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Mission Narrative Report (1-3-119) 6 August 1967 (U)

3d ARRGp (RGRC)
APO 96307

1. (U) This report is submitted in accordance with 3d ARRGp Supplement 1, ARRSN 55-1, 27 April 1967.
2. (C) At 1005L, 6 August 1967, Jolly Green 29 and 07 were scrambled from Quang Tri after being notified by Queen that Lance 01 (F-4C) was on fire and both pilots were ejecting. The position was given as 315/94/37. This was later changed to 020/42/109. The Jolly's were airborne at 1010L arriving on the scene of impact at 1025L. The area was approximately five miles from the coastline, well marked by an oil slick, and positively fixed as 360/29/109. An extensive low level search was initiated with negative results. Further information compiled by Crown 4 revealed that at least two fighter aircraft operating nearby received Lance 01's "May Day" and witnessed him cross the coast on a heading of 070°. They followed the plane visually until it crashed into the Gulf. At no time following the "May Day" was either pilot observed ejecting. No parachutes were ever spotted, nor was a "beeper" ever heard. Jolly Green 29 and 07 remained on the scene until being RTB'd to refuel at 1150L.

3. (U) Weather in the area was not a determining factor.

4. (C) Rescue aircraft involved:

Jolly Green 29 and 07

USAF HH-3E

Crown 4

USAF HC-130

5. Aircrew Jolly Green 29 (Low)

Capt. Thomas E. Bair
L/Col. John W. James
SSgt. Albert Epps
A2C Michael B. Gallasch

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Aircrew Jolly Green 07 (High)

Maj. James F. Hicks
1Lt Richard D. Kennard
A1C Charles Harris
A2C Peter H. Eyrich

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