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## APOLLO 10 ENTRY POSTFLIGHT ANALYSIS

## 1. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

The objective of this report is to present an evaluation of the operation of the Apollo 10 entry guidance, navigation, and control system (GNCS), the entry monitoring plan, and a reconstruction of the entry trajectory utilizing the telemetry tape data. This report has been prepared as Supplement 10 to the Apollo 10 Mission Report (MSC-00126).

The data obtained from the onboard telemetry tape indicated that the GNCS performed as expected. The crew was ahead of the entry time line, so they performed several of the monitoring functions prior to the scheduled time. The reconstruction of the EMS scroll pattern trace indicated that the GNCS performed well within the bounds imposed by the monitoring plan.

Postflight evaluation of the operation of the Apollo 10 command module computer (CMC), during entry, indicates that the computer performed properly throughout entry. The primary evaluation was through comparisons of parameters generated by a CMC simulation with those parameters which were computed by the actual CMC and recorded on telemetry (TM) tape during the flight. Accelerometer data from the TM tape were utilized in the CMC simulation to provide the same input data that was used to drive the onboard computer. This comparison indicated the following: (1) the roll commands were identical except for the last 40 seconds of the trajectory, and (2) the time of the guidance logic sequencing was identical. The predicted trajectories during the huntest phase agreed within 10 nautical miles. The Display and Keyboard (DSKY) displays of the predicted entry conditions were in good agreement with the actual entry parameters. The onboard CMC computer position at the time of drogue deployment was 164.65 degrees west and 15.07 degrees south. The simulation Command Module (CM) position at drogue deployment was 164.65 degrees west and 15.07 degrees south.

Section 2 presents the entry state vectors used in the postflight analysis. The entry state vector recorded on the TM tape was used in the CMC evaluation while the 21-day Best Estimate Trajectory (BET) entry state vector was used in the trajectory reconstruction.

Section 3 presents the program sequencing and a discussion of the significant events occuring during each program. The data calculated by the CMC and recorded on the TM tape are discussed and compared to corresponding data obtained from postflight simulations.

Section 4 presents an evaluation of the entry monitoring plan. This section provides a chronological sequence of events of crew operations in the process of monitoring entry. Data is presented which indicates what the crew observed in real time via the DSKY displays, and how they responded in the process of monitoring the entry.

Section 5 describes the trajectory reconstruction and presents the entry parameters and the method of trajectory reconstruction.

Section 6 presents an evaluation of the entry monitor system (EMS) and the reaction control system (RCS) propellant consumption.

## 2. ENTRY CONDITIONS

The entry state vectors used for the Apollo 10 postflight analysis were obtained from two sources: (1) the $21-$ day BET and (2) the TM tape. Differences between the two state vectors are due to estimated systems errors. The BET state vector is based on Pulsed Integrating Pendulous Accelerometer (PIPA) and tracking data that have been corrected for estimated Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) errors and tracking uncertainties.

The BET indicates that Apollo 10 achieved entry interface at 191 hours 48 minutes 52.16 seconds after liftoff. The entry state vector obtained from the BET is as follows:

| Inertial Velocity | $36,309.257 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Inertial Flight Path Angle | -6.6165171 deg |
| Inertial Azimuth | 71.928267 deg |
| Longitude | 174.24393 deg East |
| Geodetic Latitude | 23.651741 deg South |
| Geodetic Altitude | $406,441.29 \mathrm{ft}$ |

The entry state vector recorded on the TM tape, corresponding to a time of 191 hours 48 minutes 52.16 seconds, was slightly different from the BET vector. It is:

| Inertial Velocity | $36,309.548 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Inertial Flight Path Angle | -6.6198381 deg |
| Inertial Azimuth | 71.9317 deg |
| Longitude | 174.24384 deg East |
| Geodetic Latitude | 23.653003 deg South |
| Geodetic Altitude | $405,350.30 \mathrm{ft}$ |

The difference between state vectors were minute and did not have an appreciable effect on the entry trajectory.

## 3. CMC EVALUATION

The purpose of this section is to present an evaluation of the performance of the Apollo 10 entry GNCS system. A description of the guidance system's operation with respect to various trajectory parameters and terminal objectives is presented. Then, the CMC in-flight computations recorded on the TM tape are compared to values obtained from a simulation of the CMC utilizing the PIPA data recorded on the TM tape.

