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ITEM SIXTY-SIX FM [REDACTED]

REF ITEM 59. IN HIS DEALINGS WITH MR. KENT GEN HUBBARD STATED THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY BE CONTACTED BY AN AIR FORCE REPRESENTATIVE TO VIEW THE PICTURES. THIS FITS IN NICELY WITH [REDACTED] PURPOSE. REFERENCE YOUR PARA 2. [REDACTED] FEELS SUFFICIENT SECURITY AGENTS ON HAND AT SCENE AND WE HAVE SUFFICIENT TO COVER HERE. NAME OF THE GAME FOR THESE PEOPLE IS TWELVE HOURS ON AND TWELVE HOURS OFF FOR A FEW DAYS. IT APPEARS NOT TO BE A PROBLEM.

END ITEM SIXTY-SIX

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ITEM SIXTY-SEVEN FM [REDACTED]

REF ITEM 62 IMI 61. SOUNDS GREAT. IT LOOKS AS IF THINGS NOW UNDER CONTROL. WE WORKING WITH [REDACTED] ON EQUIPMENT AND HOPE TO HAVE IN PLACE FIRST THING IN THE MORNING. I WILL TRY TO GET MESSAGE ON WIRE TO YOU REFERENCE [REDACTED] STATEMENT BEFORE KNOCKING OFF FOR THE NIGHT.

END ITEM SIXTY-SEVEN

SWITCHING BACK TO THE NORMAL POSITION

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FOR LOADING ABOARD C-124. DEPENDING UPON DIFFICULTY
ENCOUNTERED WITH CENTER SECTION ANTICIPATE WE SHOULD HAVE
REMOVED MAJORITY OF PIECES BY MID AFTERNOON. AT THE MOMENT
HAVE A MAINTENANCE WITH C-124 AT NELLIS. HAVE JUST DISCUSSED
THIS WITH [REDACTED]. HE RECEIVING EXCELLENT SUPPORT FROM
NELLIS AND ANTICIPATES HE CAN BE ON THE GROUND AT WENDOVER
IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO START UNLOADING PIECES AS THEY ARRIVE
FROM THE SCENE. I WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED AS BEST I CAN ON
TOMORROW'S PROGRESS AT WENDOVER. THIS OPERATION I HAVE
DESCRIBED AS COMPLETED SUBORDINATED INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES
TO GETTING EVERYTHING AWAY FROM THE SCENE AND ON BOARD THE C-124.
END OF ITEM SIXTY-FOUR

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ITEM SIXTY-FIVE FM [REDACTED]

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REF ITEM 58. WE WILL PLAN TO TRANSPORT [REDACTED]
IN MORNING. I WILL SET UP JETSTAR WITH LAC FIRST THING IN
THE MORNING.

REFERENCE YOUR STATEMENTS SODIUM PENOTHAL RECOMMEND THIS
BE DISCUSSED WITH [REDACTED] AS TO
ADVISABILITY AND TIME AND PLACE. DO YOU DESIRE THAT WE SET
UP [REDACTED] VISIT FROM HERE OR WILL HQS DO THIS? ADVISE
END ITEM SIXTY-FIVE

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ITEM SIXTY FM [REDACTED]

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REF ITEM 55. DID GEN COPELAND INDICATE A CONTACT WITH WHOM WE CAN WORK IN OBTAINING EQUIPMENT. ADVISE.
END ITEM SIXTY

ITEM SIXTY-ONE FM [REDACTED]

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REF ITEM 56. RGR UNDERSTAND.
END ITEM SIXTY-ONE

ITEM SIXTY-TWO FM [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ARRIVING BALTIMORE FRIENDSHIP 0938
YOUR TIME UNITED FLIGHT 852 WITH PICTURES. WILL YOU MEET
COURIER. ADVISE 25/0525Z
END ITEM SIXTY-TWO

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ITEM SIXTY-THREE FM [REDACTED]

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REF ITEM 54. I HAVE THE MESSAGE I AM CONTACTING [REDACTED]
WITH LATEST SITUATION. WE NOW WORKING UP LIST OF VEHICLES.
WILL CONTACT GEN COPELAND ASAP. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF
DEVELOPMENTS.
END ITEM SIXTY-THREE

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ITEM SIXTY-FOUR FM [REDACTED]

I HAVE JUST TALKED TO [REDACTED] REVEALING PORTIONS
OF WRECKAGE WILL BE COVERED BEFORE DAYLIGHT. WE WILL HAVE
CONNIE ON GROUND AT WENDOVER BY 0630. WILL ATTEMPT TO HAVE
NECESSARY VEHICLES AT WENDOVER BY 0630. WILL START LOADING
PIECES AND TRANSPORTING BACK TO WENDOVER BY 0730. ARE TAKING
CUTTING TORCHES UPON CONNIE TO CUT CENTER SECTION AS NECESSARY

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ITEM FIFTY-SEVEN FM [REDACTED]

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RE ITEM 51. RGR AND WILL ADVISE.

END ITEM FIFTY-SEVEN

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ITEM FIFTY-EIGHT FM [REDACTED]

REF ITEM 52. COL WIMBERLY HAS STATED TO COL HOLBURY THAT HE FEELS ON THE SCENE INVESTIGATION CAN BE COMPLETED TOMORROW AFTERNOON AND THAT WE CAN BEGIN MOVING PIECES TO C-124 EARLY TOMORROW AFTERNOON. MEANWHILE MEANFULLY OBVIOUS PIECES SUCH AS CENTER SECTION WILL BE COVERED ENTIRE TIME.

END ITEM FIFTY-EIGHT

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ITEM FIFTY-NINE FM [REDACTED]

REF ITEM 53. WISH TO POINT OUT THAT WRECKAGE STREWN OUT ALONG A LINE APPROX 4,000 FEET LONG. EXCEPT FOR CENTER SECTION OF WING AND PART OF WING TIPS THE REMAINDER IS COMPOSED OF SMALL PIECES OF JUNK. TO LIGHT AN AREA THIS FAR OUT IN THE BOONDOCKS FOR PURPOSES OF ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION DOESN'T APPEAR FEASIBLE. THERE ARE NO LIGHTS SUCH AS YOU DESCRIBE AT THE SCENE OR AT WENDOVER. WE CAN HOWEVER DIRECT THAT PIECES START MOVING TOWARD WENDOVER AT DAYLIGHT DEPENDING UPON AVAILABILITY OF SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TO BE REQUESTED FROM HILL. THE AREA CONCERNED IS VERY ROUGH WITH NO ROADS AND MOVEMENT OF VEHICLES AT NIGHT IN SUCH AN OPERATION WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT. ADVISE.

END OF ITEM FIFTY-NINE

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ITEM FIFTY-FOUR FM [REDACTED]

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RE YOUR NOTE ON C-124. IF LEO WILL DIRECT MOVEMENT WE WILL SEND HIM DIRECT FROM HERE TOMORROW MORNING TO REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL PIECES LOADED.

END ITEM FIFTY-FOUR

ITEM FIFTY-FIVE FM [REDACTED]

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WHILE YOU ARE TALKING TO LEO ADVISE HIM WE WILL NEED HIS HELP TO OBTAIN FLATBEDS AND HOOKS FROM HILL TO BE DELIVERED TO WENDOVER WHERE OUR DRIVERS WILL PICK UP AND DRIVE TO SCENE. THESE VEHICLES WILL THEN BE LEFT AT WENDOVER FOR HILL TO PICK UP AND RETURN TO BASE. ESTIMATE TWO DAYS FOR THIS JOB. NOT ADVISABLE FOR US TO CONTACT HILL ON THIS MATTER. I AM GOING TO MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT NOW TO DETERMINE NUMBERS AND TYPES OF VEHICLES REQUIRED AND WILL FORWARD LIST TO YOU ASAP.

END ITEM FIFTY-FIVE

ITEM FIFTY-SIX FM [REDACTED]

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I HAVE JUST VIEWED PICTURES TAKEN BY [REDACTED] OF WRECK FROM T-33 EARLIER TODAY. THESE CONFIRM THAT WE MUST COVER WRECKAGE AS I BRIEFED YOU IN PREVIOUS MESSAGE. AS ENTIRE CENTER SECTION IS INTACT IT VERY EVIDENT THAT AIRCRAFT WAS TWIN ENGINE DELTA. DO YOU DESIRE THAT THESE PICTURES BE AIR LIFTED TO YOUR HQS OR PLACED ASAP ON COMMERCIAL AIR WITH COURIER. PLS ADVISE.

END ITEM FIFTY-SIX

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ITEM FIFTY-ONE FM [REDACTED]

HAVE JUST TALKED TO [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] WILL BE IN SALT LAKE CITY IN THREE HOURS TO TALK TO ART KENT. HE WILL ATTEMPT TO VIEW PICTURES AND DISCREETLY LEARN HOW PICTURES WERE TAKEN. WILL RELATE PARTICULARS AS WE RECEIVE THEM FROM

[REDACTED]

EARLIER TODAY WE AIRLIFTED A NUMBER OF TARPS TO WENDOVER ON GOONY BIRD. THERE ARE SUFFICIENT ON HAND TO COMPLETELY COVER CENTER SECTION. THIS WILL BE DONE BEFORE DAYLIGHT. BELIEVE THIS WILL SOLVE THAT PROBLEM. [REDACTED] SUGGESTS THAT A GOOD WAY TO RECOVER REMAINING PIECES BACK [REDACTED] WOULD BE TO PLACE A C-124 AT WENDOVER ON SUNDAY AND WE WILL TRUCK PARTS TO WENDOVER ON FLATBEDS BORROWED FROM HILL USING OUR CLEARED DRIVERS. THIS WOULD PRECLUDE STORING AT HILL OR TRUCKING DOWN HIGHWAY TOWARD [REDACTED] REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS ONE. END ITEM FIFTY-ONE

ITEM FIFTY-TWO FM [REDACTED]

RE ITEM 48. HAVE C-124 AT NELLIS NOW DUE HERE TOMORROW AT 1000 LOCAL. END ITEM FIFTY-TWO

ITEM FIFTY-THREE FM [REDACTED]

RE ITEM 49. TAIL NUMBER IS 0094, [REDACTED] HOME STATION HUNTER AFB GA. END ITEM FIFTY-THREE

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ITEM FORTY-NINE FM [REDACTED]

REF ITEM 45. WE STILL UNABLE CONTACT [REDACTED] AT
WENDOVER. THEY OUT AT SCENE AGAIN. WILL KEEP TRYING.

