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1. This report is submitted in accordance with ARRSN 55-2/3ARRGP SUP 1, dated 15 Apr 68.

2. Jolly Green 25 departed its forward operating base at Quang Tri at 04/0330Z to assume Echo Orbit. At 0440Z when returning to base, JG 25 was diverted by Queen to 17 degrees 04N and 112 degrees 33'E to pick up seven people floating in a raft. We were advised that they had been spotted by Yardmarker 02 (a P2V from Cam Ranh Bay). Also a Bobby 40 (an HC-130 from Clark AFB, Philippine Islands) was On Scene Commander and had dropped a life raft. All information was being relayed by Queen and Crown 4. At 0530Z Crown 4 refueled JG 25, updated his navigation and gave him a heading to the scene of the wreckage. At this time Crown 4 advised JG 25 that Gunfighters 5 and 6 were being scrambled for Mig Cap. At 0630Z voice contact was established with both Bobby 40 and Yardmarker 02. Both the aforementioned aircraft assisted with DF steers and briefed JG 25 on the situation. This assistance was of great value and was critical in facilitating a smooth rapid pickup. At 0710Z JG 25 landed in the water and pulled the seven survivors on board. At 0715Z JG 25 was airborne and enroute to DaNang. On the return trip Bobby 40 took formation lead and led JG 25 to DaNang. Gunfighters five and six sunk the make shift raft and provided escort for the rescue aircraft on the return trip.

CREW OF JG 25 WERE:

RCC Major Charles E. Wicker
RCCP Capt Don W. Wiegard
FE SSgt James A. Bowers
RS Sgt Norman C. Kohlstrand

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