### 3.1 Description of the CMC Operation

The Apollo 10 atmospheric entry trajectory basically consisted of three phases: entry initialization (program 63), post 0.05 g (program 64), and final phase (program 67). Programs 61 and 62 operated correctly and sequenced to program 63 at the proper time. The CMC remained in program 63 until the edge of the sensible atmosphere ( 0.05 g ) was reached. At this point atmospheric guidance began. Once the computed drag level, KA, was reached, the constant drag control logic was flown until the predicted velocity at the end of UPCONTROL (V) was less than $18,000 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$. The trajectory flown in final phase resulted in a computed touchdown at a geodetic latitude of 15.07 degrees south and a longitude of 164.65 degrees west, approximately 1.4 nautical miles from the planned touchdown point. The actual CMC sequencing is compared to the CMC simulation in Table $I$ and the respective touchdown points are compared in Figure 1. The CMC simulation was obtained from the Apollo Reentry Simulation (ARS) program externally driven by the PIPA data.
3.1.1 Entry Initialization (Program 63).- The guidance system was initialized with the proper switches and control constants in program 63. At a geodetic altitude of 400,000 feet, the CMC indicated an inertial velocity of $36314.3 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$ and an inertial flight path angle of $\mathbf{- 6 . 5 6}$ degrees. The ground elapsed time from liftoff to entry interface was 191 hours 48 minutes 53 seconds. The entry point was located at a geodetic latitude of 23.616 degrees south and a longitude of 174.36 degrees east which resulted in a relative range of 1292.9 nautical miles and an inertial range of 1378.24 nautical miles. Onset of 0.05 g occurred 28.73 seconds after entry at a geodetic altitude of $296,990.8$ feet. The CMC then correctly calculated the reference drag level to initiate the constant drag logic, KA, the reference drag level for the constant drag logic, DO, and the command module's position in the entry corridor relative to the lift vector orientation (LVO) line. The values of KA and DO, based on the TM tape inertial velocity at 0.05 g , were 1.468 g 's and 4.0272 g 's respectively, while the commanded bank angle was zero degrees.
3.1.2 Post 0.05 g (Program 64).- The CMC then correctly sequenced to program 64 at 0.05 g . The lift-up attitude commanded at the end of program 63 was maintained until the drag level became greater than 1.468 g 's $51 \mathrm{sec}-$ onds after entry, at which time the guidance system began the constant drag portion of the trajectory.

The lift-to-drag ratio (L/D) control equation in the constant drag logic is driven by drag and altitude rate errors based on a computed reference trajectory. Initially the commanded bank angle was zero degrees (lift vector up) (Figure 2) due to the large negative altitude rate. The altitude rate became more positive than $-700 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}, 78$ seconds after entry (Figure 3) and the guidance system began generating ranging predictions. The inertial range to the target at this time was 921 nautical miles (Figure 4). Due to the large energy level of the command module, an overshoot trajectory was predicted, hence the guidance system remained in the constant drag logic. The maximum load factor, $6.762 g^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$, occurred 81 seconds after entry and the first minimum altitude (Figure 5), $181,736.8$ feet, occurred 83 seconds after entry. When the load factor dropped below 5.44 g 's the guidance system properly commanded a bank angle of -180 degrees. The altitude increased to a relative maximum of 192,466 feet, 128 seconds after entry, while the load factor decreased to a relative minimum of 2.796 g 's, 129 seconds after entry.

The first roll command other than full lift-up occurred 87 seconds after entry and was 23 degrees. Four seconds later, the guidance system commanded a bank angle greater than 90 degrees but since the drag level was greater than 5.44 g 's, the roll command was limited to 90 degrees. Had the roll command not been limited to 90 degrees, the Digital Autopilot (DAP) would have commanded a longer period of jet on time, hence, a greater angular impulse, the reby increasing the possibility of flying to the reference drag level of 4.03 g 's. The large overshoot of the reference drag level was a result of the low average angular acceleration during the roll maneuver to the lift down attitude, as shown in Figure 6. It should be noted that the actual roll angular acceleration during this time was approximately 5.0 degrees per second squared, as expected from preflight data. However, the sequence of roll commands were such that the jets were turned off during part of the roll down maneuver and resulted in a low average angular acceleration. The Huntest phase of program 64 continued predicting overshoot trajectories until the predicted velocity at the end of UPCONTROL was less than 18,000 feet per second. This occurred 138 seconds after entry at which time the final phase logic (Program 67) was entered.
3.1.3 Final Phase (Program 67).- The guidance system sequenced to the final phase logic when the inertial velocity was 25033 feet per second and the altitude rate was -374 feet per second. The CM was in a lift vector down attitude and the inertial range to the target was 641 nautical miles. The first range prediction in final phase (refer to Figure 7) resulted in a predicted downrange undershoot error of 132 nautical miles. The predicted downrange error then increased rapidly to a maximum undershoot value of 187 nautical miles 147 seconds after entry. This was the result of the initial lift vector down attitude in P67. However, at EI +165 seconds the first non-zero roll command was issued. At this time, the predicted downrange error was a 16.5 nautical mile undershoot, the crossrange error was predicted to be 4.5 nautical miles north of the target and the bank angle command was 15.41 degrees north. The overall trajectory flown in final phase was at an average bank angle of approximately 70 degrees and
resulted in a touchdown at a geodetic latitude of 15.07 degrees south and a longitude of 164.65 degrees west. This trajectory culminated within 1.4 nautical miles of the target as shown in Figure 1.

Four bank angle reversals occurred during final phase. A bank angle reversal occurs whenever the crossrange deadband is exceeded. Crossrange deadband is computed by the guidance and is proportional to the spacecraft's lateral ranging capability at its current velocity. If the bank angle command is within $\pm 15$ degrees of full lift up or down, the deadband is halved to account for the smaller lateral force. The reversals occurred at 217 seconds, 339 seconds, 383 seconds, and 421 seconds after entry as indicated in Figure 8.

### 3.2 Computer Simulation

A computer simulation of the CMC operation during entry was made utilizing the PIPA data on the TM tape. The entry parameters obtained from the simulation were then compared to those recorded on the TM tape.
3.2.1 Simulation - The computer simulation of the CMC operation was made with the Apollo Reentry Simulation (ARS) program utilizing four-degree-of-freedom and the external drive option. The simulated CMC was initialized with the entry state vector obtained from the TM tape at a g.e.t. of 689,892 seconds. PIPA counts from the TM tape were used to drive the simulation.
3.2.2 Comparison - The results obtained from the PIPA drive simulation (simulated CMC) were compared to the CMC computations recorded on the TM tape and were in close agreement. In addition, the program sequencing obtained from the simulated CMC was identical to that of the actual CMC. The comparisons are shown in Figure 2 through 8 and in Tables 1 through III.

