all aspects of the accident with [Redacted] during their 1DY at Headquarters the last (b)(3)

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of January. In this discussion your recommendation on initiation of monthly incident reports will be reviewed with establishment of reporting procedure and format. You will be kept informed of any agreements reached during this discussion and before anything is finalized their recommendations will be forwarded to you for comment.

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