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ISITREP FOURTEEN

1. 2ØØØB2 POSIT 34-39N9 27-11E1; COURSE 27Ø FOR MALTA, SPEED ABOUT 1Ø.3 KNOTS.

2. LIBERTY ANCHOR WINDLESS TESTS SAT.

3. C.O. STILL TURNED IN BUT RESTING COMFORTABLY. SHRAPNELL REMOVED TODAY.

4. CALCULATIONS SHOW SHIP STABLE EVEN WITH FREE SURFACE WATER LEVEL IN THIRD DECK SPACE APPROX, FOUR FEET BELOW OVERHEAD HOLE IS TEAR SHAPED AND MAY BE OVER FIFTEEN FEET AT BOTTOM. SEVERAL BODIES IN SIGHT BUT HEAVY OIL, FUMES AND DEBRIS MAKE RECOVERY HAZAROUS AND WILL NOT ATTEMPT, MOST MISSING BODIES ARE IN SPACE ACCESABLE ONLY WHEN DEWATERED, IF SHIP DRYDOCKED PRIOR TO PATCHING SOME SORT OF MESH SHOULD BE PUT OVER HOLE OR CONTENTS WILL DRAIN INTO DOCK AND THENCE TO DISCHARGE.

5. COL-- ALL GUARD LISTS AND COVERED EQUIP OUT OF REACH DAVIS MAINTAINING ALL GUARDS AND PASSING TO LIBERTY.

6. FOOD, FUEL, WATER AND STORES ADEQUATE TO MALTA.

7. REQ HEL PICKUP LIBERTY OUTGOING U.S. MAIL ASAP FOR DEPENDENT MORALE PURPOSES. AT SAME TIME DELIVER ANY U.S. MAIL AVAILABLE FOR SHIPS IN COMPANY

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