This section provides a chronological sequence of events of crew operations while monitoring entry. The data presented is obtained from the onboard telemetry tape and indicates what the crew observed in real time via the DSKY displays and how they responded in the process of monitoring entry. Table V presents the Apollo 10 sequence of events in addition to PAD da-a necessary to monitor the onboard computer.

### 4.1 Entry Monitoring Prior to Entry Interface

Program 61 was initiated 19 minutes and 10 seconds prior to EI. At this time the command and service module (CSM) was maintained at an attitude of 269 degrees pitch, 317 degrees yaw, and 4 degrees roll. The CSM was maintained at approximately this attitude until separation (refer to Figure 9). The first DSKY display appeared at EI - 18 minutes and 56 seconds. The target latitude and longitude and lift vector orientation (LVO) were displayed. The target latitude was 15.07 degrees south and longitude was 164.67 degrees west; the actual splashdown coordinates were 15.07 south and 164.65 west. The LVO was displayed in the up orientation. At EI - 18 minutes, 50 seconds, the DSKY predicted values of GMAX $=6.56 \mathrm{~g}^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$, velocity at $E I=36,311 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$ and flight path angle at $E I=-6.48$ degrees were displayed. These values compared very favorably to the actual (BET) conditions of GMAX $=6.76 \mathrm{~g}^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$, Velocity (EI) $=36,314 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$ and flight path angle (EI) $=-6.54$. At EI -18 minutes, 26 seconds, the final DSKY display of P61 was obtained. The predicted inertial range to the target at $0.05 \mathrm{~g}=1221$ nautical miles, predicted time of $0.05 \mathrm{~g}=\mathrm{EI}+28$ seconds. The actual values of inertial range to target at $0.05 \mathrm{~g}=1218$ and inertial velocity at $0.05 \mathrm{~g}=36394$. These values compared favorably. The time of 0.05 g occurred as predicted.

Program 62 was entered at EI - 18 minutes 14 seconds. The request for separation appeared immediately; consequently, the IMU was neither reversed nor unsatisfactory. At EI - 17 minutes, the pitch gimbal angle check was performed. The actual pitch gimbal angle was two degrees less than the Pad value of 268 ; this is well within the allowable five degree tolerance.

CM/SM separation occurred at EI - 15 minutes, 26 seconds. The command pilot waited 84 seconds after separation to insure adequate separation distance. Fourteen minutes prior to entry the DSKY display of target coordinates appeared with the lift vector orientation for entry. The values were the same as in P61. At EI - 12 minutes and 38 seconds, the DSKY display of desired gimbal angles appeared: Roll $=359.5$ degrees, Pitch $=179.9$ degrees and Yaw $=359.6$ degrees. The DSKY display of desired gimbal angles was displayed until EI - 11 minutes, 52 seconds; at this time, program 63 automatically sequenced in. The DSKY display of load factor $=0.0$, inertial velocity $=30,738 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$ and range to go $=$

4562 nautical miles appeared. The load factor remained constant until after entry interface, the inertial velocity increased to $36397 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$ and then decreased from this point, and the range to go naturally decreased throughout entry.

Figure 9 indicates that the crew chose the option of maintaining the 0.05 g attitude after separation. At EI - 6 minutes, 12 seconds to approximately EI - 3 minutes, 52 seconds the pitch gimbal angle was maintained at approximately 156 degrees. The pitch gimbal angle varied between 155 to 152 degrees from EI - 3 minutes, 52 seconds to entry interface.

### 4.2 Entry Operations and Monitoring After Entry Interface

The crew maintained manual control of the $C M$ for a few seconds after the time of entry interface. The pitch error needle was within 15 degrees of the desired attitude from EI - 9 minutes and 42 seconds (refer to Figure 9). The crew awitched to DAP control at approximately EI +16 seconds.

The occurance of 0.05 g was within the 2 second computer interval of the predicted time. Program 64 and the entry monitor system sequenced in immediately. At EI +30 seconds, the first P64 DSKY display of bank angle command $=0.0$ degree, inertial velocity $=36,396 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$ and altitude rate $=$ $-3271 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$ was available. The Huntest phase of the entry guidance was entered at EI +1 minute and 18 seconds. Ten seconds later the guidance system issued the first non-zero bank angle command. Figure 10 indicates that the entry trajectory flown by the guidance was very near nominal. The solid line indicates the telemetry data had no slope tangent to the skip-out lines; however, observations of the actual EMS scroll pattern trace (dashed line on Figure 10) indicates the possibility of a tangency existing at approximately $29,300 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$. At this point in the trajectory, the guidance bank angle command is monitored to determine if it is commanding a 11 ft down orientation, thereby insuring that the guidance system is functioning correctly. The bank angle command is lift vector down ( 180 degrees) thereby satisfying the monitoring plan.

The entry pad value of the time of $V_{\text {CIRC }}$ was $E I+2$ minutes, 8 seconds. At this time the actual velocity of the vehicle is $25,896 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$. The actual time of $V_{\text {CIRC }}$ occurred at EI +2 minutes, 12.6 seconds.

