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REPLY TO
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SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report
et 3 PARC-252-22 Mar 65

TO: Pacific Air Rescue Center
APO U.S. Forces 96553

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1. Chronology of events.

0650Z

22 Mar 65: Iola Alpha was airborne from Danang AB, RVN and proceeded north towards mission orbit position located fifteen miles off-shore from the target area (ocean orbit Romeo). Initial climb was to flight level 5,000 feet. Upon crossing the seventeenth parallel, a descent was made to 300 feet to avoid radar detection; however, airborne radar aboard the aircraft indicated a definite lock-on by unfriendly coastal radar.

0830Z: Iola Alpha arrived at orbit position and open sea evaluation made. No smoke was dropped due to possibility of enemy detection or the confusion of friendly forces.

0845Z: Received UHF transmission on 364.2MC from "Thunderbird Three", who advised Thunderbird Lead was hit and planned to eject. Thunderbird Three was instructed to transmit a ten second hold-down for a bearing. Immediately after heading was established, wingman advised that Thunderbird Lead had ejected with a good chute opening.

0850Z: Sighted landfall which proved to be two small mountainous islands just off the North Vietnamese coast. Iola Alpha was advised to remain well clear of armed junks and radar controlled coastal batteries, which were reported by Rescap as active. Rescue aircraft endeavored to remain beyond effective firing range and located survivor with help of day smoke. A large armed fishing junk was within 800 yards and under full sail towards the survivor.

0900Z: Iola Alpha made water landing on predetermined heading; time being of essence and evasion from enemy fire paramount. Rescue aircraft contacted water on crest of swell; however, height of swell compounded by a short swell system caused the aircraft to be thrown back into the air in a fully stalled position. An estimated 16 to 20 knot cross wind then weather vained the aircraft slightly, causing it to contact the water a second time in a slight crab, which resulted in minor damage to the aircraft.

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0905Z: Survivor picked up within one and one-half hours. Only minor laceration of chin caused by oxygen mask on ejection or subsequent chute deployment.

0909Z: Iola Alpha airborne on return flight to Danang. After Rescue aircraft became airborne, Eagle Flight (Rescap F-100s) expended 114 rockets on armed junk, demolishing same.

1030Z: Iola Alpha landed at Danang. Flight Surgeon notified to meet aircraft.

2. Specific Comments.

a. Radio discipline was excellent. No extraneous transmissions were overheard and all instructions strictly adhered to. It must be noted, however, that the US 7th Fleet utilized 364.2MC for both tactical and carrier take-offs and landings. Due to range and altitude of Rescue aircraft during this particular mission, no problem was encountered. This subject has been discussed with Commander, Det 3 (PARC) and appropriate action taken.

b. Rescap was exemplary and must be commended for neutralizing enemy gun positions and escort on return flight. No battle damage was received by the Rescue aircraft.

3. Recommendations.

a. Coordinate with CINCPAC to establish frequency 364.2MC as Rescue primary. Same to be pre-channelled in all SEA tactical aircraft. Additional frequencies are needed in cases of multiple bailouts.

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MISSIONS

RESCUERS

LOCATIONS

SURVIVORS

Name

Aircraft

Name

Service

Aircraft

5-PARC-70-8 Feb
3-PARC-128-11 Feb
3-PARC-187-2 Mar

Capt Hartley
Capt Richardson
Maj La Dou
Maj Ingraham
Capt Freedman
Lt Phelan

HH-43F
HU-16B
HU-16B
HH-43F
HH-43B
HH-43F

1607N - 10812E
1728N - 10646E
1743N - 10634E
1706N - 10640E
1615N - 10525E
1720N - 10655E

Maj Hung VNAF A1H
LT Majors USN A4C
Lt Cullen USA F-100
Capt Baird USAF F-105
Maj Panas USAF F-105
W/O Van Phu VNAF A1H

3-PARC-252-22 Mar
3-PARC-266-26 Mar

Capt Kelly
Maj Waechter
Maj Shook
Lt Phelan

HH-43B
HU-16B
HU-16B
HH-43F

1604N - 10340E
1758N - 10638E
1758N - 10635E
1620N - 10823E

Capt Spagnola USAF F-105
LCol Risner USAF F-105
CDR Shugart USN A4E
LT Wangman USN F8U

3-PARC-277-29 Mar*
3-PARC-283-31 Mar
3-PARC-319-9 Apr
3-PARC-393-27 Apr
3-PARC-428-7 May
3-PARC-433-8 May
3-PARC-448-12 May
3-PARC-469-17 May
3-PARC-493-23 May
4-PARC-269-28 May
3-PARC-529-1 Jun
5-PARC-313-2 Jun

Maj Shook
Capt Strayer
Capt Reichardt
Capt Rodenberg
Capt Reichardt
Capt Reichardt
Capt Ballinger
Capt Hepp
Capt Richardson
Capt Boyles
Capt Brunner
Capt Hartley

HU-16B
HH-43B
HU-16B
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HU-16B
HH-43B
HH-43B
HH-43B
HU-16B
HH-43F
HU-16B
HH-43F

2010N - 10737E
1717N - 10545E
1854N - 10541E
1727N - 10445E
1935N - 10605E
1753N - 10705E
1655N - 10443E
1905N - 10442E
1840N - 10600E
1048N - 10640E
1847N - 10609E
1611N - 10808E

CDR Donnelly USN F8U
Capt Bigoness USAF F-100
LCDR McNeil USN A4C
LTJG Wilkes USN A1H
Maj Lambert USAF F-105
LT Wilson USN RF8A
Capt Schneider USAF F-105
Capt Taliaferro USAF F-105
Maj Hernan USAF F-105
LT Field USA UH-1B
Capt Lockhart USAF HH-43F
SSgt Kilpatrick
A2C Smith

* Recovered on 31 March

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<u>Mission Number</u>				<u>Rescue Aircraft</u>			<u>Persons Saved</u>			<u>Totals</u>			
Det	ARC	Sq	Msn	Date	HU-16	HH-43	HH-3	USAF	USN	USA	Fgn Mil	Indiv Msn	Accumulative
5	PARC		70	8 Feb		1					1	1	1
3	PARC		128	11 Feb	1				1			1	2
3	PARC		187	2 Mar	1	4		4			1	5	7
3	PARC		252	22 Mar	1			1				1	8
3	PARC		266	26 Mar	1	1			2			2	10
3	PARC		277	29 Mar	1				1			1	11
3	PARC		283	31 Mar		1		1				1	12
3	PARC		319	9 Apr	1				1			1	13
3	PARC		393	27 Apr		1			1			1	14
3	PARC		428	7 May	1			1				1	15
3	PARC		433	8 May	1				1			1	16
3	PARC		448	12 May		1		1				1	17
3	PARC		469	17 May		1		1				1	18
3	PARC		493	23 May	1			1				1	19
4	PARC		269	28 May		1				1		1	20
3	PARC		529	1 Jun	1				1			1	21
5	PARC		313	2 Jun		4		4				4	25
3	PARC		562	8 Jun		1		1				1	26
3	PARC		568	9 Jun		2		2				2	28
3	PARC		630	23 Jun		1		1				1	29

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