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MANAGEMENT INSTRUCTION

SUBJECT : PROCESSING REPORTS OF SIGHTINGS OF SPACE
VEHICLE FRAGMENTS

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Instruction is to establish procedures for handling reports of sightings of objects such as fragments or component parts of space vehicles known or alleged by an observer to have impacted upon the earth's surface as a result of safety destruct action, failure in flight, or reentry into the earth's atmosphere. Included are reports of sightings of objects not related to space vehicles.

2. APPLICABILITY

This Instruction is applicable to all organizational elements of the John F. Kennedy Space Center, NASA (KSC) and to NASA/KSC contractors as expressed in the terms of their contracts.

3. POLICY

It is KSC policy to respond to reported sightings of space vehicle fragments and unidentified flying objects as promptly as possible. All KSC personnel and activities will cooperate to ensure that pertinent information relative to such sightings is received and processed as set forth in this Instruction.

4. DEFINITIONS

- a. Space Vehicle Fragment: A fragment or component part of a space vehicle that has impacted upon the surface of the earth or washed up on a beach conceivably as a result of safety destruct actions, failure in flight, or reentry into the earth's atmosphere.