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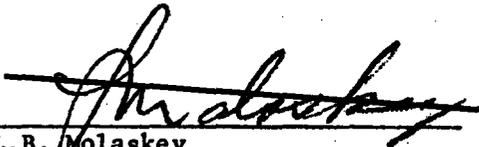
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TO: Distribution  
FROM: L.B. Molaskey ✓  
SUBJECT: Status of RV-3 Recovery

DATE: October 13, 1971

In a telecon to Lt. Cdr. Doyle concerning the status of the RV-3 recovery operation Lt. Cdr. Doyle indicated that on the last dive the crew of the Trieste has successfully operated the recovery hook on the bottom. They did not, however, pick up the test shape.

After maneuvering to the location of the test shape on the bottom they were running low on battery power. It was therefore decided to exercise the hook in the normal recovery mode without actually maneuvering over the test shape. The operation was successful and the pilots are confident they can, in fact, pick up the shape given enough time. After surfacing, the Trieste was loaded into the White Sands and the ship departed for Hawaii this morning. Current schedule is to arrive at the test site on about the 28th of October. Lt. Cdr. Doyle asked that I check with him in about 5 or 6 days to confirm my arrival date in Hawaii currently scheduled for the 27th of October.

  
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