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| RFC-1 WORK FORM (7-76) | | U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION RESEARCH FACILITIES CENTER MIAMI, FLORIDA | | AIRCRAFT N 452F | |
| | | | | FLIGHT NO. 63-80 | |
| | | | | FLIGHT ID 800804H | |
| | | | | DATE AUG. 4, 80 | |
| TAKE OFF (City or airport) MIA | | | LAND (City or airport) MIA | | ALTITUDE 7K |
| PURPOSE RFC - ODW TEST | | | | | |
| PROPOSED TAKEOFF TIME: 1400 Z | | | PROPOSED FLIGHT DURATION: 4 HRS | | |
| TIME IN: 1740 Z | | | TIME ON: 1741Z | | |
| TIME OUT: 1400 Z | | | TIME OFF: 1414Z | | |
| BLK. TIME: 3:40 HRS | | | FLIGHT TIME: 3:07 HRS | | |
| FLIGHT PERSONNEL | | | | | |
| OPERATIONS CREW | | SCIENTIFIC CREW | | VISITORS | |
| TURNER | SCHISSEL | DAVIS | JARVI | BURFEE | MARKS |
| NOBLE | | DEVIYO | | FRANKLIN | WILLIAMS |
| CORRELL | | DUGRANKUT | | JORGENSEN | |
| MOORE | | BERLES | | LORD | |
| PROPOSED MISSION WND L2 AT 180, 010, 010 HRS, 4 min LEAD | | | | | |
| ACTUAL MISSION AND REMARKS AS PLANNED | | | | | |
| DATA COLLECTED AND REMARKS 1 ETD FLT LVL TAFE | | | | | |

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| A/C COMMANDER | NAVIGATOR | A/C NO. | MISSION NO. | TIME AIRBORNE | LOCATION | DATE | PROJ. NAME |
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| TURNER | SCHLESSEL | 42KF | 820804 | 141330 | Miami | 4 Aug 82 | Drop 5000 25 |

| TIME OF ENTRY | POSITION | TYPE | INERTIAL POSITION | LAT LON COR'S | POSITION | LAT LON COR'S | REMARKS |
|---------------------|--------------------|------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 140236 | 25-48.2 80-17.6 | | 25-48.8 80-17.4 | | 25-48.8 80-17.3 | | Box |
| 141330 | 25-48.2 80-17.6 | | 25-48.6 80-17.4 | | 25-48.5 80-17.3 | | T.O |
| 143831 | | 7/10 | 24-52.6 79-21.4W | | 24-52.6W 79-21.6W | | Drop 1 |
| 145053 | | 7/10 | 24-58.4W 79-28.6W | | 24-58.5W 79-28.2W | | Drop 2 |
| 155100 | | 7/10 | 24-51.7 80-23.2 | | 24-51.8 80-22.8 | | 24.87 80.38 |
| 160200 | | 7/10 | 25-00.3 80-24.7 | | 25-00.4 80-24.2 | | |
| 161230 | | 7/10 | 25-04.0 80-22.1 | | 25-03.9 80-21.5 | | 25.07 80.36 |
| 162400 | | 7/10 | 24-58.0 80-25.6 | | 24-57.9 80-24.7 | | 24.97 80.42 |
| 163445 | | 7/10 | 25-03.3 80-21.4 | | 25-03.2 80-20.1 | | 80.33 |
| 164540 | | 7/10 | 24-57.6 80-26.8 | | 24-57.6 81-25.4 | | 24.96 80.42 |
| 165745 | | 7/10 | 25-03.3 80-21.6 | | 25-03.3 80-20.3 | | 25.06 80.34 |
| 170910 | | 7/10 | 24-57.5 80-25.0 | | 24-57.6 80-23.9 | | 24.96 80.40 |

| SYS | BEGIN ALIGN TIME | NCS CONN | Ω AID | TIME OUT OF COARSE | ALIGN STS 0-5 | (1) TIME INTO NAV. | (2) TIME OUT NAV. | ΔT (2)(1) | TERMINAL ERRORS | | |
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| | | | | ELAPSE ALIGN POST TIME | | | | | LAT | LONG | GS |
| INS 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| INS 2 or IMU | | | | | | | | | | | |

ALIGN REMARKS:

OTHER REMARKS:

TYPE OF FIX : (1) DR (2) RADIO (3) CELESTIAL (4) VISUAL (5) LORAN
 (6) RADAR (7) DOPPLER (8) OMEGA (9) INERTIAL
 (10) OMEGA - INERTIAL

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TO: RD/RF60 - ODW Test Participants

FROM: RD/RF60 - James D. DuGranrut

SUBJECT: Omega Dropsonde Test Flight

The subject test flight will be conducted on Wednesday, 4 August, weather and schedule permitting, with a backup date of Thursday, 5 August if required. Two separate, but related tests will be performed during this flight. Coordination will be required between aircraft crews and the ground crews on Key Largo and off-shore. The flight will be conducted on N42RF and should take approximately 4.5 hours. The flight may be conducted by N43RF, but N42RF is preferred.