The program sequencing from $P 64$ to $P 67$ was as predicted on the entry pad. Program 67 was automatically entered 5 seconds after the actual time of VCIRC. The first DSKY display during P67 indicated an undershoot of 132 nautical miles; however, within 24 seconds this deficit was corrected. With the most critical portion of entry successfully negotiated, ranging to the target and avoiding high g loads is the primary concern. At EI +7 minutes and 18 seconds, the DSKY display of RTOGO $=1.3$ (undershoot), present latitude $=15.09$ degrees south and present longitude $=164.69$ degrees west indicates that the target was achieved by the guidance system. The drogue chutes were deployed at EI +8 minutes and 18 seconds and the main chutes were deployed approximately 50 seconds later.

## 5. TRAJECTORY RECONSTRUCTION

The reconstructed entry trajectory is presented in this section and the resulting trajectory is compared to the 21 -day BET. The entry parameters that were varied to match the BET were the CM aerodynamics and the atmospheric model. The CM weight used was the pre-entry estimated value of 12121.5 pounds and was held constant in the analysis.

The Apollo 10 entry trajectory was reconstructed in two ways, both using external drives. The first used the gimbal angle data from the TM tape at 2 -second intervals. The data was converted to body attitudes without exercising the CMC logic. The second type of simulation used the PIPA data from the TM tape as inputs to the CMC. The simulated CMC then calculated the bank angle commands from the PIPA data and supplied them to the digital autopilot.

### 5.1 Entry Parameters

The selection of the CM aerodynamics and atmospheric model was based on the reconstruction of an entry trajectory that had the best overall comparison to the following trajectory parameters: 1) first and second maximum load factor, 2) first minimum load factor, 3) first maximum and minimum altitude, 4) touchdown point, and 5) time of drogue deployment. The aerodynamic characteristics of the CM used in the postflight reconstruction were obtained from the TM tape. Figure 11 presents the time history of L/D's recorded on the TM tape. Deviations about the TM value of the hypersonic L/D 's were between 0.308 and 0.315 . The aerodynamic coefficients used in the trajectory simulations were obtained as a function of Mach number from the Block II vehicle data (Reference 2). The PIPA L/D was constant until approximately 140 seconds after the time of 0.05 g . Calculations, based on the TM inertial velocity and altitude, indicated that the Mach number at this time was approximately 21 . The final reconstructed trajectory required an L/D of 0.312 and is shown in Figure 12. Also shown in the figure is the $T M L / D$ as well as the preentry estimated value. The atmospheric model selected for the reconstruction was 30 degrees north (January) (Reference 3).

### 5.2 Method Of Trajectory Reconstruction

The values of $\mathrm{L} / \mathrm{D}$ recorded on the TM tape indicated that the hypersonic L/D for Apollo 10 was between 0.308 and 0.315 . Various hypersonic L/D ratios were run with several atmospheres to determine the $L / D$ and atmosphere which best simulate the actual Apollo 10 load factors through maximum and minimum $g$.

With the best estimate of L/D and atmosphere, a PIPA run is made. This run verifies that the CMC functioned properly. The PIPA run indicated that the bank angle commands issued were exactly the same as the actual bank angle commands except for the last few seconds of the trajectory.

Although the PIPA drive run indicated that the guidance system operated very well, it also indicated that there was a discrepancy with the attitude the vehicle attained. The PIPA run was approximately 8 degrees less than the attitude achieved by the actual vehicle and recorded on TM tape. This indicated that the vehicle had a possible roll moment. Refer to Figure 13 and note the vehicle roll attitude beginning to change as it reaches the sensible atmosphere.

With a roll attitude error, all PIPA driven trajectories will have substantial target misses. For the Apollo 10 conditions, an L/D of 0.312 and a 30 degree $N$ latitude atmosphere, the PIPA run missed the target by 133 N. Mi. Obviously, the trajectory reconstruction must be handled in a fashion that is free from the attitude error. The gimbal angle drive lends itself nicely to this situation. A comparison of the gimbal angle drive (G.A.D.) and the telemetry tape load factors is presented below:

| MAX G | MAX G | MIN G | MIN G | 2nd MAX | 2nd MAX <br> (TM) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (G.A.D.) | (TM) | (G.A.D.) |  |  |  |
| 6.76 | 6.77 | 2.80 | 2.76 | 4.60 | 4.47 |

The agreement between the load factors of the $T M$ and gimbal angle drive was excellent. The net result of this agreement is that the vehicle lands within 7 miles of the target. The load factors presented above are in complete agreement with the BET. The values for the BET are as follows:

$$
\text { (1) MAX G }=6.78 \text {, (2) MIN } G=2.79 \text { and (3) second MAX } G=4.54
$$

These results indicate that there was an excellent agreement between the TM, GAD, and BET trajectories. Figures $14-16$ present comparisons of altitude, velocity and load factor histories.

## 6. VEHICLE PERFORMANCE

This section presents a summary of the performance of Apollo 10 :M systems related to atmospheric entry. The inertial measuring unit (IML) errors were not available. These errors, in the past, have been relatively insignificant and have produced negligable touchdown dispersions. The effect af these errors can be seen in Table IV, for the Apollo 10 entry phase. The EMS and the reaction control system (RCS) were evaluated.

