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SUBJECT: FLIGHT 4 OPERATIONAL STATUS (UP)

1. DSP FLIGHT 4 MISSILE WARNING PERFORMANCE HAS BEEN DECLARED UNSATISFACTORY BY CINCHORAD. THE FALSE REPORTS OF 5 AND 13 APRIL COMBINED WITH THE INCREASE IN BLANKING REQUIRED TO CONTROL SPURIOUS DATA FROM SENSORS INTERNAL REFLECTIONS ARE THE FACTORS IN THIS DECISION. THE FALSE REPORTS OF 13 APRIL COULD HAVE RESULTED IN UNACCEPTABLE POSTURING OF SAC FORCES.

2. IAH WITH THE SATELLITE ENGINEERING RESPONSIBILITIES SPECIFIED IN ADMNR 55-55, VOL 1, REGARDING SATELLITE'S ABILITY TO SUPPORT MISSION, FLIGHT 4 WILL BE HANDED BACK TO THE SATELLITE CONTROL FACILITY EFFECTIVE 14 APR 83 AT 2100Z. EFFECTIVE AT 2300Z, CGS WILL BEGIN OPERATIONS ON FLIGHT 6.

MISSION SUPPORT ON FLIGHT 6 WILL CONTINUE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
3. REQUEST SPACE DIVISION AND SAC/SW REASSESS THE OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY OF FLIGHT 4. AS SOON AS PRACTICAL, CONSIDERING SCF STATION SUPPORT AND FLIGHT 4 SHOULD BE MOVED BACK TO 70 DEGREES WEST.