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At 0630Z, 4 Oct 67, Compress reported that two T-28 aircraft, Yellow Flight Lead and his wingman, had been downed at 19°09'N, 103°43'E (098/47 NM on South Station) and asked JG 56 if he could proceed in a direct route from his operating site (LS-36) to the area without having to circumvent known hostile territory. They were advised that, if Sandy escort was provided, a direct route would be feasible since the Sandy's intelligence information would keep them clear of known "hot" areas. JG 56 and 09 were immediately launched. The time was 0630Z. Ten minutes later our two additional Jolly Greens, 53 and 15, were launched from Channel 89 to the same area. Jolly Green 56 (Low) and 09 (High) held on the 200 degree radial of North Station at 43 NM until contact with the Sandy escort (Firefly 16) was made at 0715Z. Nearly 20 minutes had been exhausted before visual contact was made. On his advice, they proceeded 10 NM due East to the 180 degree radial of North Station, hence due South to the rescue scene. At 0735Z, all Sandys, Jolly Green 56 and 09 and Jolly Green 53 and 15 were RTB'd. The position of JG 56 and 09 was 180 degrees at 58 NM from Channel 97; that of JG 53 and 15, 355 degrees at 87 miles from Channel 89. A Raven aircraft on scene at the time reported that the survivor had been taken into friendly custody and was being delivered to a nearby site where he could be picked up by another aircraft and returned to his station. Jolly Green 56 and 09 landed at LS-36 at 0755Z; JG 53 and 15 landed at Channel 89 at 0835Z.

Weather at the time of launch and enroute to the rescue scene was 7500' scattered to broken with excellent visibility. Mission coordination of all resources by Crown 2 was good; the radio discipline by all forces involved was also good, although somewhat more congested than normal since four, rather than 2, rescue helicopters were involved in the effort. No hostile fire was experienced by any of the four helicopters.

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 Rescue Crew Commander

Channel 89

Low 53
 RCC, Capt Colyer
 RCCP, Lt Sichterman
 FE, SSgt Warmack
 RS, A2C Allaire

High 15
 RCC, Capt Walker
 RCCP, Maj Moore
 FE, SSgt Thacker
 RS, A2C Smith

LS 36

Low 56
 RCC, Lt Britton
 RCCP, Maj Wagner
 FE, Al Jaynes
 RS, A2C McComb

High 09
 RCC, Capt Etzel
 RCCP, Capt Hall
 FE, SSgt Zerbe
 RS, A2C Freboni