### 6.1 The Entry Monitor System

The EMS performed very well for Apollo 10 . The scroll pattern trace was much smoother than for the previous missions. The actual Apollo 10 EMS scroll trace is presented as the dashed line in Figure 10. The solid line represents the telemetry data. The results of the figure indicate a close agreement between the actual scroll pattern trace and the telemetry data plotted on the scroll pattern. The actual scroll pattern trace indicated that a tangency occurred at approximately $29,300 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$; however, the guidance system was issuing proper roll commands indicating that no violation occurred. The EMS was a very adequate monitoring device.

### 6.2 RCS Propellant Consumption

The actual Apollo 10 propellant consumption was 33.0 lbs. This value of fuel consumption was not in good agreement with the internally driven 6 -D simulation ( 23.6 lbs ) nor the roll command driven 6-D simulation ( 24.3 lbs). The models of fuel consumption for the $6-D$ simulations seem to have a consistent error of no fuel consumption in the pitch control axis. The simulations of propellant consumption for the negative roll jets was in error by approximately 5 pounds. This difference is not a significant error since there are over 200 pounds of fuel available for the entry phase. The fuel consumption for each of the control axes is shown below:

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { CONTROL } \\ & \text { AXIS } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | INTERNALLY DRIVEN 6-D SIMULATION | ROLL COMMAND DRIVEN 6-D SIMULATION | ACTUAL $\text { APOLLO } 10$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| +Ro11 | 8.99 | 9.38 | 8.88 |
| -Roll | 10.21 | 10.06 | 14.98 |
| TOTAL | 19.20 | 19.44 | 23.86 |
| +Pitch | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 |
| -Pitch | 0.03 | 0.14 | 3.9 |
| TOTAL | 0.03 | 0.14 | 4.9 |
| +Yaw | 1.15 | 2.47 | 2.26 |
| -Yaw | 3.19 | 2.24 | 1.98 |
| TOTAL | 4.34 | 4.71 | 4.24 |

Most of the pitch and yaw axis control activity occurred during the final two minutes before drogue deployment. The usage is presented below:

| Control <br> Axis | Propellant consumed during the two <br> minutes prior to drogue deployment - <br> based on simulated data <br> (POUNDS) |
| :--- | :--- |
| +Pitch | 0.0 |
| -Pitch | 0.14 |
| TOTAL | 0.14 |
| +Yaw | 2.00 |
| -Yaw | 1.76 |
| TOTAL | 3.76 |

The increased activity of the pitch and yaw jets indicates that a degree of dynamic instability exists at low Mach numbers.

| Guidance Phase |  | Time from Lift-off (hr:min:sec) | Inertial Velocity $\qquad$ | Inertial Range to Target (NM) | Altitude Rate (ft/sec) $\qquad$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| . | Actual CMC | 191:48:53.4 | 36314.3 | 1378.24 | -4147.20 |
| Entry Interface |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Simulated CMC | 191:48:53.2 | 36313.9 | 1384.94 | -4154. 56 |
|  | Actual CMC | 191:49:20.8 | 36394.1 | 1213.88 | -3314.27 |
| 0.05g (P63-P64) |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Simulated CMC | 191:49:20.9 | 36394.4 | 1213.31 | -3311.14 |
|  | Actual CMC | 191:50:10.2 | 32824.0 | 921.36 | $-640.70$ |
| Begin Guidance (Huntest) | Simulated CMC | 191:50:10.2 | 32823.8 | 921.40 | -640.70 |
|  | Actual CMC | 191:51:10.2 | 25032.7 | 641.21 | -374. 17 |
| Final Phase (P67) | Simulated CMC | 191:51:10.2 | 25032.6 | 641.25 | -373.15 |
|  | Actual CMC | 191:56:10.2 | 2306.7 | 1.40 | $-667.35$ |
| Guidance Termination | Simulated CMC | 191:56:10.2 | 2305.2 | 1.33 | -667.14 |

Table II. Comparimons of Bank Angle Comanda From The Actual CMC and CIXC Simulations

| THES RROM ENTRY INTETACE | ACTUAL CHC maNX ATGLE COMPAND | CMC SIMULATION <br> banis angle comenid |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 88 | 22.9 | 22.9 |
| 90 | 82.1 | 82.1 |
| 92 | 90.0 | 90.0 |
| 94 | 90.0 | 90.0 |
| 96 | 180.0 | 180.0 |
| 138 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 166 | 15.4 | 15.9 |
| 170 | 41.7 | 41.7 |
| 174 | 49.5 | 49.6 |
| 180 | 35.3 | 35.8 |
| 182 | 32.4 | 32.5 |
| 190 | 42.4 | 42.5 |
| 200 | 51.9 | 52.0 |
| 210 | 54.2 | 54.4 |
| 216 | 54.6 | 54.9 |
| 218 | -55.3 | -55.3 |
| 230 | -68.3 | -68.3 |
| 240 | -74.2 | -74.5 |
| 250 | -79.3 | -79.3 |
| 260 | -81.1 | -81.2 |
| 270 | -82.3 | -82.5 |
| 280 | -81.9 | -82.2 |
| 290 | -82.3 | -82.4 |
| 300 | -77.2 | -77.5 |
| 310 | -73.5 | -73.5 |
| 320 | -70.4 | -70.5 |
| 322 | -43.7 | -44.1 |
| 330 | -32.1 | -32.6 |
| 338 | -58.8 | -58.3 |
| 340 | 62.8 | 62.8 |
| 342 | 63.0 | 62.9 |
| 350 | 91.9 | 91.5 |
| 352 | 94.0 | 94.0 |
| 360 | 78.5 | 79.1 |
| 370 | 72.5 | 73.7 |
| 380 | 64.1 | 65.0 |
| 382 | 57.0 | 59.0 |
| 384 | -48.9 | -52.2 |
| 390 | -65.5 | -67.4 |
| 396 | -81.1 | -84.6 |
| 400 | -84.7 | -86.4 |
| 410 | -83.3 | -84.1 |
| 418 | -86.0 | -85.2 |
| 420 | -80.0 | 83.7 |
| 428 | 93.5 | 106.3 |
| 430 | 102.6 | $1 \mathrm{ir3.7}$ |
| 432 | 103.4 | 108.7 |
| 434 | 105.0 | 102.6 |
| 436 | 88.8 | 101.3 |

