

FROM: Det 6, 38th Aerospace Rescue & Recovery Squadron, APO 96227

SUBJECT: Narrative Report (Mission Number 6-38-123/15 Sep 66)

TO: 3d Aerospace Rescue & Recovery Gp (JSARC), APO 96307

1. We received notification via telephone of an U.S. Army HU-1 helicopter down 18 miles southwest of Saigon. We scrambled two HH-43F, Pedro 73 and Pedro 97. Pedro 73 was airborne at 1038 hours, Pedro 97 approximately one minute later. Pedro 73 contacted Paris Control to obtain information on gunships. Soon after this he lost all radios. Pedro 97 attempted to contact 73 on Guard Channel, but was unable to. The helicopters proceeded to the general area.

2. Upon arrival over the area, Pedro 97 made contact with an army helicopter in the area, who informed us the personnel on the ground had been fired on a few times but not in the last 20 minutes. Assuming the radio failure would prevent the primary helicopter from going into the area for the pickups, Pedro 97 made an approach to the downed helicopter and recovered five crewmembers. Two army helicopters made approaches into the area and recovered the remaining four persons.

3. After Pedro 97 departed, Pedro 73 joined him in the flight to Tan Son Nhut, where the five Army personnel were unloaded. Both Pedro aircraft returned to Bien Hoa. Communications were poor. Pedro 97 had difficulties contacting anyone in the area, and only after an inquiry on Guard Channel communications were established. Five sorties for 2:50 flown.

4. Crewmembers aboard rescue helicopter:

RCC	Captain Karl G. King
CP	1st Lt Donald L. Hebert
RS	A1C Gerald C. Hammond
RS	A2C Fredrick L. Sanger

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