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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

With regard to my previous memorandum today on GAMBIT Mission 4023, additional information now available indicates that a malfunction in a control gas valve is the probable cause of the high control gas usage. More precise identification of the cause will require detailed analysis of the telenetry data received at the tracking stations. Data from Vandenberg station are now available; data from Guam will be couriered to the mainland on an emergency basis.

The back-up stabilization system has been tested frequently and has proved to be reliable for recovery when the primary stabilization system was inoperative. The status of the vehicle at this time indicates that recovery should be successful.

Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

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