Table III. Comparison of the Actual CMC State Vector to the Simulated CMC State Vector

| ELAPSED TIME (hr:min:sec) | TIME FROM ENTRY INTERFACE (sec) | ACTUAL CMC STATE VECTOR ( ft ) and ( $\mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$ ) | SIMULATED CMC STATE VECTOR ( ft ) and ( $\mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$ ) | EVENT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 191:48:52.2 | -1.2 | $\begin{aligned} & X=11976174.0 \\ & Y=-15451660.0 \\ & Z=-8506213.9 \\ & \dot{X}=27484.486 \\ & \dot{Y}=20511.779 \\ & \dot{Z}=11927.622 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{X}=11976123.0 \\ & \mathrm{Y}=-15451640.0 \\ & \mathrm{Z}=-8506260.4 \\ & \dot{X}=27484.367 \\ & \dot{Y}=20511.661 \\ & \dot{Z}=11927.475 \end{aligned}$ | The approximate time of entry interface |
| 191:49:22.8 | 28.8 | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{X}=12792638.0 \\ & \mathrm{Y}=-14826332.0 \\ & \mathrm{Z}=-8142880.6 \\ & \mathrm{X}=26934.425 \\ & \dot{Y}=21169.436 \\ & \dot{Z}=12289.928 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{X}=12792572.0 \\ & \mathrm{Y}=-14826306.0 \\ & \mathrm{Z}=-8142928.9 \\ & \mathrm{X}=26934.320 \\ & \dot{Y}=21169.314 \\ & \mathrm{Z}=12289.779 \end{aligned}$ | P64 is entered |
| 191:50:14.8 | 80.8 | $\begin{aligned} & X=14134875.0 \\ & Y=-13745026.0 \\ & Z=-7514842.5 \\ & X=23546.782 \\ & \dot{Y}=18698.449 \\ & \dot{Z}=10934.518 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & X=14134804.0 \\ & Y=-13745011.0 \\ & Z=-7514890.2 \\ & \dot{X}=23546.717 \\ & \dot{Y}=18698.328 \\ & \dot{Z}=10934.373 \end{aligned}$ | Time of maximum load factor |
| 191:51:02.8 | 128.8 | $\begin{aligned} & X=15121496.0 \\ & Y=-12944619.0 \\ & Z=-7036876.6 \\ & \dot{X}=17830.480 \\ & \dot{Y}=15931.690 \\ & \dot{Z}=9486.6537 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & X=15121428.0 \\ & Y=-12944609.0 \\ & Z=-7036928.5 \\ & \dot{X}=17830.445 \\ & \dot{Y}=15931.573 \\ & \dot{Z}=9486.5145 \end{aligned}$ | Time of minimum load factor |

Table III. Comparison of the Actual CMC State Vector to the Simulated CMC State Vector (Continued)

| ELAPSED TIME <br> ( $\mathrm{hr}: \mathrm{min}: \mathrm{sec}$ ) | TIME FROM <br> ENTRY INTERFACE <br> $(\mathrm{sec})$ | ACTUAL CMC <br> STATE VECTOR <br> $(\mathrm{ft})$ <br> and ( $\mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec})$ | SIMULATED CMC <br> STATE VECTOR <br> $(\mathrm{ft})$ <br> and $(\mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec})$ | EVENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

