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101450Z Apr 86. L-100 arrived over DZ on time but never saw inverted L or strobe lite. They remained in area 25 minutes and then aborted. Ralph coordinating with [redacted] who says troops saw and heard L-100. I want to try again tonight an hour earlier but Steele has informed Ralph that he will not permit another "half ass" operation. He says we have to establish air/ground radio contact before he will permit op to go forward. This is assinine -- no black ops ever use this procedure. The answer is to sort out why the troops did not have signals properly displayed, including most importantly the strobe lite. Also Sat wants their bird back. I will handle Sat if you take care of Steele. This must be done right away or we must return the bird.

Rgds, Dick. BT

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