

LOST COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURES. Communications between ground observer and GCS will be maintained by hand-held radios. If communications are lost between an observer and the GCS/PIC, the Observers will relay information to the nearest observer that has communications with the GCS, or by use of a mobile telephone, directly to the Mission Commander within the GCS. If communications cannot be restored between the observers and the CGS, then the PIC shall direct the aircraft to recover to the skyhook final approach fix and engage the skyhook.

Airborne observers will communicate via the same method and must maintain radio contact with the GCS for continued Scan Eagle operations that exceed 2000' MSL. In the event direct communications are lost between airborne visual observers and the PIC, the Scan Eagle shall be brought to within 2000' and 1 NM of the GCS to achieve ground observable line-of-sight for mission continuation. If this cannot be accomplished, then mission termination is mandatory as described above.

If radio contact is lost with ATC, the PIC will attempt to contact by alternate means of communication such as another radio and/or frequency, a telephone, or via the pilot and observer aboard the chase aircraft. With ATC approval, this may be employed until normal communication methods are restored. If communication with ATC is not possible, the flight will be terminated by executing a normal aircraft recovery to the skyhook final approach fix and engage the Skyhook. PIC shall maintain ATC assigned squawk and Mode C and pass information to ATC as soon as possible.