Test 1 will check the operational mechanism of encoding drop messages in flight and transmitting the data to NMC via the Aircraft Satellite Data Link (ASDL).

Test 2 will check the effects of aircraft maneuvers on the computation of winds from a dropsonde.

Detailed description of aircraft operations:

TEST 1:

The aircraft will depart from Miami International at 1000L and proceed to an area where two dropsondes will be launched from an altitude of 20,000 to 25,000 feet. The drops will be made 15 minutes apart and the aircraft will remain in the drop area until both sondes have splashed. The aircraft may then proceed to the area over Key Largo. The drops will be encoded as soon as possible after the completion of the drop, and the coded messages will be entered into the data system for transmission via ASDL. Coding will be performed by NHRL personnel as will be the case during the Hurricane missions.

TEST 2:

Upon arrival over Key Largo, the aircraft will set up a pattern of a typical "wind-L" with three minute straight and level legs between turns. This pattern will be repeated for approximately two hours, after which the aircraft will return to Miami International.



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82 Sonde
25° 3.5'
80 28.5'
25.06
80.48

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During this test, three "simulated" drops will be made from the aircraft. No sondes will be actually dropped, but three sondes will transmit from the ground. Sonde 1 will be stationary and will re-transmit a synthesized Omega signal. The winds calculated from this sonde should be zero and should not be contaminated by Omega propagation problems. Sonde 2 will also be stationary, but will receive and re-transmit, "real-world" Omega. The winds computed from this sonde should also be zero, but may be contaminated by Omega propagation anomalies. Sonde 3 will be in a boat traveling at a near-constant speed around a triangular course. The winds from this sonde should be of a magnitude equal to the speed of the boat, and of a direction equal to the course of the boat. The course will have legs of a length that will take approximately eight to ten minutes to complete at the highest speed. This timing will allow, on the average, two straight legs of the aircraft pattern and one or two turns during each straight leg of the boat pattern. The boat will complete two of the patterns at a high speed (approximately 25 knots) and one pattern at a lower speed (approximately 12-15 knots). These three patterns should take approximately two hours to complete.

Detailed description of ground operations:

TEST 1:

During Test 1, NHRL personnel will watch for the encoded messages from ASDL to arrive at NHC as do all ASDL messages. These messages will be transferred to the NWS AFOS System at NHC for transmission to the mathematical model at NMC.

TEST 2:

The field ground crew will depart RFC at approximately 0800L for Key Largo. They will carry six dropsondes, (two of each of three channels), batteries for the boat sonde, power supplies for the stationary sondes, a signal generator for the synthesized Omega signal, and two portable UHF radios for communication with the aircraft. After arrival at Key Largo, the crew will set up the sondes and deploy their antennas, check the state of the sea surface (low wave conditions are desired), and call RFC to give the go-ahead for Test 2. This information will be passed by KJY74 to the aircraft which will be performing Test 1. After the aircraft completes Test 1 and is proceeding towards Key Largo, radio communication will be established with the ground crew for coordination of patterns and the operation of the sondes. The boat pattern will be a triangle around marker 37, "Three Sisters", and the "triangle" off the coast of South Key Largo. The boat will perform the first pattern at a speed of approximately 25 knots, the second at approximately 12 knots, and the third at the higher speed. The speed will be held as near constant as possible during the legs, and time marks will be recorded at each marker to calculate the actual average speed of each leg. The distance and course of each leg will be determined from navigational charts. The speed and direction of the sonde on the boat will be compared to the wind speed and wind direction computed by the ODW System on the aircraft. When the boat has completed all three of its patterns, the aircraft and ground crews may return to Miami.

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The data collected during this test will be recorded on the ODW System printers, ODW System cassette tapes, and on RAMS Magnetic tape. The data from Test 1 will be transmitted via ASDL and will also be on file at NESS, NHC, and NMC. Data from Test 1 will be checked by NHRL personnel for accuracy of reception. Data from Test 2 will be checked by RFC personnel, and the report on the effects of aircraft maneuvers on computed winds will be delivered to NHRL within two weeks of the completion of the test.