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DET 2-3-4-16 Jan

(C) USAF F-105 reported missing in Laos. Aircraft searched area of last known position. The wreckage was located the next day. No signal received from the ground but heavy ground fire was experienced by search aircraft. No evidence that pilot had ejected prior to impact. Mission was suspended under the direction of 2nd Air Division.

DET 2-3-5-20 Jan

(C) USAF F-105 pilot ejected in Laos. HH-3C made hoist pick-up after visual contact was established. Recovery was completed 18 minutes after initial notification of downed aircraft. The pilot was reported to be in excellent condition.

DET 2-3-6-26 Jan

(C) USAF RF-101 on a photo mission in North Vietnam was hit and the pilot reported he was bailing out. Aircraft made visual and electronic search of the area but negative results. Mission was suspended after the next days search.

DET 2-3-7-1 Feb

(U) USN A1H pilot bailed out over Laos. Electrical contact was established with him as the HH-3C arrived on the scene visual contact was established. Hoist pick-up was made while fighter aircraft provided cover against ground fire.

DET 2-3-8-1 Feb

(U) USN A1H last seen on dive bomb run. Wingman never saw the aircraft again. No voice contact was established after pilot initiated bomb run. Extensive search uncovered no wreckage and the terrain was covered with large trees and heavy foliage. Mission was suspended.

DET 2-3-9-5 Feb

(U) T-28 pilot on strike mission in Laos was forced down. Pilot was recovered by helicopter of unknown registry and returned to friendly forces. Pilot reported in good condition.

DET 2-3-10-9 Feb

(C) B-57 on a night mission over Laos was reported missing. SAR forces conducted a first light visual and electronic search but obtained no leads. Mission was suspended.

DET 2-3-11- 10 Feb

(U) USN A1H on an armed RECCE mission in North Vietnam was reported down. Wingman reported he did not think the pilot got out. Search aircraft located the wreckage and reported no possibility that he could have survived and had to leave the area due to heavy ground fire.

DET 2-3-12-15 Feb

(C) USAF A1E pilot bailed out in Laos. Wingman reported good chute but lost contact, both visual and electronic, after pilot hit the ground. SAR HH-3C twice attempted to penetrate area of the chute but had to withdraw due to extremely heavy ground fire. Low visual search had to be discontinued but higher electronic search continued. Mission was suspended three days later.

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