

- 1. RANGE MISSION ACCOMPLISHED WITH FULL INTERNAL FUEL OF 1345 GALLONS. TOTAL DURATION OF FLIGHT WAS 7 HOURS 5 MINUTES WITH 4 HOURS 45 MINUTES AT 70_9000 FT. ENGINE POWER WAS REDUCED AS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN 70_9000 FT.
- 2. DURING INITIAL CLIMB AT 45,000 TO 50,000 FT A SERIES OF BANGS OCCURRED. REDUCTION OF POWER ELIMINATED THE CONDITION.

 OPERATION AT THE HIGHER ALTITUDES WAS SMOOTH AND SATISFACTORY.

 RECORDS ARE BEING STUDIED TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE FOR THIS CONDITION
- 3. Installation of Slipper tanks is now being undertaken along with other minor modifications.

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