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TWO CH 53 HELICOPTERS ARRIVED KWAJALEIN NOV 3 AND WERE THERE

JOINED BY EG & G INSTRUMENTATION AND DATA TEAM. SATURDAY

SUNDAY AND MONDAY NOV 4, 5 AND 6 WERE DEVOTED TO FAMILIARIZATION

AND CALIBRATION FLIGHT WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS.

VERBAL AUTHORIZATION RECEIVED NOV 7 TO PROCEED TO ENIWETOK AND COMMENCE OPERATIONS ASAP. AT THIS TIME ONE AIRCRAFT WAS DOWN FOR MAINTENANCE AWAITING PARTS FROM OKINAWA. HOWEVER, EXCEPTIONAL EFFORT OF PASO OFFICE WITH COOPERATION OF MCAS KANEHE RESULTED IN DELIVERY OF PARTS TO KWAJ ON MAC SATURN NOV 8. HELICOPTER

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OPERATIONAL TWO HOURS THEREAFTER.

ALL EQUIPMENT AND MOST PERSONNEL DEPLOYED BY MAC SATURN EARLY AFTERNOON NOV 8. BOTH HELOS IN FORMATION DEPARTED KWAJ APPROX 1400 LOCAL AND ARRIVED WITHOUT INCIDENT 1630 ENIWETOK LOCAL (090430Z) (A BEAUTIFUL FLIGHT). UPON ARRIVAL ENIWETOK THE RADIATION INSTRUMENTED HELO MADE SEVERAL LONGITUDINAL PASSES AT RUNIT AND THEN EXPERIMENTED WITH A NEW TRAVERSING TECHNIQUE WHICH HAD BEEN SUGGESTED BY THE MARINE DETACHMENT CO WHO WAS PILOTING THAT CRAFT. AT THIS MOMENT ALL DATA SYSTEMS ARE "GO" AND WE HAVE EVERY EXPECTATION OF A FULL OPERATIONAL DAY TOMORROW NOV 9.

FUEL SUPPLY ON HAND ESTIMATED SUFFICIENT FOR NOV 9 AND 10 OPS. REPLENISHMENT NOV 10 IS BEING REQUESTED THRU HELO SQUADRON CHANNELS.

BASE SUPPORT APPEARS AUSTERE BUT ADEQUATE. COMPUTER IS BEING SUPPLIED WITH POWER AND DEHUMID; PHOTOLAB EXPECTED TO BE ON LINE NOV 9. ALL PERSONNEL COMFORTABLY HOUSED BUT EVERY BED FILLED.

WE STILL HAVE NO CONFIRMATION THAT HELOS WILL REMAIN AVAILABLE TO COMPLETE THE CURRENTLY CONTEMPLATED MISSION. A FIRM ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION WOULD BE OF SIGNIFICANT VALUE FOR DAILY PLANNING. FOR EXAMPLE, IF WE KNEW HELOS WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE NOV 15 WE WOULD

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PROBABLY ADOPT A DEFERRED MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, MAXIMIZING FLYING HOURS AT THE FRONT END. WITH A PLANNED TWO WEEK PROGRAM, HOWEVER, AND A BALANCED FLYING VS. MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE WE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY GET MORE TOTAL HOURS. THE SAME RATIONALE APPLIES TO A LESSEER DEGREE TO THE INSTRUMENTATION AND THE PEOPLE. ALL OF THIS OF COURSE IS A PLEA THAT IN ADDITION TO REPRESENTATIONS TO KEEP THE HELOS FOR TIME ENOUGH TO COMPLETE THEIR JOB WE URGE THAT WHATEVER THE DECISION IT BE COMMUNICATED TO US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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