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SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report (No Mission Number) (U)

TO: 40ARSq(O) *Jul*
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3rd ARSg (JSARC)
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1. (U) This report is submitted in accordance with ARSF 55-2, 3rd ARSg Supplement 1, dated 15 June 1967.

2. (S) At 0300Z on 23 June 1968, the crew of Jolly Green 69 was briefed by Air America personnel on the retrieval of one H-34 that had been shot down in a hostile area at an elevation of 400 feet at 147°/39NM from Channel 72. Jolly Green 69 departed Udorn RTAFB, Thailand at 0445Z enroute to Ubon RTAFB, Thailand to brief Jolly Green 67 who would act as armed escort to Jolly Green 69. Upon completion of the briefing, a complete weather briefing was obtained at TJCC. Jolly Green 67 and 69 departed Ubon at 0745Z to rendezvous with Spad 35 and 36 at 194°/34NM from Channel 72. After rendezvous, the four aircraft proceeded to FS 22 located 155°/34NM from Channel 72. In route, Jolly Green 69 requested and received the actual weather conditions at the crash site from Raven 52. At 0745Z, one pararescuer and all the parachutes were offloaded at FS 22 to lighten the helicopter and facilitate ground marshalling upon return with the H-34. Jolly Green 67 orbited with Spad 35 and 36 until Jolly Green 69 was air-borne enroute to the crash site. An evaluation of wind and the crash site was made as soon as Raven 52 pointed out the area at 0900Z. During the entire pick up, the Spads and Jolly Green 67 orbited the area checking for possible ground fire. When Jolly Green 69 came to a hover over the H-34, the Flight Engineer lowered a lanyard to an Air America hookup man sitting astride the H-34. Assisted by the second pararescuer, he pulled the lanyard and nylon sling up to the cargo hook. Jolly Green 69 lifted the H-34 straight up to a 40' height, necessary to clear the trees in the immediate vicinity. Forward flight was established with the H-34 suspended on a 60 foot nylon line. Jolly Green 69 carried the H-34 to FS 22 at an elevation of 2800 feet. Due to a slow acceleration, the stabilizing chute failed to deploy. Forward and aft movement of the load was negligible; however, it swayed laterally in an arc of approximately 15 feet. At 40-50 knots, the oscillations were at a minimum. Upon reaching FS 22, the pre-positioned pararescuer ignited a smoke flare for wind direction and provided ground marshalling to the site selected by an Air America representative. After releasing the load, Jolly Green 67 landed on the runway. Air America personnel indicated that they wanted the H-34 moved to a different location. Jolly Green 67 hovered over the helicopter and the pararescuer on the ground made the hookup. Jolly Green 69 picked up and moved the H-34 to the new location. At approximately 0715Z, Raven 52 requested Jolly Green 67 to exfiltrate the rigging party and perimeter defense force from the crash site. To facilitate a safe withdrawal, Jolly Green 67 made two

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trips to the area exfiltrating 14 one time and 18 the next for a total of 32 personnel. Jolly Green 67 reloaded the parachutes and pararescue-man and waited at F3 22 until fuel requirements dictated immediate rendezvous with Crown 7 for air to air refueling. After refueling, Jolly Green 67 was rejoined by Jolly Green 69 and both proceeded to Channel 51 arriving there at 1040Z. After refueling and picking up one maintenance man, Jolly Green 69 and 67 proceeded to Udorn RTAFB and terminated the mission at 1250Z.

3. (C) Recovered was one H-34.

4. (U) Jolly Green crews:

a. Jolly Green 67

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| (1) MCC, Robert R. Rockel, Major, | 40AERS |
| (2) MCCP, Robert E. Huddick, Captain, | 40AERS |
| (3) FE, Junior Cazares, TSgt, | 40AERS |
| (4) ES, Larry E. Palmer, Sgt, | 40AERS |
| (5) ES, Thomas Devine, Sgt, | 40AERS |
| (6) AP, Stanley J. Nagrocki, Sgt, | 601st Photo Flt |

b. Jolly Green 69

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| (1) MCC, Carl W. Oliver, Captain, | 40AERS |
| (2) MCCP, Aaron Aharonian, Major, | 40AERS |
| (3) FE, Robert R. Kellen, TSgt, | 40AERS |
| (4) ES, Albert W. Foster, III, SSgt, | 40AERS |
| (5) ES, Charles D. Morrow, AIC, | 40AERS |

Carl W. Oliver

CARL W. OLIVER, Captain, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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