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I TALKED TO KELLY DURING HIS FUEL STOP HERE PRIOR LAUNCHING
FOR BURBANK. HE STATES AIRCRAFT IS COMPLETELY BROKEN UP AND
HE NOT CONCERNED THAT ANYONE VIEWING FROM GROUND OR AIR COULD
COME TO ANY CONCLUSIONS AS TO ITS CONFORMATION. NACELLES
SEPARATED COMPLETELY FROM WING, NOSE COMPLETELY GAVE FORWARD
OF WING, VERTICALS OFF AND QUITE FAR REMOVED FROM REMAINDER OF
AIRCRAFT. [REDACTED] JUST LANDED IN CONNIE AND I'LL GET

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HIS OPINION SHORTLY AS TO NEED TO COVER OR DYNAMITE DUE TO
CONFORMATION OF REMAINING AIRCRAFT. HESITATE TO DYNAMITE.
THIS WAY DESTROY ANY POSSIBILITY OF FINDING OUT CAUSE OF
ACCIDENT. WILL CALL YOU BACK AFTER TALKING TO [REDACTED] WILL
KEEP TRYING TO REACH [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] BACK HERE
NOW, HAS TALKED TO WIFE. THAT SITUATION IN GOOD SHAPE NOW.

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DOCTOR CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE COMPRESSION FRACTURE IN
BACK. PLANNING X-RAYS IN MORNING AT BURBANK OR NELLIS, DEPENDING
ON REQUIREMENT FOR [REDACTED] HERE TOMORROW IN INVESTIGATION
PROCEEDINGS. [REDACTED] OTHERWISE IN FINE SHAPE AND GOOD SPIRITS.

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[REDACTED] ON WAY OVER NOW TO DISCUSS SITUATION REFERENCE PICTURES.
END ITEM FORTY-NINE

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ITEM FIFTY FM [REDACTED]

STANDBY FOR NOW AS I AM TALKING TO [REDACTED] NOW.
END ITEM FIFTY

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ITEM FORTY-SIX FM [REDACTED]

AT 1955 LOCAL FROM GEN HUBBARD. GEN HUBBARD A LITTLE UPSET OVER OUR ACTION ON SUBJECT OF PICTURES FOR RELEASE (I.E.) MR KENT OF SALT LAKE, GEN HUBBARD WANTS TO HANDLE THE COMPLETE SITUATION AND CONTROL OF THIS SUBJECT OR HE WANTS TO DROP OUT OF THE PICTURE. 25/0305Z
END ITEM FORTY-SIX

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ITEM FORTY-SEVEN FM [REDACTED]

REF ITEM 42 AND 43. JUST TALKED TO GEN HUBBARD AND HE DESIRES THAT [REDACTED] PROCEED TO SALT LAKE AND TALK TO KENT SO AS TO MAKE SOME ARRANGEMENT TO GIVE KENT CREDIT FOR A NEWS ITEM. WE ARE NOW TRYING TO TALK TO [REDACTED] ON THIS SUBJECT.
END ITEM FORTY-SEVEN

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ITEM FORTY-EIGHT FM [REDACTED]

REF ITEM 44. GEN HUBBARD FEELS THAT KENT SHOULD BE GIVEN CREDIT FOR HIS ACTIONS IN THAT HE DID GET PICTURES AND SINCE HE ISN'T GOING TO RELEASE THEM, HE IS BEING DENIED HIS RIGHTS FOR RELEASE AND A SCOOP OF A NEWS ITEM. [REDACTED] CARRYING OSI CREDENTIALS. 25/0345Z
END ITEM FORTY EIGHT

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ITEM FORTY-THREE FM [REDACTED]

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JETSTAR ENROUTE HERE FROM WENDOVER WITH KELLY JOHNSON ABOARD. SHORT FUEL STOP HERE AND THEN ON TO BURBANK. HIS PLANS FROM THAT POINT ON UNKNOWN TO ME.

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CONNIE ENROUTE BACK TO [REDACTED] WITH [REDACTED] AND DOCTOR. PART OF RECOVERY TEAM COMING BACK ALSO FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND EQUIPMENT. TEAM WILL RETURN TO WENDOVER IN CONNIE EARLY TOMORROW MORNING TO BEGIN WORK ON ESTABLISHING CRASH PATTERN. PLAN IS TO KEEP [REDACTED] HERE TONIGHT AND DEPENDING ON DOCTOR'S ADVISE TRANSPORT HIM TO BURBANK TOMORROW MORNING. I WILL HAVE HIM CALL HIS WIFE WHEN LANDING.

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END ITEM FORTY-THREE

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ITEM FORTY-FOUR FM [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] REMAINING OVERNIGHT WENDOVER. COL WIMBERLY NORTON ALSO THERE. 25/0250Z
END ITEM FORTY-FOUR

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ITEM FORTY-FIVE FM [REDACTED]

JETSTAR ON THE GROUND AT [REDACTED] NOW. ETA CONNIE GIVEN 0335Z.

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END ITEM FORTY-FIVE

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ITEM THIRTY-EIGHT FM [REDACTED]

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REF ITEM 40. NEGATIVE. GEN HUBBARD NOT AWARE EITHER.

END ITEM THIRTY-EIGHT

ITEM THIRTY-NINE FM [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AND ENTIRE PARTY ON WAY BACK OUT TO SCENE.

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END ITEM THIRTY-NINE

ITEM FORTY FM [REDACTED]

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REF ITEM 41. CONCUR COMPLETELY. HEAVY WEIGHT ACTION APPEARS IN ORDER. I WILL CALL GEN HUBBARD AND ADVISE.

END ITEM FORTY

RPT OF ITEM THIRTY-NINE FROM [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AND ENTIRE PARTY ON WAY BACK OUT TO SCENE.

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END RPT OF ITEM THIRTY-NINE

ITEM FORTY-ONE FM [REDACTED]

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REF ITEM 41. GEN HUBBARD JUST INFORMED ME HE WORKING WITH A [REDACTED] REFERENCE MR. KENT'S PICTURES. HE STATED COL GEARY AWARE OF THIS.

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END OF ITEM FORTY-ONE

ITEM FORTY-TWO FM [REDACTED]

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JUST TALKED TO GEN JAY ROBBINS AT EGLIN. HE DEPARTING EGLIN EARLY MORNING FOR HILL AFB. ARRIVING THERE 0930 HILL TIME. HE WILL PROCEED BY HELICOPTER TO WENDOVER TO TAKE CHARGE OF INVESTIGATION.

END ITEM FORTY-TWO

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ITEM THIRTY-TWO FM [REDACTED]

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RE ITEM 37. NEGATIVE

END ITEM THIRTY-TWO

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ITEM THIRTY-THREE FM [REDACTED]

WILL COMPLY WITH ITEM 30 ALSO WE HAVE TRUCKLOAD OF LARGE TARPS READY TO MOVE OUT FOR USE IN COVERING WRECKAGE FOR TRANSPORTATION BACK TO AREA. LARGE FLATBED BEING FURNISHED BY HILL AFB FOR THIS PURPOSE, ALSO LARGE CAPACITY CRANE BEING SUPPLIED BY HILL. QUESTION NOW IS WHETHER TERRAIN WILL PERMIT CRANE AND FLATBED CLOSE ENOUGH FOR RECOVERY. PERHAPS DISASSEMBLY WILL BE NECESSARY. IN ANY EVENT TARPS WILL COVER PIECES REMOVED.
25/0109Z

END ITEM THIRTY-THREE

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ITEM THIRTY-FOUR FM [REDACTED] 25/0115Z

JUST MONITORED NEWS BROADCAST FROM LAS VEGAS NBC TV STATION:
QUOTE: JET TRAINER OUT OF NELLIS CRASHED AND BURNED 14 MILES SOUTH WENDOVER, UTAH. PILOT EJECTED SAFELY. UNQUOTE. NO NAME GIVEN, WILL ADVISE FURTHER PRESS INFO AS WE HEAR IT. ALSO HAVE REQUESTED NELLIS OSE TO MONITOR THIS FOR US.

END ITEM THIRTY-FOUR

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ITEM THIRTY-FIVE FM [REDACTED]

REF ITEM 39. GOOD THOUGHT WILL DISCUSS WITH [REDACTED].
25/0120Z

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END ITEM THIRTY-FIVE

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ITEM THIRTY-SIX FM [REDACTED]

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REF YOUR ITEM 25. CLOSE SEARCH OF ALL PILOT POST-FLIGHT COMMENTS 123 REVEALS FOLLOWING:

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A. 12 JAN FLIGHT 31 PILOT [REDACTED] HEAVY PITCH TRANSIENT ACCOMPANIED BY LOSS OF SAS, RADIOS AND RIGHT GENERATOR. SAS RE-ENGAGED WITH SOME RESULTS RECURRING AFTER A PERIOD OF NORMAL OPERATION.