Table IV. Comparison Of The Actual CMC State Vectors

| Elapsed Time <br> (hr:min:sec) | Time From <br> Entry Interface (Sec) | Actual CMC State Vector (Ft) \& (Ft/Sec) | ```BET State Vector (Ft) & (Ft/Sec)``` | Event |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 191:48:52.2 | -1.2 |  | $\begin{aligned} & X=11976744.0 \\ & Y=-15452783.0 \\ & Z=-8506040.2 \\ & \dot{X}= \\ & \dot{Y}=27485.496 \\ & \dot{Y}=20510.112 \\ & \dot{Z}=11926.649 \end{aligned}$ | The Approximate Time of Entry Interface |
| 191:49:22.8 | 28.8 | $\begin{array}{lr} X= & 12792638.0 \\ Y=-14826332.0 \\ Z= & -8142880.6 \\ \dot{X}= & 26934.425 \\ \dot{Y}= & 21169.436 \\ \dot{Z}= & 12289.928 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lr} X= & 12793225.0 \\ Y= & -14827496.0 \\ Z= & -8142734.1 \\ \dot{X}= & 26935.497 \\ \dot{Y}= & 21167.711 \\ \dot{Z}= & 12288.887 \end{array}$ | P64 is Entered |
| 191:50:14.8 | 80.8 | $\begin{aligned} & X=14134875.0 \\ & Y=-13745026.0 \\ & Z=-7514842.5 \\ & \dot{X}=\quad 23546.782 \\ & \dot{Y}=\quad 18698.449 \\ & \dot{Z}=10934.518 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & X=14135504.0 \\ & Y=-13746279.0 \\ & Z=-7514740.7 \\ & \dot{X}=\quad 23546.982 \\ & \dot{Y}=\quad 18697.13 \\ & \dot{Z}=\quad 10933.632 \end{aligned}$ | Time of Maximum Load Factor |
| 191:51:02.8 | 128.8 | $\begin{aligned} & X=15121496.0 \\ & Y=-12944619.0 \\ & Z=-7036876.6 \\ & \dot{X}=17830.480 \\ & \dot{Y}=r \\ & \dot{Y}=\quad 15931.690 \\ & \dot{Z}=r 486.6537 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{lr} X= & 15122107.0 \\ Y & =-12945909.0 \\ Z= & -7036802.6 \\ \dot{X}= & 17829.781 \\ \dot{Y}= & 15931.302 \\ \dot{Z}= & 9486.2228 \end{array}$ | Time of Minimum Load Factor |


Table V. The Chronological Sequence of Events of the Apollo 10 Entry and Available Pad Data Necessary to Monitoring Entry

| APOLLO 10 MISSION EVENT TIME | APOLLO 10 EVENT | REAL TIME DATA PROVIDED TO CREW | COMAENTS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{EI}-19 \mathrm{~min} \\ 10 \mathrm{sec} \end{gathered}$ | P61 was initiated | Initiated P61 at EI - 19 min | The comand and service module was held at an attitude of Pitch $=269$ deg; Yaw = 317 deg; and Roll $=4 \mathrm{deg}$ |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { EI }-18 \mathrm{~min} \\ 56 \mathrm{sec} \end{gathered}$ | V06 - N61 DSKY DISPLAY Target <br> Latitude $=15.07 \mathrm{deg}$, Target <br> Longitude $=-164.67 \mathrm{deg}$, <br> Lift Vector Up | Target Latitude $=-15.07 \mathrm{deg}$ Target Longitude $=-164.67 \mathrm{deg}$ Lift Vector Up |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { EI }-18 \mathrm{~min} \\ 50 \mathrm{sec} \end{gathered}$ | V06 - N60 DSKY DISPLAY pred. <br> GMAX $=6.56$, pred. velocity <br> $(E I)=36311 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$, pred. <br> flight path (EI) $=-6.48$ | Pred. GMAX $=6.8$ <br> Pred. Velocity (EI) $=36315 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$ <br> Pred. Flight Path $=\mathbf{- 6 . 5 4}$ deg |  |
| EI - 18 min 26 sec | V06 - N63 DSKY DISPLAY pred. <br> RTOGO ( 0.05 g ) $=1220.7 \mathrm{n} \mathrm{mi}$ <br> Pred. Velocity ( 0.05 g ) $=36387$ <br> $\mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$; Pred. Time to $0.05 \mathrm{~g}=$ <br> $\mathrm{EI}+28 \mathrm{sec}$ | Pred. RTOGO ( 0.05 g ) $=1206.1 \mathrm{n} \mathrm{mi}$ <br> Pred. Velocity $(0.05 \mathrm{~g})=36395 \mathrm{ft} /$ <br> Pred. Time to $0.05 \mathrm{~g}=\mathrm{EI}+27 \mathrm{sec}$ | sec |
| EI-18min <br> 14 sec | P62 is entered | Initiate P62 at EI - 18 min | V25-N50 is flashing Requesting separation |
| * EI-17 min | Pitch Gimbal Angle (PGA) Check is performed $\text { PGA }=265.9 \mathrm{deg}$ | PAD PGA $=268 \mathrm{deg}$ | The actual value of the PGA is sufficiently close to the PAD valve to successfully pass the monitoring plan test. |

[^0]Table V. The Chronological Sequence of Events of the Apollo 10 Entry and Available

| APOLLO 10 MISSION EVENT TIME | APOLLO 10 EVENT <br> real time data provided <br> TO CREW | COMMENTS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { EI }-15 \mathrm{~min} \\ 26 \mathrm{sec} \end{gathered}$ | CM/SM separation occurred CM/SM separation at EI - 15 min |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { EI }-15 \mathrm{~min} \\ 2 \mathrm{sec} \end{gathered}$ | Separation maneuver completed | The command pilot waited 84 seconds to provide adequate separation distance |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { EI }-14 \text { min } \\ 0 \mathrm{sec} \end{gathered}$ | V06 - N61 DSKY DISPLAY The same values as for EI - 18 min 56 sec | Last chance to update target |
| $\text { EI }-12 \mathrm{~min}$ <br> 38 sec | V06 - N22 DSKY DISPLAY <br> Roll Gimbal Angle $=359.5 \mathrm{deg}$ <br> Pitch Gimbal Angle $=179.9 \mathrm{deg}$ <br> Yaw Gimbal Angle $=359.6 \mathrm{deg}$ |  |
| $\mathrm{EI}-11 \min$ <br> 52 sec | P63 automatically sequenced in |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{EI}-11 \mathrm{~min} \\ 48 \mathrm{sec} \end{gathered}$ | ```V06 - N64 DSKY DIAPLAY Load factor = 0.0 Inertial velocity = 30,738 ft/sec RTOGO = 4562 n mi``` |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { EI }-15 \mathrm{~min} \\ 2 \mathrm{sec} \\ \text { TO EI } \end{gathered}$ | Crew maintained 0.05 g attitude Crew provided two options: <br> 1) Maintain 0.05 g attitude <br> 2) Track horizon on 31.7 degree mark on window | Pitch error needle will indicate proper functioning of G\&N prior to entry |

