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FROM: RCC/MAJ MIRICK

SUBJECT: Mission Report Crown 4, 21 August 1967

TO: Commanding Officer
39 ARRS

While on normal Crown 4 orbit 21 August 67, at 0025 Dakota 202 reported he was hit and proceeding out bound at 0030Z. Dakota 203 reported that Dakota 202 ejected position 360/52 CH 20. At 0035 Dakota 203 had the pilot in sight. At 0052 Electron 505 was on scene with negative flak or ground fire. At 0058 Clementine 1 was proceeding for first pick up. At 0103 had flare and chute in sight and picked the first man up at 0106Z. Clementine 1 thought he had the RO's flare in sight but it was the smoke from the aircraft. 0110Z Electron 507 tracking RO and had voice contact however flares were not penetrating the canopy. At 0126^{hrs} RO said Clementine 1^{was} overhead, however unable to see man due to the jungle canopy. He fired a smoke and this was how Clementine 1 spotted the man. He was picked up at 0137 and the SAR Forces proceeded out bound. 0144 the forces were Feet Wet. At 0147 the RO reported he left his beeper at 21-04N 107-17E and it may still be on. The forces were caped by Navy jets during SAR mission.

At 0500Z we received a beeper and Milestone 402 reported Milestone 410 was down in the target area with chute and beeper but he recommended no SAR due to location, the forces being unable to get into the area. It was an A6-A with 2 SOB, position 21-13N 106-24E.

At 0538 Milestone 402/405 were reported as having been attacked by Migs. The last position was 21-33N 107-42E. This was 15 miles from the in coast point near the China border. An electronic search was conducted by Navy high performance aircraft under control of Proud Fox; in the area with no results, prior to Crown 4 relieved by Crown 5, Crown 4 never received beeper on either Milestone 402/405.

At 0730Z as we were RTB, Queen directed Crown 4 to contact Jolley Green 25 and to maintain orbit near Da Nang while Jolly Green 25 made a med-evac from 241/11 EH 37. He had Deadlock 1 as escort gun ship. Black Goat 6 vectored Jolly Green 25 in for the pickup. There was no ground fire noted on the pickup. He departed the area at 0803Z and Crown 4 RTB at that time.

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