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B. 17 JAN FLIGHT 32 PILOT [REDACTED] SAS DISENGAGED WHEN POWER WAS REDUCED BELOW 84 PER CENT RPM FOR DESCENT. SAS ENGAGED NORMALLY AFTER ENGINE RPM WAS INCREASED TO 89 PER CENT.

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C. 19 JAN FLIGHT 33 PILOT [REDACTED] INS AND SAS DISENGAGED WITH ERRATIC GENERATOR OPERATION. REGAINED SAS AND INS OPERATION WITH RPM ABOVE 84 PER CENT.

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D. 22 MAY. FLIGHT 78 PILOT [REDACTED] TAKE OFF DELAYED DUE SAS DROPPING OFF LINE DURING SAS CHECK BEFORE TAXI. A CHANNEL POWER SUPPLY WAS REPLACED.

THESE ONLY SIGNIFICANT REPORTS. INTERESTING RELATIONSHIP EVIDENT BETWEEN RPM REDUCTION AND LOSS OF SAS. THIS INFO WILL OF COURSE, BE AVAILABLE TO INVESTIGATION BOARD. 25/0213Z
END ITEM THIRTY-SIX

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ITEM THIRTY-SEVEN FM [REDACTED]

FOR MR CUNNINGHAM. GEN HUBBARD JUST CALLED. MR ART KENT OF STATION KUTV SALT LAKE CITY HAS PICTURES AND WANTS TO RELEASE ON TV. WE DON'T KNOW WHATS ON THEM. REFERRING THIS TO COL HOLBURY, BUT HE NOT IN POSITION TO DO MUCH AT WENDOVER. PHONE NUMBER OF MR KENT IS 322-2170. PLS ADVISE

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END ITEM THIRTY-SEVEN

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ON WAY BACK. KELLY PLANNING QUICK TRIP OUT AND BACK.
HOPEFULLY WE WILL HEAR SOMETHING BEFORE TOO LONG. WILL
ADVISE. 25/0048Z

END ITEM TWENTY-NINE

ADD TO ABOVE:

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JUST LEARNED THAT A HELICOPTER FROM HILL AFB HAS TAKEN
KELLY AND [] TO SCENE AND CONSEQUENTLY SHOULD HEAR FROM
THEM BY PHONE BACK AT WENDOVER BEFORE TOO LONG. I IMAGINE THEY
WILL RETURN WENDOVER BEFORE DARK. WILL ADVISE.

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ITEM THIRTY FM []

PILOT OF T-33 OUT ON PHOTO MISSION JUST RETURNED. PICTURES
BEING PROCESSED. PILOT REPORTS AFT SECTION FAIRLY INTACT.
PLAN FORM VISIBLE FROM ABOVE. WRECKAGE IN RAVINE. NOSE SECTION
DESTROYED, NOT RECOGNIZEABLE AS LONG NOSE. RECOGNIZABLE AS
TWIN ENGINE DELTA. WRECKAGE WITHIN RESTRICTED AIRSPACE 6407
SO SHOULD PRECLUDE ITINERANT AIRCRAFT VIEWING FROM OVERHEAD.
WEATHER IN OUR FAVOR HERE ALSO AS WEATHER LOUSY. ACFT IS
ORIENTED ON APPROX 340 DEGREES HEADING. THIS APPROX 130 DEG
OFF FLT PATH. 25/0100Z

END ITEM THIRTY

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ITEM THIRTY-ONE FM []

NOT NECESSARY. WON'T KNOW ANSWER TO THIS TIL WE HEAR FROM
GROUND PARTY. DOES INDICATE THAT WRECKAGE PROB NOT VISIBLE
FROM HIGHWAY WHICH IS FOUR MILES AWAY. (SECOND WORD "NECESSARLY")
END ITEM THIRTY-ONE

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ITEM TWENTY-FIVE FROM [REDACTED]

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REF ITEM 31. WE MANNED AND OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY AS LONG AS NECESSARY.

END ITEM TWENTY-FIVE

ITEM TWENTY-SIX

REF ITEM 32. JUST TALKED GEN HUBBARD. HE NOT YET PRESSED TO POINT OF RELEASING PILOT NAME, BUT EXPECTS TO SHORTLY. HE AGREES WIFE NOTIFICATION APPROPRIATE. I WILL INSTRUCT WALT TO DO SO, CAUTIONING HER TO ANSWER NO QUERIES FROM ANYONE NOT KNOWN TO HER OTHER THAN TO REFER THEM TO UNDERSECRETARY OF AIR FORCE.

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SUGGEST [REDACTED] BE BACKSTOPPED, SINCE SHE BRIEFED [REDACTED] TEST PILOT. ADVISE.

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END ITEM TWENTY-SIX

ITEM TWENTY-SEVEN FROM [REDACTED]

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REF ITEM 33. NEGATIVE NO QUESTIONS.

END ITEM TWENTY-SEVEN

ITEM TWENTY-EIGHT FM [REDACTED]

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REF 34. [REDACTED] HAS BEEN ADVISED THRU [REDACTED] CORRECTION TO ITEM 28. [REDACTED] WILL BE ADVISED APPROX HALF HOUR THAT IT TAKES FOR WALT TO GET OVER TO HER HOUSE.

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END ITEM TWENTY-EIGHT

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ITEM TWENTY-NINE FM [REDACTED]

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REF ITEM 35. ALL ON GROUND OKAY. KELLY, [REDACTED] ETC ON

WAY TO SCENE. WHALE AND SHIPSTAR STANDING BY. [REDACTED] MONEY

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ITEM TWENTY-ONE FROM [REDACTED]

REF ITEM 26. WE HAVE CALLED [REDACTED] CT THAT KEN WILL NOT BE HOME UNTIL SATURDAY, BUT NO EXPLANATION WHY. CALL MADE FROM HERE BY [REDACTED]. IF INFO IN ITEM 26 TO BE RELEASED TO PRESS, SOMEONE NEED TO PASS INFO REF BAILOUT TO HER BEFORE SHE HEARS ON TV OR RADIO. DOES HQS DO THIS OR WE? REMEMBER, WE NOT KNOWN TO [REDACTED] ADVISE.

END ITEM TWENTY-ONE

ITEM TWENTY-TWO FROM [REDACTED]

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REF ITEM 29. IN VIEW OF UNCERTAINTIES AS TO WHAT WILL BE RELEASED AND WHEN PERHAPS IT BEST TO GO AHEAD AND HAVE WALT TALK TO [REDACTED] I JUST TALKED TO WALT AND HE STANDING BY PHONE AT HOME. ADVISE.

END ITEM TWENTY-TWO

ITEM TWENTY-THREE FROM [REDACTED]

BEEN TRYING TO GET HOLD OF GEN HUBBARD BUT UNABLE TO GET HOLD OF HIM DUE TO OTHER TELEPHONE CALLS WILL KEEP TRYING. AND DECIDE WHAT TO DO REFERENCE [REDACTED] WIFE AND INFORM YOU.

END ITEM TWENTY-THREE

ITEM TWENTY-FOUR FROM [REDACTED]

REF ITEM 30. EXPECT CALL FM GEN HUBBARD ANY MOMENT. HE BUSY ON PHONE WITH HIS HIGHER HQS.

END ITEM TWENTY-FOUR

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ITEM SEVENTEEN FM [REDACTED]

RE YOUR ITEM 24. [REDACTED] ENROUTE ON
CONNIE FOR THIS PURPOSE, WILL RETURN WITH [REDACTED] TO [REDACTED].
ORDERS ESTABLISHING BOARD BEING CUT LISTING ALL EXCEPT NORTON
MEMBERS. THESE WILL BE ADDED WHEN AVAILABLE. [REDACTED]
ENROUTE WITH IDEA IN MIND OF COMPLETE PHOTO DOCUMENTATION
THEN RAPID AS POSSIBLE MOVEMENT OF WRECKAGE FROM SCENE.
END ITEM SEVENTEEN

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ITEM EIGHTEEN FROM [REDACTED]

RE ITEM 25. WE CONDUCTING SIMILAR INVESTIGATION. WILL
ADVISE
END ITEM EIGHTEEN

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ITEM NINETEEN FROM [REDACTED]

RE ITEM 23. [REDACTED] NO FILM IN THE CAMERA. [REDACTED]
IS ENROUTE. RPT ENROUTE TO CRASH SITE TO SEE IF ANY POSSIBILITY
EXIST OF RECOVERING CAMERA. IT WAS A STRICTLY TEST PLATFORM.
V/H SENSOR ONLY. [REDACTED] INSTALLED BUT INOPERATIVE DUE BROKEN
SHUTTER, NO FILM INSTALLED.
END ITEM NINETEEN

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ITEM TWENTY FROM [REDACTED]

APPEARS DAV CLARK EMPLOYEE CALLED HIS HOME OFFICE AND
RELATED HAPPENING. THIS OCCURED WHILE SECURITY IN PROCESS
INSTRUCTING ALL CONTRACTORS THIS VERBOTEN. EMPLOYEE TALKED TO
QUOTE HIS BOSS UNQUOTE PROBABLY [REDACTED] RECOMMEND HQS
SECURITY FOLLOW UP WORCHESTER END.

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HIS MEN AT SCENE WILL KEEP AREA SECURE TILL WE ARRIVE.

END ITEM FOURTEEN

ITEM FIFTEEN

FROM [REDACTED]

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RE ITEM 19 WILCO 24/2245Z

END ITEM FIFTEEN

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ITEM SIXTEEN

FROM [REDACTED]

THE JETSTAR AND THE CONNIE ARE LEAVING WITHIN THE NEXT FIFTEEN MINUTES AND THE C-47 IS ENROUTE.

