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2117Z 19 JAN 1963

TO : DIRECTOR

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FROM :

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

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NO NIGHT ACTION

1. ACFT NBR 124 MADE FLIGHT NBR 4 ON 19 JAN 63 FOR 55 MINUTES. TAKE OFF AT 0803 GROSS WEIGHT 74,500 LBS, CG 20.3 PER CENT. JIM EASTHAM IN FRONT COCKPIT AND BILL PARKS IN REAR COCKPIT. PURPOSE OF FLIGHT: CHECK ACFT HANDLING CHARACTERISTICS, VISIBILITY AND SYSTEMS OPERATION FROM REAR COCKPIT.
2. TAKE OFF AND CLIMB IN AFTERBURNER WITH LEVEL OFF AT 20,000 FT AND 350 KEAS. ACCOMPLISHED SYSTEMS OPERATIONAL CHECKS THEN CLIMBED TO 35,000 FT AND .9 MACH. ACCOMPLISHED SYSTEMS OPERATIONAL CHECKS AND ENGINE READINGS AT .9, .85, AND .8 MACH. DESCENDED TO TRAFFIC PATTERN, MADE ONE LOW PASS, 2 TOUCH AND GO LANDINGS AND ONE FULL STOP LANDING. CHUTE DEPLOYMENT NORMAL ON FULL STOP LANDING BUT FAILED TO JETTISON. AIRCRAFT OPERATED FROM REAR COCKPIT FROM ENGINE START TO ENGINE SHUT DOWN (EXCEPT FOR GEAR RETRACTIONS). NO UNUSUAL PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED OPERATING FROM REAR COCKPIT. VISIBILITY RESTRICTED ON FINAL APPROACH BUT COMPENSATED FOR BY PILOT TECHNIQUE. JIM EASTHAM WORE PRESSURE SUIT FOR FIRST TIME

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Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
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[REDACTED] 820 (IN 63056)

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FOR FAMILIARIZATION PURPOSES. AIRCRAFT SCHEDULED FOR TURN AROUND
FLIGHT AT 1400 HOURS [REDACTED] F-101 ACFT FURNISHED CHASE.

END OF MESSAGE

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