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SUBJECT: Mission Narrative, 18 November 1967; Msn # 2 - 3 - 89

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TO: 3ARRGP (C)

1. (U) This report is submitted in accordance with ARRSN 55-2/3ARRGP Sup 1, dated 15 June 1967.

2. (S)(GP-4) Jolly Greens 55 and 37 were notified to scramble by Crown 1 at 0817L. Weather at L-36 was overcast (Approx 500') with good visibility. As they broke through the overcast at 6500' MSL Jolly Greens 55 and 37 joined up with Sandys 3 and 4. The downed aircraft was Waco 4; his reported position was 030° at 30 miles from CH97. Jolly Green 55 estimated 45 minutes to the area. As Jolly Green 55 and 37 neared CH97, Sandy 2 advised that the survivor had been located at 030°, 13 miles from CH97. Jolly Green 37 was instructed to orbit CH97 above the clouds while Jolly Green 55 penetrated the overcast. Since the Sandys were unable to locate a hole, Jolly Green 55 proceeded to a relatively open area and let down through the clouds. Jolly Green 55 broke into the clear approximately 800' above the ground in a small valley, and flew low level through several valleys to reach the scene, arriving at 0855L. Due to poor visibility and dense foliage, Jolly Green 55 was unable to spot the survivor who was located on the side of a steep ridge. There was a strong wind blowing uphill which caused the survivors smoke to run along the ground under the trees. The smoke was sighted near the top of the ridge. Jolly Green 55 entered a hover there, but was unable to sight the survivor since all his smoke had dissipated. Jolly Green 55 requested another smoke flare and smoke was observed in the trees several hundred feet down the ridge. Jolly Green 55 positioned over the survivor and brought him aboard at 0910L. Elevation was 2500' OAT 13° C. The survivor was in good condition with only minor cuts and bruises. There was no observed enemy action and no damage to the helicopter. Jolly Green 55, accompanied by Sandys 1 and 2, climbed through the overcast and proceeded to L-98, landing at 1020L. The survivor was loaded aboard an Air America C-123 for transport to Udorn AB.

3. (U) The name of the survivor was LT COL WILLIAM REED, USAF.

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4. (U) A list of crew members follows:

JOLLY GREEN 55 (Low)

Capt David A. Richardson, RCC
1st Lt Billy N. Privette, RCCP
SSgt Carl L. Warmack, Flt Engr
ALC Roy A. Taylor, ParaRescueSpec

JOLLY GREEN 37 (High)

Maj Powell Moore, RCC
1st Lt Andrew J. Gonos, RCCP
SSgt Bernard W. Grau, Flt Engr
ALC Jules C. Smith, ParaRescueSpec

DAVID A. RICHARDSON, Capt USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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