END ITEM SIXTEEN

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ITEM SEVENTEEN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ENROUTE IN JETSTART WILL AFFIRM ARRANGEMENTS WITH

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[REDACTED]

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END ITEM SEVENTEEN

ARE WE GOING TO SEND THESE ITEMS OVER NORMAL CKT?

THIS IS A REMOTE POST AND IS IN ANOTHER BLDG

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FROM [REDACTED] REQUEST TO KEEP THIS ACTIVATED

RGR THANKS

WOULD LIKE TO CLOSE DOWN THIS TELECON NOW

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ITEM ELEVEN

RE NAME: THEY DO NOT HAVE HIS NAME. AND HE WILL NOT GIVE IT. ANSWER TO SECOND PART "YES".

END ITEM ELEVEN

ITEM TWELVE

FROM [REDACTED]

IMPOSSIBLE TO TELL. ONLY COMMENT WAS FROM GEN HUBBARD WHO SAID COL BETTS ADVISED PRESS AWARE AN ACCIDENT HAD TAKEN PLACE. DON'T KNOW IF A REPORTER OR PHOTOGRAPHER HAVE BEEN ON THE SCENE IF YOU WISH WE CAN QUERY SALT LAKE STATE POLICE. ADVISE.

END ITEM TWELVE

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ITEM THIRTEEN

FROM [REDACTED]

ALL CONTRACTORS NOTIFIED NOT REPEAT NOT TO CALL HOME STATION HOWEVER, DAVID-CLARK REP MADE CALL BEFORE NOTIFICATION. P/W HAS REQUESTED A TELECON WITH THIER HOME BASE TOMORROW MORNING REQUESTED WILL BE DENIED FOR PRESENT TIME ADVISE.

END ITEM THIRTEEN

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ITEM FOURTEEN FROM [REDACTED]

SALT LAKE PRESS NEWS SERVICES AND DESERT NEWS HAVE CALLED STATE POLICE DISPATCH OFFICE IN SALT LAKE. WE DON'T MR. DART, CHIEF DISPATCHER HAS REFERRED THEM TO INFORMATION SERVICES OFFICER AT HILL AFB. MR DART SAID HE IS AWARE OF ONE PRESS TYPE AT TOWN OF TOOLE, UTAH. WHO WORKS FOR ONE OF PRESS SERVICES, HE MAY BE ASKED TO GO TO SCENE. MR DART ASSURED AREA

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ITEM SEVEN

YES, THE CALL TO HIS WIFE HAS BEEN COVERED. THANKS
APPRECIATE ANY OTHER IDEAS YOU MAY HAVE THAT WE MIGHT BE
OVERLOOKING IN THE RUSH.

END ITEM SEVEN

ITEM EIGHT

NO SPECIFIC DISTANCE MENTIONED BUT HE SAID HE GOT A GOOD
LOOK. UNKNOWN WHAT CIVILIANS SAW WILL DETERMINE ASAP AFTER
ARRIVAL ON SCENE. (FIRST WORD SHOULD BE "NO")

END ITEM EIGHT

ITEM NINE

AS SOON AS CONNIE LANDS JETSTAR OVER STATION THIS TIME
ASSUME KELLY ON BOARD.

NEW DEVELOPMENT

JUST RECEIVED FROM GEN HUBBARD WHO WAS TALKING TO COL
BETTS COMDR HILL AFB. PRESS IS AWARE OF ACCIDENT EXACT EXTENT
NOT KNOWN. COL BETTS IN ROUTE SCENE OF ACCIDENT WITH AP TO
SAFE GUARD.

END ITEM NINE

ITEM TEN

I WILL SECURE NECESSARY RECOVERY EQUIPMENT FROM COL BETTS.

WILL GET ALL NAMES AND ADDRESSES POSSIBLE OF PEOPLE
WHO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED. 24/2155Z

END OF ITEM TEN

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ITEM FIVE

FROM [REDACTED]

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STATE POLICE ASSURE THEY ISOLATING AREA. OUR INTENTION TO
HAVE T-33 TOP OF CLOUDS WHEN [REDACTED] ARRIVES ON SITE. INFO
WILL BE PASSED TO T-33 BY SECURITY RADIO. WILL IMPLEMENT
SEC OF DEF REQUEST ASAP. FYI: IMPOSSIBLE TO PUT ACFT INTO
AREA AT THIS TIME DUE TO LOW CLOUDS. 101 FORCED TO TURN BACK
DUE CLOUDS ON DECK. GROUND PARTY WILL CARRY CAMERMAN. WILL
ATTEMPT AIREAL PHOTO AS SOON AS CLOUDS LIFT. PARTY DEPARTING
FOR WENDOVER AS SOON AS CONNIE LANDS. 24/2125Z

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END OF FIVE

ITEM SIX

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FROM [REDACTED]

JUST TALKED TO PILOT. HE STIFF BUT OKAY. ERRATIC AIR
SPEED INDICATIONS PLUS LIMITER LIGHT PLUS LOW FUEL FLOW CAUSED
PILOT TO DECEND INTO CLOUDS TO MAINTAIN AIRSPEED. ACFT BECAME
UNCONTROLABLE PILOT BELIEVES FLAT SPIN HE SAW IMPACT AREA AS
HE CAME OUT OF CLOUDS AFT SECTION APPEARED TO BE IN LARGE PIECES
ACFT BURNED. PILOT PICKED UP BY CIVILIAN WHO SAW HIM FROM ROAD.
NEW SUBJ:

WE CALLED VAN HORN LAFAA AND REQUESTED HOLD DOWN ON FAA
CHATTER. PILOT AT WENDOVER AWAITING OUR ARRIVAL. ANSWER ON
RECOVER SUBJ IS YES. EQUIP ON BOARD 926 WAS NAV SYSTEM AND
V/H SENSOR ONLY. NO PACKAGES.

END OF ITEM SIX 24/2135Z

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ITEM TWO

AS YOU KNOW CRASH LOCATED, PILOT BAILED OUT, IS OKAY, WITH STATE TROOPER - STATE POLICE GUARDING ACFT. O LOCATED FOUR MILES WEST HIGHWAY 50, 14 SOUTH OF WENDOVER. CONDITION ACFT UNKNOWN. [] LAUNCHING SECURITY INVESTIGATION TEAM IN GOONEY AND CONNIE ASAP TO WENDOVER AIR BASE. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED. HQ COULD ASSIST WITH POSSIBLE PRESS QUERIES IN SALT LAKE - WENDOVER AREA.

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END ITEM TWO 24/2200Z

ITEM THREE

GEN HUBBARD NOTIFIED, NEEDS GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER HE IS TO SAY F-105 LOST, ETC. RECOMMEND LEO G CALL HIM AND GIVE INSTRUCTIONS

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(NOTE: HALL ADVISED GEARY - TALKED TO [] WHO TOLD TO HAVE GEARY CALL HUBBARD & STALL PRESS WITH COMMENTS THAT YES TO A CRASH BUT UNCERTAIN OF ACFT TYPES ETC) ZGH
END

ITEM FOUR

COMMUNICATIONS FROM SCENE WILL BE BY STATE TROOPER VEHICLE RELAYED THRU SALT LAKE DISPATCHER. ALSO BY [] ACFT ORBITING SCENE WITH SECURITY NET RADIO IN CONTACT WITH PARTY ON GROUND. ACFT WILL RELAY TO []
END ITEM FOUR

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TELECON TRANSCRIPT (INCOMING)

24 May 1963

LEDFOORD FM []
 [] PLT - [] CHASE - [] CALLED AIR
 SPEED TRBL AT 1202 LOCAL. HE SLOW DOWN - [] UNABLE TO STAY
 WITH [] DUE LOW SPEED. [] INTO CIRRUS CLOUDS - AT
 34,000 FT. BASES THUNDERSTORMS IN AREA. GARBLED TRANSMISSION
 FROM [] TO [] TO EFFECT "I THINK I'M IN TROUBLE" -
 FEW SECONDS LATER VERY GARBLED TRANSMISSION "I'M IN A - -
 NOTHING MORE. [] MADE ONE 360 DEG TURN AND TRIED TO RAISE
 [] ON RADIO AND GET NAVIGATION FIX. NO RESPONSE FROM
 [] WENT TO EMERGENCY IFF - GUARD AND CALLED SALT
 LAKE MAYDAY. TEMPORARY TACAN FIX 62 NM 135 DEG RADIAL ELKO.
 THIS CHECKS WITH SALT LAKE AND CEDAR CITY RADAR ON THEIR FIX
 ON F-101. RADAR NOT AWARE TWO PLANES IN AIR - WE NEVER TOLD.
 APPARENTLY DID NOT PAINT [] WE LAUNCHED CONNIE, C-47,
 T-33, U-3B, 2 F-101s TO AREA OF INTEREST ON SEARCH. THIRD
 101 ABOVE STATION FOR RADIO PICK UP. H-43 AND C-180 ON STANDBY
 ALERT WITH MEDIC. NORAD - [] - OUR CONTACT - ALERTED -
 NO CLAY NINETY NINE - NONE FROM LA CENTER. UNABLE RAISE CONTACT
 FROM NORTON IG. GEARY NOTIFIED THIS FACT. FUEL EXHAUSTION
 WOULD BE AT 1257 LOCAL IF ACFT REMAINED AT CRUISE ALTITUDE.
 SUGGEST WE HOLD OFF LAUNCHING WESTERN REGION RESCUE UNTIL AFTER
 WE LOOK OVER AREA OURSELVES - DUE SECURITY.

