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COMMAND CORRESPONDENCE STAFF SUMMARY SHEET

ROUTING/COORDINATION				ORIGINATOR	PHONE NO.	DATE
GRADE	SIGNATURE	DATE				
C		JUL 10 1968		DOCC/Lt Col Newton	4114	10 Jul 68
				TYPED NAME/GRADE/SIGNATURE OF ACTION OFFICER		
				William H. Stewart		
				WILLIAM H. STEWART, Colonel, USAF		
				Chief, Command and Control Division		
				TYPED NAME/GRADE/SIGNATURE OF DCS/DIRECTOR		
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Aircraft Loss, 9 July 1968 (U)

1. (S) Background: Firefly 15 and 16/2 A1/NKP departed NKP at 1326H on a special escort mission for Durax helicopters from Udorn. At 1512H, Firefly 16 was reported down at a point 14 nm NNE of Lima Site 36 in Barrel Roll. Firefly 16 was hit by small arms fire. Raven 47, the FAC, reported 10 active AK-47 positions. Firefly 15 reported a good chute, and contact with the pilot on the ground was quickly established. The pilot, Lt Colonel William R. Buice, reported he had a broken arm. At 1546H, information was received that Durax 401 had the survivor on board, and was transporting him to LS 36. Jolly Green 68, enroute to the crash scene, was diverted to LS 36 to pick up the survivor and transport him to Udorn. Jolly Green 68 arrived at Udorn at 1746H. Except for the broken arm, the pilot was reported to be in good condition.

2. (S) Sequence of Events:

- 1512H - 7AF CC was advised that Firefly 16 ejected NNE of LS 36.
- 1512H - Firefly 15 reported through Ethan 02 (College Eye Laos Orbit) that he saw a good chute.
- 1515H - Cricket ABCCC reported that Firefly 15 was in contact with Firefly 16 and had a good fix on his position.
- 1520H - JG 68 and 70 were airborne from LS 98 and enroute to the scene.
- 1546H - Firefly 16 was picked up by Durax 401 and enroute to LS 36. Jolly Green 68 will proceed to LS 36 to transport the survivor to Udorn.
- 1746H - Jolly Green 68 arrives at Udorn with Firefly 16.

3. Form 5 information relative to the pilots flying background is not available at this time.

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ZNY CCCC
DE RUMBDF 4994 19125

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Z 0 0911030Z JUL 68

FM OL ARRG P UDORN RTAFB THAILANDO RUMSAL/3ARRGP/JSARC SN A

B RVN
RUEFHQA/CSAXAFCP/AFXOPFH/WASHINGTON D C
RUCIEUA/MAC/CP/MAOCCA/15 -12 8)
47:837-/ARSCP SCOTT AFB ILL

RECEIVED
375 ABGP

9 JUL 68 18.14z

ACTION INFO

RUHEAA/PACARRC/PROCP/ICKAM AFB HAWI
INFO RUMSAL/7AF/DOTO/S9/DP/DI/BDPMP/CPTSN AB RVN
RUWTFJA/USAFMPC/AMSK/RANDOLPH AFB TEXAS
RUMUHFA/MACV SAIGN RVN
UHEAA/CINCPACAFXCC/HICKM FB HAWAII
RUEBABA/TAC/DOOSLR/LANGLEY AFB VA
RUMSARE/39ARRS TUYHOA RV
ZEN/TUOC UDORN RTAFB THAILAND
RUMSAGS/OL-1, ARRG P SON TRA RVA
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/JOPREP JIFFY RSKUE/20, 7AF FOR TC

Opening/closing

QM MED EVAC
2. 21-52 09 JUL 68

4. (A) PILOT FIREFLY 16, 192N 10330E. (B) SE (C) SE (D) 13

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(F SE (G) LT COL BUICE, W. - (H) 1 PB5.5 CROWN 2/0711ZM

SE. 2/HH50715ZM 8. JG 68/70 AIRBORNE 071Z. 9. 10. A) NOT A FACTOR. 11. OL2 3rd 2nd

ARRGP MAJ LOWELL A BARRETT

TSGTWILLIAM H RIVEN BARK JR. 12. 13 13. SE 4.13 15. (A)

SE. 16. TAKEN TO UDORRTAFB THAILAND. 17. 2/4PLUS50/HH53/

40ARRS; 1/PLUS00/HC130P/39ARRS. 18. SE. 19. (A) (RCC) MONTREM, A. C.

(CP) MAJ STEWART, R. D. (FE) SSGT BOLES, G. 4. (PJ) MSGT

FAVOUR, H. T. (PJ) SGT KRATZ, D. A. ALL ASSIGNED 40 ARRS.

19. (B) LT COL BUICE, W. A. 602FS(C) NAKHON PHAMON RTAFB.

20. (H) 1 ARRS MED EVAC. NO AIR REFUELING AKCOMPLISD. FIREFLY 16 WAS DOWNED DUE TO
UNKNOWN CAUSES. WICE CONTACT

WAS ESTABLISHED WITH FIREFLY 16 BY FIREFLY 15. 574-1 401,

AIR AMERICA HELO, WAS AREA AND MADE PICKUP OF FIREFLY 16.

OURX 401 TOOK FIREFLY 16 TO L36, JG 68 WAS AT LAEYN TOOK

FIREFLY 160 BAOADAND RETURNED HIM TO UDORN RTAFB. FIREFLY 16

PILOT HAD BROKEN ARM AND WAS IN MILD SHOCK. GP-4

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