

TV FINDS JET LOST IN SEA

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NEW YORK, March 26.— (INS)—An Ohio firm disclosed today, with Navy permission, how a specially developed underwater television camera helped locate vital parts of an experimental F-100 jet plane which crashed in the Pacific Ocean off Los Angeles during a test flight early this month.

The wrecked North American Aviation Company plane crashed into the water at a speed of better than 800 miles an hour, according to W. I. McCord, sales manager of the Diamond Power Specialty Corporation, of Lancaster, Ohio, which developed the undersea TV "eye."

PLANE BROKE UP.

Because of the speed at the time of the crash the plane broke into fragments as it hit the water and sank. The pilot bailed out safely. It was important that as many parts as possible be recovered to provide possible clues to the reasons for the crash.

Beginning March 14 techni-

cians and divers were taken to the scene of the crash and the undersea TV camera was lowered more than 120 feet to scout the bottom for the plane parts. **WATCHED FROM DECK.**

Once the camera was lowered observers on the deck of the salvage ship were able to watch everything that the camera picked up—on a TV screen on deck.

"About 65 to 70 per cent of the parts, including the engine, were recovered by divers after being located by the TV camera," McCord said.

The major part of the operation took little more than a week.