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ADD TO ITEM SIXTY: IS NOW AIRBORNE ON REDEYE FROM LAX TO DCA. ETA AND TIME OF FIRST CONTACT WITH HIM ROUGHLY 0700 WASHINGTON LOCAL.

END ITEM SIXTY

ITEM SIXTY-ONE FM CUNNINGHAM

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT KNOCKING OFF THIS TELECON FOR A FEW HOURS SLEEP AT THIS POINT. WE ARE POOPED. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR FINE JOB OF TIMELY AND ACCURATE REPORTING.

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END ITEM SIXTY-ONE

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FOR CALLING UP THE JETSTAR IN THE MORNING IF YOU NEED IT TO
AIR EVAC [REDACTED] KELLY ADVISES THAT [REDACTED] HAD
DICTATED A WRITTEN STATEMENT ABOUT HIS ACCIDENT. IF THIS IS
NOT TOO LENGTHY DO YOU FEEL IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE IT
IN HQS BY TWX. ADVISE.
END ITEM FIFTY-EIGHT

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ITEM FIFTY-NINE FM CUNNINGHAM

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1. HAS GEN HUBBARD SET UP [REDACTED] VISIT TO ART
KENT. UNEXPECTED ARRIVAL OF "OSI MAN" MAY DRAW UNFAVORABLE
REACTION FROM KENT.

2. CAN YOU ADVISE IF EFFECTIVE SECURITY CONTACTS
HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AT SCENE? ADVISE IF [REDACTED] CAN USE
ADDITIONAL BODIES DURING NEXT FEW DAYS.

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END ITEM FIFTY-NINE

ITEM SIXTY FM CUNNINGHAM

RE YOUR ITEM SIXTY-FIVE: HQS WILL ARRANGE WITH [REDACTED]
THROUGH [REDACTED] IN ORDER NOT TO LOSE ANY MOTION SUGGEST
YOU MOVE AHEAD TO OBTAIN JETSTAR IN MORNING AND DEPLOY SAME TO
ALBUQUERQUE ON ARRIVAL CHECK IN AT DESERT INN MOTEL OR
SAHARA MOTEL AND AWAIT CLEARANCE FROM HQS. ASSUME DR WILL
ACCOMPANY. WILL FILL YOU IN IN THE MORNING WHEN WE HAVE MADE
CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] OKAY?

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END ITEM SIXTY

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ITEM FIFTY-SIX FM CUNNINGHAM

IN RESPONSE YOUR ITEM 60: COL GEARY SUGGESTS YOU MAKE DIRECT CONTACT WITH GEN COPELAND REFERENCING HIS TELECON WITH GEARY.

END ITEM FIFTY-SIX.

ITEM FIFTY-SEVEN FM CUNNINGHAM

RGR YOUR ITEM 62: [] WILL BE MET BY [] AT FRIENDSHIP AIRPORT. APPRECIATE PROMPT ACTION.

END ITEM FIFTY-SEVEN

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ITEM FIFTY-EIGHT FM CUNNINGHAM

APPRECIATE YOUR ITEM 64 WHICH WE WILL PASS ALONG TO HIGHER AUTHORITIES. JUST FINISHED TALKING WITH KELLEY AND ON QUESTION OF WRECKAGE REMOVAL HE STATES AS HE MAY HAVE INDICATED TO YOU THAT HE FEELS WHATEVER IS TO BE LEARNED ABOUT CAUSES OF THIS INCIDENT CAN BEST BE FOUND OUT BY DETAILED DEBRIEFING OF

[] RATHER THAN DIGGING AROUND IN THE WRECKAGE AS HE PUT IT. HE HAS RECOMMENDED FOR OUR CONSIDERATION AND YOURS THAT AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME AND UNDER PROPER MEDICAL SUPERVISION

[] BE INTERROGATED UNDER SODIUM PENOTHAL (TRUTH SERUM)

AS WAS DONE IN THE CASE OF SEVERAL OF KELLY'S FLIGHT TEST

PILOTS LIKE [] WHO BAILED OUT OF AN F-104 WHICH WAS

BREAKING UP. [] WAS ABLE TO RECALL SIGNIFICANT FACTS ABOUT

HIS EXPERIENCE AND THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS UNDER TRUTH SERUM

WHICH HE COULD NOT REMEMBER NORMALLY. KELLY WILL LOOK TO YOU

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ITEM FIFTY-FOUR FM CUNNINGHAM

RE YOUR ITEM 59: RELAYED ITS SUBSTANCE TO UNDERSEC USAF THROUGH COL GEARY. UNDERSEC RESTATES HIS POSITION THIS MATTER WHICH IS THAT ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION WILL REPEAT WILL BE SUBORDINATED TO UTTER NECESSITY REMOVE AS MUCH PHYSICAL EVIDENCE AS POSSIBLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE CONSISTENT WITH SAFETY OF HUMAN LIFE DURING NIGHT OR DIFFICULT OPERATIONS. FYI: AS BELIEVE YOU MAY HAVE INFERRED THIS HQS NOW IN MIDDLE IN ATTEMPTING OBTAIN REASONABLE SOLUTION WHAT IS UNDERSTANDABLY DIFFICULT PROBLEM FOR YOU. HOWEVER UNDERSEC USAF REMAINS FIRM THAT IN VIEW OF CRITICAL EFFECT UPON OXCART PROGRAM AS WELL AS USAF FOLLOW-ON PROCUREMENT YOU ARE DIRECTED TO ACT AS WE HAVE INDICATED ABOVE. PLEASE ADVISE WHAT STEPS YOU WILL TAKE TO COMPLY WITH THIS DIRECTIVE.

END ITEM FIFTY-FOUR

ITEM FIFTY-FIVE FM CUNNINGHAM

COL GEARY ADVISES HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH GEN COPELAND COMMANDER HILL AFB AND LATTER HAS BEEN DIRECTED FURNISH ALL ASSISTANCE NECESSARY. GEN COPELAND WILL COMPLY.

END ITEM FIFTY-FIVE

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RE YOUR ITEM 55: GEARY CALLING COMMANDER HILL AFB ON
PHONE NOW AND INDICATING TO HIM THAT HE TO RESPOND TO YOUR
REQUIREMENTS RE MOTOR VEHICLES AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT TO REMOVE
WRECKAGE ALSO AT DIRECTION OF CHIEF OF AIR STAFF. GEARY WILL
CONFIRM TO US WHEN HE HAS CLOSED LOOP AND WE WILL ADVISE YOU.
DOES THIS SOUND SUFFICIENT YOUR NEEDS.

END ITEM FIFTY-TWO

ADD TO ITEM FIFTY-TWO: REGARDING CARE TO BE EXERCISED IN
REMOVAL OF WRECKAGE D/NRO STATES THAT WHILE SUPPORTING AIMS
OF ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION HE DIRECTS THAT THIS BE SUBORDINATED
TO MAIN JOB OF REMOVING EVIDENCE FROM SCENE. FAILURE TO DO SO
IN TIMELY FASHION COULD RESULT IN SOLVING QUESTION THIS ACCIDENT
AT SACRIFICE OF PROGRAM.

END OF ITEM FIFTY-TWO

ITEM FIFTY-THREE FM CUNNINGHAM

WHILE APPRECIATING COL WIMBERLY VIEWPOINT CITED YOUR ITEM
58 BELIEVE THIS DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF D/NRO
DIRECTIVE CITED MY ITEM 52 ABOVE. IS IT GOING TO BE POSSIBLE
TO DO ANY WORK ON WRECKAGE DURING NIGHT HOURS? DO YOU KNOW IF
THERE ARE ANY NIGHT LIGHTING FACILITIES WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN
BROUGHT INTO THE AREA AS PART OF REMOVAL CREW. IT IS FEELING
THIS HQS THAT LEAVING WRECKAGE UNTOUCHED UNTIL TOMORROW
AFTERNOON, EVEN THOUGH COVERED, IS UNACCEPTABLE IN THE FACE OF
UNDERSEC USAF VERDICT. ADVISE.

END ITEM FIFTY-THREE

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ITEM FORTY-NINE FM CUNNINGHAM

RE YOUR ITEM 52: CAN YOU FURNISH TAIL NUMBER C-124, PLANE COMMANDER NAME AND RANK, ORGEN AND HOME BASE. WE WILL TRY TO DIVERT HIM FOR THIS PURPOSE.

RE YOUR ITEM 53: ANY CHANCE OF MOVING C-124 INTO WENDOVER TOMORROW, SATURDAY, IN ORDER EXPEDITE REMOVAL WRECKAGE.
END ITEM FORTY-NINE

ITEM FIFTY FM CUNNINGHAM

ROGER YOUR ITEM 54 CHECKING WITH GEARY NOW.
END ITEM FIFTY

ITEM FIFTY-ONE FM CUNNINGHAM

REF YOUR ITEM 56: SEND PICTURES COM AIR WITH COURIER.
END ITEM FIFTY-ONE

ITEM FIFTY-TWO FM CUNNINGHAM

RE YOUR ITEMS 54 AND 55: COL GEARY ADVISES YOU TO DIRECT TO DIVERT HIS ACFT TO WENDOVER RESPONSIVE TO YOUR AUTHORITY FOR PURPOSE CITED. IF P/C HAS ANY QUESTION HE SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT THIS ACTION BEING DIRECT BY CHIEF OF STAFF USAF AND IF HE HAS ANY NEED FOR ORAL VERIFICATION HE SHOULD CALL COL GEARY IN OFFICE OF UNDERSEC USAF. SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED REMAIN UNDER YOUR COMMAND UNTIL YOU RELEASE HIM.