Table V. The Chronological Sequence of Events of the Apollo Entry and Available

| APOLLO 10 MISSION EVENT TIME | APOLLO 10 EVENT | REAL TIME DATA PROVIDED TO CREW | COMMENTS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\text { EI - } 3 \mathrm{~min}$ <br> 52 sec to EI | Pitch Gimbal Angle varied between 155 and 152 deg | Pitch Gimbal Angle at 0.05 g is 153 deg |  |
| EI | Load factor $=0.0 \mathrm{~g}$ <br> Inertial velocity $=36310 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$ RTOGO $=1387.4 \mathrm{n} \mathrm{mi}$ | $\text { Inertial velocity }=36315 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$ |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{EI}+0 \mathrm{~min} \\ 28 \mathrm{sec} \end{gathered}$ | Load factor $=0.043 \mathrm{~g}$ <br> Inertial velocity $=36393 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$ <br> RTOGO $=1218.9 \mathrm{nmi}$ | ```Load factor = 0.05g Inertial velocity = 36395 ft/sec RTOGO = 1206.1 n mi``` |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{EI}+0 \mathrm{~min} \\ 30 \mathrm{sec} \end{gathered}$ | P64 sequenced in V06 - N68 DSKY DISPLAY <br> Bank Angle Command $=0.0 \mathrm{deg}$ <br> Inertial velocity $=36396 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$ <br> Altitude Rate $=-3271 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bank Angle Command }=0.0 \mathrm{deg} \\ & \text { Inertial Velocity }=36395 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec} \end{aligned}$ |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{EI}+1 \mathrm{~min} \\ 18 \mathrm{sec} \end{gathered}$ | Huntest phase entered RDOT $=-641 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$ |  |  |
| $E I+1 \min$ <br> 28 sec | First non-zero bank command Inertial velocity $30762 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$ RDOT $=171 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$ Bank Angle Command $=22.94 \mathrm{deg}$ |  |  |
| $E I+1 \min$ <br> 38 sec | Maximum positive RDOT $=681 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$ achieved |  |  |

Table V. The Chronological Sequence of Events of the Apollo 10 Entry and Available

| APOLLO 10 MISSION EVENT TIME | APOLLO 10 EVENT | REAL TIME DATA PROVIDED TO CREW | COMMENTS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{array}{r} \mathrm{EI}+2 \mathrm{~min} \\ 12.6 \mathrm{sec} \end{array}$ | Actual time of VCIRC | PAD value of the time of VCIRC $\mathrm{EI}+2 \mathrm{~min} 8 \mathrm{sec}$ | The inertial velocity at $\mathrm{EI}+2 \min 8 \sec 25896$ instead of $25500 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$ |
| $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{EI}+2 \mathrm{~min} \\ 18 \mathrm{sec} \end{gathered}$ | Program 67 automatically <br> sequence in V06 - N66 DSKY DIS- <br> PLAY; Bank angle command $=0.0$ <br> Crossrange error $=11.0 \mathrm{nmi}$ <br> Downrange error $=-132.4 \mathrm{n}$ mi |  | The target is south of the present flight plane and the predicted downrange is short of the target |
| $E I+2 \mathrm{~min}$ <br> 28 sec | Max downrange error of -186.9 nmi short of target. Crossrange error is 3.74 n mi north of target |  |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{EI}+2 \mathrm{~min} \\ 46 \mathrm{sec} \end{gathered}$ | Time of the first non-zero roll command in final phase <br> Bank Angle Command $=15.41 \mathrm{deg}$ Downange error $=-16.5 \mathrm{n}$ mi Crossrange error $=4.5 \mathrm{n}$ mi north of the target |  |  |
| $\mathrm{EI}+7 \mathrm{~min}$ <br> 18 sec | ```V16-N67 DSKY DISPLAY RTOGO = -1.3 n mi Present Latitude = -15.09 deg Present Longitude = -164.69 deg``` |  |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{EI}+8 \mathrm{~min} \\ 18 \mathrm{sec} \end{gathered}$ | Drogues deploy PAD value of Drogue Deploy <br> was EI +8 min 16 sec |  |  |








Figure 6. Actual Command Module Performance Between First Peak G and First Minimum G
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Figure 9. Pitch Gimbal Angle and Pitch Error Versus Time


Figure 10. Flight Monitor Trace For Apollo 10


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Figure 14. Comparison of the BET Altitude History to the PIPA Environment Trajectory and the Gimbal Angle Drive Trajectory



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[^0]:    * The difference between the pad and actual PGA implies that the horizon was not on the 31.7 degree window mark at the time of the check.

[^1]:    Deadband Computed

