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REPLY TO
ATTN CF: DET 5 PARC

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative

TO: DET 3 PARC

HU-16 No. 15302 took off from Danang at 1330H to cover an ocean orbit position at 19 30N 106 10E, arriving on station at 1500H. Shortly after 1530H a call received from "Chevy" flight stated a pilot had ejected. His chute was good, and they were following him down. When asked on the location, they stated they were about 10 miles off shore. DF bearings were taken, all giving random bearings, showing the transmissions were in the immediate area. Another call was received that they had the 16 in sight, just to the south. A turn was made to the north, and the chute sighted. The HU-16 orbited under the chute as it descended. Sea evaluation was rechecked, and 020 was selected as possible heading. As the chute approached 1000' (estimated), the landing pattern was established. Drop tanks were jettisoned on down wind. The survivor made contact with the water as we turned on final. Landing run-out was within 200 feet of the survivor, and the 16 maneuvered for normal recovery. Landing time was 1545H, location 19 35N 106 05E. The survivor had not released his canopy prior to pick up, thus it was cut loose by the para-rescue team as the survivor was brought aboard. An immediate take off was made in a northeasterly heading, and then first aid treatment was administered to wounds on the right arm of the survivor after airborne. Reason for expediting take off was numerous small craft in the immediate area. Several of which were destroyed by Rescap while the 16 was on final approach and on the water. The 16 landed at Danang at 1805 H, and the survivor was released to the Danang Station Hospital. X-Rays revealed foreign metallic objects in the arm, which were removed by the Marine Surgeon.

Survivor Major Lambert, Robert L., 354th Fighter Sq., Downed Aircraft F-105. HU-16 Crew - RCC, Capt Richard F. Reichardt, Pilot, 1st Lt David W. Haines; Navigator, Capt Alexander F. Stewart; AM, SSgt Paul El Lucier, all of the 31st ARS, Clark. RADIO Operator, Robert M. Shimamoto, 76th ARS. PJ's, TSgt William V. Vargas and SSgt Donald G. Smith, Both 31ARS.

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