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RETURNING TO [] PHYSICAL CONDITION IF DOCTOR BELIEVES
IT INDICATED WE WOULD IMMEDIATELY CONCUR IN AIR EVAC OF []
TO [] FOR CARE AT THAT FACILITY.
HQS WOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH [] BY PHONE ON
RECOMMENDATION YOUR SHOP. REQUEST YOU KEEP US POSTED THIS
SITUATION. QUERY DOES EITHER C-47 CURRENTLY HAVE LITTER
CONFIGURATION INSTALLED.
END ITEM FORTY-SIX

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ITEM FORTY-SEVEN FM CUNNINGHAM

FYI: RESTRICTED AREA 6407, SCENE OF CRASH IS BOMBING AND
GUNNERY RANGE WITH AIR ACTIVITY CONTROLLED ONLY ABOVE FL 15
MONDAYS THRU SATURDAYS. [] THIS HQS REPORTS THAT 6406
ADJACENT TO 6407 IS HEAVILY USED ON SATURDAYS BY UTAH AIR
NATIONAL GUARD. WX FORECAST GIVES US NO REASON TO ASSUME THAT
6406 AND 6407 WILL NOT BE OVERFLOWN BY AIR GUARD DURING COURSE
TOMORROW. HAVE NO INFO HERE ON WHERE AIR GUARD IS BASED BUT
BELIEVE IT POSSIBLE MAY BE HILL. SUGGEST IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE
CONTACT COMMANDER HILL AFB AND THROUGH HIM REQUEST COOPERATION
UTAH ANG IN STAYING AWAY FROM CRASH SCENE. ADVISE.
END ITEM FORTY-SEVEN

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ITEM FORTY-EIGHT FM CUNNINGHAM

RE YOUR ITEM 51 AND C-124: WILL TAKE READING WITH COL
GEARY AND ADVISE YOU SOONEST.
END ITEM FORTY-EIGHT

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THE CONCERN ON THIS SUBJECT IS SUCH THAT WE HAVE JUST HEARD FROM D/NRO THAT HE IS NOT ABOVE SUGGESTING THAT THE WRECKAGE BE DYNAMITED DURING THE NIGHT SO AS TO PRECLUDE THE KIND OF MANUEVER THAT KENT TRIED AGAIN TOMORROW. WE WISH THAT YOU WOULD CONVEY TO KELLY AND [] THE SENSE OF THIS CONCERN AND ASK FOR THEIR MOST PRAYERFUL COMMENTS.
END ITEM FORTY-FIVE

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ITEM FORTY-SIX FM CUNNINGHAM

REF YOUR ITEM 30: AND ITEM 49:

WHAT KELLY IS SAYING IS WHAT WE HAD HOPED TO HEAR ABOUT CONDITION WRECKAGE. HOWEVER FIND IT DIFFICULT RECONCILE HIS REMARKS WITH THOSE COVERED YOUR ITEM 30 AFTER EYEBALL FLIGHT OF T-33 PILOT. QUERY WHO WAS PILOT MAKING REPORT.

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REGARDING [] PHYSICAL CONDITION SUGGEST EMPHATICALLY THAT HIS MEDICAL CARE IN PROPER ENVIRONMENT MUST TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER ANY DEBRIEFING OR INVESTIGATION OF INCIDENT. DEBRIEFING COULD BE CONDUCTED ADEQUATELY EITHER AT BURBANK OR NELLIS. ADVISE HQS TO WHICH LOCATION HE WILL BE EVACUATED AND BY WHAT MEANS. SPECIAL FLIGHTS OF WHITE WHALE AND OR JETSTAR TO AIR EVAC [] AUTHORIZED ACCORDING YOUR JUDGMENT.

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FOLLOWING IS WX FORECAST FOR WENDOVER AREA 25 MAY:
1000Z TEN THOUSAND SCATTERED/HIGH BROKEN. VIS 15 MILES WINDS VARIABLE 5 KTS. PRIOR TO 1000Z RAIN SHOWERS FIVE THOUSAND BROKEN, EIGHT THOUSAND OVERCAST VIS 10 MILES IN LIGHT RAIN SHOWERS.

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TO GEN HUBBARD AT NELLIS. BELIEVE WE SHOULD NOW LEAVE THIS SITUATION AS IS UNTIL WE SEE THE PICTURES. 25/0325Z
END ITEM FORTY-THREE

ITEM FORTY-FOUR FM BURKE

REF YOUR ITEM 47: REQUEST CLARIFICATION DESIRE TO GIVE KENT CREDIT FOR A NEWS ITEM. ALSO QUERY WHAT TYPE OF CREDENTIAL DOES [] HAVE. 25/0338Z
END ITEM FORTY-FOUR

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ITEM FORTY-FIVE FM CUNNINGHAM

IT HAS BEEN OUR ASSUMPTION THAT THE REASON FOR [] [] GOING TO SALT LAKE CITY TO SEE KENT WOULD BE TO PICK UP PICTURES IN QUESTION AND TO THANK KENT FOR HIS COOPERATION WITH GEN HUBBARD. WE ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN HAVING [] DEVELOP THE SOURCE FROM WHICH KENT OBTAINED THE ALLEDGED PICTURES. IT IS OUR VIEW THEREFORE THAT THIS IS AS FAR AS WE CAN GO TO MEETING WHATEVER IT IS THAT GEN HUBBARD WANTS EXACTLY.

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ALL OF US ARE CONCERNED OVER THE PROSPECT THAT DAYLIGHT WILL FIND THE WRECKAGE INTACT AT THE IMPACT AREA AND THAT WEATHER WILL MEANTIME HAVE IMPROVED TO SUCH A POINT THAT WE MAY BE UNABLE TO PREVENT OVERHEAD OBSERVATION AND PHOTOS BY ENTERPRISING NEWSMEN. EARLIER IN THE EVENING [] MENTIONED THAT A LOAD OF TARPS WAS STANDING BY AT [] AWAITING POSSIBLE DISPATCH BY TRUCK TO THE SCENE OF THE CRASH. CAN YOU ADVISE IF THIS TRUCK HAS DEPARTED AND IF NOT CAN IT BE DISPATCHED IMMEDIATELY.

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ITEM FORTY FM BURKE

RE YOUR ITEM 37: QUERY DO YOU KNOW FROM WHERE PICTURES WERE TAKEN.

END ITEM FORTY

ITEM FORTY-ONE FM BURKE

WILL PASS THIS TO GEARY WHO WORKING WITH [REDACTED] OFFICE. WILL ADVISE. 25/0250Z

END ITEM FORTY-ONE

RE YOUR ITEM 43: DO YOU HAVE ANY ETA'S ON ACFT

ITEM FORTY-TWO FM BURKE

RE YOUR ITEM 46: GEARY HAS JUST SPOKEN TO GEN HUBBARD WHO SOMEHOW HAD GOTTEN THE IMPRESSION [REDACTED] WAS GOING TO TALK TO KENT. GEARY ASSURED HUBBARD THIS NOT THE CASE. ACTION NOW IS FOR HUBBARD TO CALL KENT IN EFFORT LEARN SOMETHING ABOUT NATURE ALLEDGED PICTURES AND IF IT APPEARS THEY DO EXIST HUBBARD WILL REQUEST KENT NOT TO USE THEM. HUBBARD UNDERSTANDS HE HAS THE BALL. SUGGEST YOU COMMUNICATE WITH [REDACTED] AND HAVE [REDACTED] PREPARED TO GO TO SALT LAKE CITY TO SPEAK TO KENT IF NECESSARY. PLS ADVISE WHEN LATTER ARRANGEMENT MADE.

END ITEM FORTY-TWO

ITEM FORTY-THREE FM BURKE

MORE ON ITEM 42. [REDACTED] JUST INFORMED GEARY THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO KENT AND EXPRESSED DESIRE THAT PICTURES NOT BE USED. KENT APPARENTLY WITH NO RELUCTANCE AGREED TO MAIL THE PICTURES

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ITEM THIRTY-SIX FM CUNNINGHAM

RE YOUR ITEM THIRTY: DO YOU INFER THAT THE WRECKAGE WILL BE DIFFICULT TO GET TO AND REMOVE IT IT IS IN A "RAVINE"?
END ITEM THIRTY-SIX

ITEM THIRTY-SEVEN FM CUNNINGHAM

QUERY WAS [] IN THE FULL PRESSURE SUIT FOR THIS FLIGHT. 25/0102Z
END ITEM THIRTY-SEVEN

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ITEM THIRTY-EIGHT FM CUNNINGHAM

RE YOUR ITEM 30: SUGGEST WHEN YOU TALK TO [] YOU BRING HIM UP TO DATE ON FACT THAT GEN HUBBARD HAS RELEASED POOP ON ACCIDENT BEING F-105 CRASH AND IN LIGHT OF THIS AS WELL AS REPORTED CONDITION WRECKAGE DISCLOSING TWIN-ENGINE AND PRESUMABLY TWIN-BOOM CAPABILITY WHAT ARE HIS VIEWS ABOUT HOW TO COVER REMOVAL OF WRECKAGE IN SUCH A WAY AS TO MINIMIZE EXPOSURE THESE ITEMS.
END ITEM THIRTY-EIGHT

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ITEM THIRTY-NINE FM CUNNINGHAM

RE YOUR ITEM 33 THERE IS SOME QUESTION HERE ABOUT WISDOM OF HAVING LOADED FLATBEDS LEAVING CRASH AREA ON DIRECT HEADING FOR [] SUGGEST YOU EXPLORE WITH [] POSSIBILITY OF RETURNING WRECKAGE INITIALLY TO SECURE HANGAR AREA AT HILL AFB FROM WHICH IT COULD BE SUBSEQUENTLY REMOVED TO [] PERHAPS AFTER DISSASSEMBLY THERE. QUERY WHAT IS YOUR REACTION. 25/0118Z
END ITEM THIRTY-NINE

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ITEM THIRTY-THREE FM CUNNINGHAM

RE YOUR ITEM TWENTY-SIX: AGREE WITH IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION
[REDACTED] BY WALT BUT INDICATE TO HER THAT ALL QUERIES SHOULD
BE REFERRED BACK IN THIS INSTANCE TO GEN HUBBARD NOT UNDERSEC
USAF SINCE SHE SHOULD ALSO SAY THAT HER INFO REACHED HER
FROM GEN HUBBARD IN ORDER TO AVOID DRAWING WALT INTO THE
AFFAIR AS THE PERSON WHO NOTIFIED HER. FYI: HQS SECURITY
HAS BACKSTOPPED WITH [REDACTED] WITHIN LAST HOUR OR SO IN ADDITION
TO [REDACTED] ANY QUESTIONS?

