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DEAR PETE,

LT COL EDWARDS AND MYSELF WERE PLEASED TO SEE THAT INITIAL POSITIVE ACTION WAS TAKEN BY PAUL GILMAN'S CONTACT OF SECURITY AT SANDIA.

COL EDWARD BRIEFED THEM THOROUGHLY YESTERDAY (OCT 31, 1985). IF YOU DO NOT AS YET HAVE INSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK, YOU SHOULD SHORTLY.

ENCLOSED IS A REVISION TO THE PREVIOUS PHOTO ANALYSIS DRAWING BASED UPON FURTHER ANALYSIS OF THE PHOTOS. CONFIDENCE FACTOR AS TO ANALYSIS ACCURACY IS AT PRESENT 85%. MORE ANALYSIS IN PROCESS.

THE INITIAL CRASH SITE HAS BEEN VERIFIED ON THE GROUND BY GABE VALDEZ. HE REPORTS THE CHARRED GROUND AND TREE. THE ROCKET BURN DOWN SLOPE VERIFIED; AND A LARGE FRESH BROKEN TREE JUST SOUTHWEST APPARENTLY FIRST STRUCK BY THE SHIP. EQUILIBRIUM APPARENTLY LOST REQUIRED ROCKET BURN AND MORTALLY DAMAGED WITH REACTOR MODERATION LOST IT WENT IN. THE REACTOR THEN MUST HAVE LIT UP LIKE THE SUN AND ALL INTEGRITY WENT WITH SUBSEQUENT REACTION INTENSITY.

PHOTO ANALYSIS OF THE RESULTANT DISPLACEMENT OF THE REACTOR AND SEPARATE DRIVE MECHANISM AND GENERAL COMPARTMENT DESTRUCTION INDICATES G LEVEL AT CRASH IMPACT WAS NEAR HEAD-ON AND EXTREME.

VALDEZ DID NOT GO TO THE SITE OF PRESENT SHIP AND REACTOR LOCATION DUE TO EXTREME RADIATION AND PLUTONIUM CONTAMINATION.

THE NEW REVISED DRAWING SHOWS A THIRD VERTICAL EMPENNAGE INDICATING TRI-GEAR FOR VERTICAL LANDING.

ONE OTHER MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR - A SECOND SHIP BACKUP, SAME CONFIGURATION AS THIS ONE IS UNDER CAMOUFLAGE ON THE LANDING PLATEAU IN YOUR PANORAMIC PHOTO JUST ABOVE THE CRASH SITE. IT HAS BEEN SUBSEQUENTLY FLOWN OUT WITH ALL THE OTHER COMPONENTS OF THE U.S. FACILITY AS REPORTED BY VALDEZ.

OBVIOUSLY THIS MEANS ONE THING - THERE IS AT LEAST ONE MORE SHIP STILL CAPABLE OF FLYING REPRESENTING THE SAME DEGREE, IF NOT MORE, OF THE SAME DANGER AS THIS CRASHED SHIP INCIDENT.

PLEASE REVIEW THE PREVIOUS AF INTEL REPORT - YOU MAY RECALL, I SUGGESTED THIS SCENARIO, WE HAVE SO CRYPTICALLY WITNESSED, WOULD HAPPEN - AND IT DID.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO EXPEDITE IN AN EMERGENCY MODE.

I WILL BE MOST HAPPY TO DIRECT, GUIDE, OR CONSULT IN ANY WAY YOU MAY REQUEST TO BRING THIS CRISIS TO A SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION.

BEST REGARDS,

PAUL F BENNEWITZ