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CAPSULE INSPECTION — Alan B. Shepard Jr., the first U.S. Astronaut to ride the Project Mercury capsule through space, inspects the capsule after it was recovered from the Atlantic and taken aboard the USS Lake Champlain May 5. Shepard left the one-ton space craft, named "Freedom 7," while it was still in the water and returned to the carrier aboard the recovery helicopter. The capsule was launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida and landed 302 miles (486 kilometers) down the Atlantic Test Range. (61-8169)

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