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END ITEM THIRTY-THREE

ITEM THIRTY-FOUR FM CUNNINGHAM

AFTER [REDACTED] HAS BEEN NOTIFIED REQUEST YOU ADVISE US
HER REACTION. ASSUME WALT WILL TELL HER THAT KEN WILL BE
CALLING HER SHORTLY LATER TONIGHT.

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END ITEM THIRTY-FOUR

ADD TO ITEM THIRTY-FOUR: SUGGEST WALT ADVISE [REDACTED]
NOT TO DISCUSS WITH OTHER WIVES AT THIS TIME.

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END ITEM THIRTY-FOUR

ITEM THIRTY-FIVE FM CUNNINGHAM

HAVE YOU ANY ATA'S ON WHITE WHALE JETSTAR OR GOONEY BIRD
YET?

END ITEM THIRTY-FIVE

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ITEM THIRTY FM CUNNINGHAM

RE YOUR ITEM 22: ONLY CONTACT WITH THE PRESS IS THAT BEING MADE BY GEN HUBBARD. WE ARE HAVING SOME DIFFICULTY AT THIS END WORKING THROUGH SEVERAL LAYERS OF FLANNEL TO FIND OUT WHEN AND WHAT HUBBARD HAS ACTUALLY SAID. WHY NOT CALL HUBBARD AND ASK HIM AND THEN MAKE YOUR JUDGMENT ABOUT HAVING [] CALL [] WIFE ON THE BASIS OF WHETHER [] NAME RELEASED OR NOT. AGREE WITH YOU THAT WE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO KEEP [] FROM HEARING OF KEN'S INVOLVEMENT FROM THE PRESS OR RADIO FIRST.

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END ITEM THIRTY

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ADD TO ITEM THIRTY: IS THERE ANYONE FROM [] WHO IS IN LAS VEGAS THIS AFTERNOON WHO COULD DRIVE OVER TO NELLIS AND MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT WITH HUBBARD ASKING HIM TO CALL YOU.

END ITEM THIRTY

ITEM THIRTY-ONE FM COL LEDFORD

COL LEDFORD AND [] WILL DEPART HERE AT 0800 LOCAL IN T-33 FOR [] VIA HILL AFB TO BRIEF COMMANDER THERE. PRESUME THE BASE AT [] WILL BE OPEN IN LATE AFTERNOON?

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END ITEM THIRTY-ONE

ITEM THIRTY-TWO FM CUNNINGHAM

LET US KNOW HOW YOUR EXCHANGE WITH HUBBARD COMES OUT WHEN HE FINALLY GETS THROUGH TO YOU.

END ITEM THIRTY-TWO

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APPROPRIATE BACKSTOPPING AT [REDACTED]

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AND [REDACTED]

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END ITEM TWENTY-SIX

ITEM TWENTY-SEVEN FROM CUNNINGHAM

RE ITEM 20. ACTION HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY HQS SECURITY.

END ITEM TWENTY-SEVEN

ITEM TWENTY-EIGHT FROM BURKE

REF YOUR ITEM 21: SUGGEST YOU ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH
GEN HUBBARD AND ARRANGE THAT YOU BE INFORMED IF AND WHEN NAME
OF PILOT IS RELEASED AND THAT [REDACTED] IF HE IS AVAILABLE CALL
[REDACTED] WIFE TO TELL HER OF INCIDENT. ADVISE.

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END ITEM TWENTY-EIGHT

ITEM TWENTY-NINE FM CUNNINGHAM

IN THE COURSE OF BACKSTOPPING STORY CONTAINED ITEM 26 WITH

[REDACTED] WE DISCOVER THAT
FIRST TWO SEATER 105 HAS JUST COME OFF THE PRODUCTION LINE
AT [REDACTED] AND IS NOT SCHEDULED FOR FIRST FLIGHT UNTIL JULY.
WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH COL GEARY WHO WILL CALL GEN HUBBARD AND
ADVISE HIM THAT IF HE HAS NOT BEEN OBLIGED RELEASE SPECIFICS ON
ACFT AS TO TYPE AND MODEL THAT THE TWO-SEATER STORY IS OUT OF
THE QUESTION. IF HE HAS ALREADY SURFACED ACFT BY TYPE AND
MODEL HE WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO ADMIT HIS QUOTE ERROR UNQUOTE
IN THIS REGARD. CONSEQUENTLY ALL THAT IS OKAY TO RELEASE UNDER
PRESSURE IS THAT IT WAS A SINGLE-PLACE F-105.

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END OF ITEM TWENTY-NINE

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ESTABLISH INVESTIGATION BOARD BEFORE TOO LONG. IN THIS CONNECTION SINCE IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO MOVE WRECKAGE QUICKLY TO PRESERVE SECURITY TRUST YOU WILL ENSURE THAT MAXIMUM GROUND PHOTO COVERAGE ALL ANGLES OF WRECKAGE IS OBTAINED. CAN YOU CONFIRM.

END ITEM TWENTY-FOUR

ITEM TWENTY-FIVE FM CUNNINGHAM

WE ARE PULLING TOGETHER FROM OUR RECORDS INFO WE HAVE ON PAST HISTORY ON 926 INCLUDING LIST OF SQUACK ITEMS FROM ALL FLIGHTS. IS THERE ANYTHING IN YOUR RECORDS WHICH MAY HAVE ESCAPED TRANSMISSION TO HQS AS BEING RELATIVELY MINOR WHICH YOU THINK MIGHT NOW BE MORE MEANINGFUL.

END ITEM TWENTY-FIVE

ITEM TWENTY-SIX FM BURKE

FYI: FOLLOWING RELEASE IN RESPONSE TO PRESS INQUIRIES BEING RECEIVED AT NELLIS (WHERE THEY WERE REFERRED BY HILL) WAS AUTHORIZED TO BE RELEASED BY GEN HUBBARD QUOTE A TRANSIENT JET TRAINER FROM NELLIS AFB CRASHED AND BURNED 14 MILES SOUTH EAST OF WENDOVER UTAH. PILOT EJECTED SAFELY UNQUOTE.

RELEASE OF PRECEDING RESULTED IN QUESTIONS CONCERNING TYPE OF JET TRAINER AND IDENTITY OF HOME BASE. TO THESE QUESTIONS GEN HUBBARD WAS AUTHORIZED TO IDENTIFY ACFT AS TWO PLACE F-105 FROM WRIGHT FIELD. HUBBARD HAS ALSO BEEN AUTHORIZED TO RELEASE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IF PRESSED: THE F105 WAS BAILED TO THE [REDACTED] COMPANY AND WAS PILOTED

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INNOCUOUS DEALING WITH CRASH OF JET TRAINER ACFT BASED AT
CORRECTION CRASH OF JET TRAINER ACFT. HAVE NO INFO ON WHAT
ELSE IS IN RELEASE.

END ITEM TWENTY-ONE

WHAT HAPPENED TO ITEM SIXTEEN

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ITEM TWENTY-TWO FROM CUNNINGHAM FOR

ASSUME YOU WILL BE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS MONITOR LAS VEGAS
AND SALT LAKE CITY NEWSPAPERS FROM YOUR END REGARDING ACCIDENT.
ADVISE

END ITEM TWENTY-TWO

ITEM TWENTY-THREE FROM MR CUNNINGHAM

CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT CAMERA UTILIZED WITH V/H SENSOR
WAS LOADED AND OPERATIONAL ON 926. IF REPLY AFFIRMATIVE MIGHT
IT NOT BE USEFUL TO MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT TO RETRIEVE THIS
CAMERA AGAINST POSSIBILITY FILM THEREIN MIGHT GIVE SOME CLUE
AS TO BASIC ACFT ATTITUDES IN FINAL MOMENTS FLIGHT.

