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MEMORANDUM FOR: J. Michael Kelly  
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SUBJECT: Missing DOE (Contractor) Helicopter

There has been an aviator's helmet turned into the Coast Guard which has been positively identified as belonging to the missing DOE (contractor) helicopter. The head gear was discovered in the sand on the bay side of Kent Island.

Based on this information, the families of the pilot and passenger have been notified. The Coast Guard is hoping that weekend visitors to Kent Island upon hearing of the discovery of the helmet will in turn find additional debris. This debris will enable the Coast Guard to more accurately determine where dredging operations should be conducted.

The news of the identification of the helmet and the location will be provided to the press and Jim Cannon of DOE's Office of Public Affairs will be the liaison contact.

The Coast Guard has at this point determined that both the pilot and passenger "went down with the aircraft."