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SUBJ: Mission Narrative Report (2-3-30, 29 Mar 68)(U)

TO: 1-400 W

3ARRGp (JSARC)
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1. (U) This report is submitted IAW ARRSN 55-2/3 ARRGp Sup 1, dated 15 June 1967.
2. (S) At 0500L JG-19L and JG-37H launched for a first light effort to recover Nail 43 and 41 at 102/48.5/Ch 89, who had bailed out the previous evening. At 0532L, both JGs orbited at 102/45/Ch 89. Visual contact with the survivors was made at 0545L and at 0557L Sandy 5 directed JG-19L in for the pickup. Nail 41 was recovered at 0606L and Nail 43 at 0612L. Both pilot were in excellent condition. Radio discipline was good and weather was not a factor. The mission terminated at Channel 89 at 0643L.
3. (C) The names of the survivors were: Holden C. Johnson, Lt Col, USAF and John J. Doran, Major, USAF, 23 TASS, NKP RTAFB.
4. (U) Crewmembers of Jolly Greens were:

JOLLY GREEN 19 (LOW)

RCC 1LT JAMES H. PLATT

RCCP MAJ LOUIS D. YUHAS

FE SGT MICKEY D. BERRY

RS ALC CHARLES D. KING

JOLLY GREEN 37 (HIGH)

RCC MAJ RICHARD A. WAGNER

RCCP CAPT JOHN H. CANFIELD

FE SGT NARCISO A. OTERO

RS SGT PATRICK F. ALLAIRE

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They do not respond to requests to set off frequency. Suggest FAC aircraft be briefed to allow Sandy or on-scene commander to handle comms on guard with survivors where possible.

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28 Feb	229	Capt Basel	F-105	USAF	Laos	Capt Greer Maj Oderman Sgt Berry Sgt Duffy	Yes
6 Mar	230 231	Capt Marler Maj Benziger	B66	USAF	Thailand	Maj Oderman Maj Reagan Sgt Otero Sgt McComb	No
6 Mar	232	Capt Lewark	B66	USAF	Thailand	Maj Orsini Capt Holt Sgt Grau Sgt Fraboni	No
11 Mar	233 thru 268	Classified	EVACUATION OF L.S. 85		Laos	Maj Haynes Maj Yuhas Sgt Berry Sgt Fraboni	No
11 Mar	269 thru 294	Classified			Laos	Maj Oderman Maj Williams Sgt Cole Sgt McComb	No
25 Mar	295	Sgt Hill	C123	Laos	USAF	Capt Richardson Maj Yuhas Sgt Peele Sgt Fraboni	No
30 Mar	296 297	LtCol Johnson Maj Doran	02	Laos	USAF	Lt Platt Maj Yuhas Sgt Berry Sgt King	No
30 Mar	298 299	Maj Marquardt Capt Hodges	F-111	Thailand	USAF	Maj Oderman Capt McKinley Sgt Hannegan Sgt Boles	No

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