END ITEM TWENTY-THREE

ITEM TWENTY-FOUR FM CUNNINGHAM

UNDER GENERAL HEADING OF SUGGESTIONS WHICH WE HOPE WILL BE
HELPFUL ASSUME YOU WILL MAKE CERTAIN THAT GIVEN CAREFUL
MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION WHEN HE RETURNS TO BASE
TO RULE OUT ANY POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES THIS AREA AS BEING
RELATED TO ACCIDENT. ALSO BELIEVE WE MUST MOVE RAPIDLY TO

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ITEM NINETEEN FROM CUNNINGHAM

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25X1A RE YOUR ITEM THIRTEEN: [] WILL CALL []
[] AND EMPHASIZE HOLD DOWN. RE P/W TELECON: BELIVE BY
TOMORROW THIS SHOULD BE POSSIBLE. DEPENDING ON HOW MUCH INFO
[] HAS AND WHAT COMES OUT OF EXAMINATION AT CRASH SCENE.
SUGGEST YOU CONCUR AFTER HEARING FROM RECOVERY TEAM. RE YOUR
ITEM FOURTEEN: STATE POLICE OF UTAH IS LOOKING BETTER ALL
THE TIME.
END ITEM NINETEEN

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ITEM TWENTY FROM CUNNINGHAM

IT APPEARS TO US THAT THERE WILL BE A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT
OF HIGH LEVEL INTEREST AND CONCERN WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE AGENCY
AS TO THE CAUSE OF THIS ACCIDENT, BEGINNING FIRST THING IN THE
MORNING. CONSEQUENTLY SUGGEST THAT IF [] CONDITION PERMITS
IMMEDIATE DEBRIEFING OF HIM ON SEQUENCE OF EVENTS PRIOR TO
BAIL OUT BE COMMENCED AS SOON AS HE IS CONTACTED AND A
RATHER COMPLETE REPORT BE FURNISHED HQS ASAP. CONFIRM.
END OF ITEM TWENTY

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ITEM TWENTY-ONE FROM CUNNINGHAM

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FYI: WE ADVISED THAT [] AND []
NOW ON ROUTE TO SEC DEF OFFICE TO CHECK OUT DRAFT OF PRESS
RELEASE WHICH WOULD BE GIVEN GEN HUBBARD TO HAND OUT IN
EVENT IT DEEMED NECESSARY. TEXT OF RELEASE REPORTEDLY FAIRLY

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ITEM FIFTEEN FROM CUNNINGHAM

APPRECIATE ADVISE ON PRESS AWARENESS AND AP COVERAGE.
RE YOUR ITEM TEN, GOOD.
END ITEM FIFTEEN

ITEM SIXTEEN FROM CUNNINGHAM

BELIEVE WE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO CONCEAL 25X1A
TRUE NAME FROM ALL WHO COULD SURFACE HIM TO PRESS. HAVE
YOU ANY IDEA IF HE HAS GIVEN HIS TRUE NAME TO STATE TROOPERS
WHO PRESUMABLY MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO PASS IT ON TO INQUIRING
REPORTERS. QUERY IF YOU FEEL LOCAL WX AT WENDOVER MAY PRECLUDE
LANDING CONNIE THERE IN VIEW STATUS OF BASE. HAVE YOU
ALTERNATE PLAN TO MOVE INTO HILL AFB.
END ITEM SIXTEEN

ITEM SEVENTEEN FROM CUNNINGHAM

HAVE YOU SEEN SAMPLE PRESS RELEASE CALLED OUT IN ITEM
SIX. DO YOU FEEL FROM YOUR VANTAGE POINT AND IN VIEW OF YOUR
ITEM NINE THAT RELEASE OF THIS KIND IS NOW NOT ONLY INDICATED
BUT MANDATORY.
END ITEM SEVENTEEN

ITEM EIGHTEEN FROM CUNNINGHAM

RE YOUR ITEM TWELVE. AFFIRMATIVE BUT SUGGEST INQUIRY BE
IN LOW KEY.
END ITEM EIGHTEEN

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ITEM ELEVEN FROM CUNNINGHAM

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WAS [] DUE TO RETURN TO LAX ON SHUTTLE FLIGHT TONIGHT OR TOMORROW. IF REPLY IS AFFIRMATIVE MIGHT IT NOT BE GOOD IDEA TO HAVE ONE OF THE BOYS CALL HIS WIFE AND SAY THAT HE HAD BEEN DELAYED FOR OPERATIONAL REASONS OR SOMETHING APPROPRIATE.
END ITEM ELEVEN

ITEM TWELVE FROM CUNNINGHAM

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REGARDING YOUR TELECON WITH [] HOW FAR AWAY FROM IMPACT AREA DID HE LAND AND DID CIVILIANS WHO PICKED HIM UP GET CLOSE LOOK AT WRECKAGE. THIS QUESTION FROM DR. SCOVILLE.
END ITEM TWELVE

ITEM THIRTEEN FROM CUNNINGHAM

AT THIS POINT HAVE YOU ANY ROUGH ETA YOURSELF AND RECOVERY PARTY AT WENDOVER AND/OR ACCIDENT SCENE.
END ITEM THIRTEEN

ITEM FOURTEEN FROM CUNNINGHAM

RE JETSTAR: WE UNDERSTAND KELLEY ON BOARD. FYI: MEETING NOW GOING ON IN PENTAGON IN D/NRO OFFICE REGARDING COVER STORY AND POSSIBLE LIMITED PRESS RELEASE. NO RELEASE WILL BE MADE WITHOUT MCCONE/MACNAMARA APPROVAL.
END ITEM FOURTEEN

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RETURNING WENDOVER BEFORE GOING INTO EXHAUSTIVE DETAIL REGARDING
CONDITION OF WRECKAGE.

WE HAVE JUST BEEN ADVISED THAT SECY OF DEFENSE WISHES
SOMEONE TO MAKE A LOW PASS OVER WRECKAGE AND REPORT IMMEDIATELY
TO THIS HQS REGARDING ITS APPARENT CONDITION. QUERY CAN
YOU IMPLEMENT SOONEST. THIS REQUIREMENT NECESSARILY SUBORDINATE
TO WHAT WE UNDERSTAND MAY BE BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS IN WRECK
AREA. ADVISE.

END ITEM SEVEN

ITEM EIGHT FROM CUNNINGHAM

SINCE YOU ARE IN OBVIOUS CONTACT WITH STATE POLICE CAN
THEY PUT ON THE PHONE TO YOU TO GIVE ANY SORT OF
PRELIM DESCRIPTION OF THE CONDITION OF THE WRECKAGE.

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END ITEM EIGHT

ITEM NINE FROM CUNNINGHAM

WHO WILL FURNISH THE ACTUAL RECOVERY EQUIPMENT I.E.
FLATBEDS, CRANES, ETC TO PHYSICALLY MOVE THE WRECKAGE.
CAN YOU ACCOMPLISH FROM ADVISE.

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END ITEM NINE

ITEM TEN FROM CUNNINGHAM

REQUEST YOU MAKE CERTAIN THAT NONE OF THE CONTRACTOR
PERSONNEL OTHER THAN LAC ATTEMPT TO CONTACT THEIR HOME OFFICES
BY TELEPHONE TO REPORT ON THIS INCIDENT. CONFIRMATION PLEASE.

END ITEM TEN

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ITEM FIVE FROM CUNNINGHAM

HAS GEN HUBBARD AT NELLIS BEEN ADVISED OF THE INCIDENT?
END ITEM FIVE

ITEM SIX FROM CUNNINGHAM

IN RESPONSE YOUR ITEM THREE, WILL CONTACT COL GEARY THIS
MATTER. HOWEVER IN MEANTIME REQUEST YOU ADVISE GEN HUBBARD
MAKE NO REPEAT NO RESPONSE ANY REPEAT ANY PRESS INQUIRIES.
END ITEM SIX

ADD ITEM SIX

QUESTION OF PRESS RELEASE OR ABSENCE OF SAME WILL BE
DETERMINED IN SUBSTANCE AT LEAST BY [] REPORT ON
CONDITION OF ACFT I.E. IS IT ROLLED UP IN A BALL AND
UNRECOGNIZEABLE AS TO TYPE OR NOT AND HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE
ALREADY VIEWED WRECKAGE. EMERGENCY PROCEDURES COVER PLAN
DATED 7 DECEMBER 62 [] 10048-62 PAGE 2 PARA V.A.2 GIVES
TYPE OF PRESS RELEASE HQS WOULD CONSIDER APPROPRIATE.
END ITEM SIX

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ITEM SEVEN FROM CUNNINGHAM

WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE AT THIS POINT THAT DESPITE
HQs DESIRE HAVE FULLEST INFO DETAILS CRASH SOONEST WE ARE
MOST CONCERNED OVER PROTECTION OF ACFT IDENTITY FROM GREATEST
NUMBER OF PEOPLE POSSIBLE. THEREFORE RATHER THAN HAVE
OPERATIONAL INFO GOING OVER STATE POLICE RADIO NET THRU SALT
LAKE CITY DISPATCH OFFICE WHERE WE HAVE NO CONTROL OVER WHAT
THEY DO WITH IT WOULD URGE YOU INFORM [] WAIT UNTIL

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TELECON TRANSCRIPT (OUTGOING)

ITEM ONE FROM CUNNINGHAM

DO WE HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THE CONDITION OF THE ACFT IS AS
YET IN OTHER WORDS IS IT A COMPLETE AND UNRECOGNIZABLE CLASS
26?

THIS IS IMPORTANT IN CONNECTION WITH POSSIBLE NEED FOR
SOME FORT OF LIMITED PRESS RELEASE IF THE NEWSPAPERS FIND OUT
ABOUT THE INCIDENT.

END ITEM ONE

ITEM TWO FROM CUNNINGHAM

ANY IDEA ABOUT PHYSICAL CONDITION OF PILOT? DID HE EJECT
OR GO OVER SIDE?

END ITEM TWO

ITEM THREE FROM CUNNINGHAM

ADVISE AS SOON AS KNOWN ANY ASSISTANCE NEEDED REGARDING
SECURITY GUARD, AIR POLICE ETC.

END ITEM THREE

ITEM FOUR FROM CUNNINGHAM

WHAT ACFT DID RECOVERY TEAM USE TO GO TO WENDOVER AND
WHAT WAS COMPOSITION OF RECOVERY PARTY? HOW WILL THEY COMMUNICATE
WITH YOU?

END ITEM FOUR

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