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FROM: 370

11 January 1969

SUBJECT: MISSION NARRATIVE REPORT (1-3-004-9010) (U)

TO: 370

3ARRGp (JSARC) *LOZ*

IN TURN

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Classified by 61-13ARRG
SUBJECT TO GENERAL DECLASSIFICATION
SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652
AUTOMATICALLY DOWNGRADED AT TWO
YEAR INTERVALS.
31 Dec 75

1. (C) At 0630Z, 10 January 69, Jolly Green 32 scrambled from ground alert posture at DaNang AB and Jolly Green 03 was scrambled from airborne alert posture in response to the reported ejection of SPAD 03 at 238/13 at DME Ch 77. Upon arriving at the position the Jollys were given a corrected position of 250/22 DME Ch 77. At 0655 the Jollys arrived at the corrected position and were briefed by the OSC, Spad 04. There was no hostile reaction to low passes by the Rescort aircraft and the survivor reported no sign of activity in the area. Jolly Green 32 went into a hover at approximately 200' AGL, 2700' MSL, and extracted the survivor at 0715Z. The terrain was steep and covered with 200' trees as well as thick undergrowth. The survivor was entangled in his parachute shroud lines, and the hoist operation was delayed due to the survivor getting on the penetrator prior to getting out of the chute. The survivor was taken aboard Jolly Green 32 with no injuries except minor bruises caused by parachute opening shock. Jolly Green 32 and 03 returned to DaNang AB and landed at 0730Z.

2. (C) The survivor was Major James B. Wheeler, 6th SOS.

3. (U) Other aircraft taking part in the rescue were: Crown 6; Spad 04, 11, & 12; Milestone 323; Lopez 55; and Hostage 11.

4. (U) Crews of the Jolly Greens were:

JOLLY GREEN 32

RCC MAJ CHARLES E. WICKER
RCCP LT COL JAMES HIGRADY
FE TSgt ARTHUR L. ALBORSE
RS SGT EARNEST D. CASBEER

JOLLY GREEN 03

RCC MAJ DON P. OLSEN
RCCP CAPT CHARLES LOWRY
FE MSGT CHARLES L. MANES
RS TSgt NATHANIEL SMITH JR.

5. (C) While returning to DaNang AB from the recovery area it was discovered that Spad 12 was missing. The rescue forces were recovered at DaNang while a search was instigated for Spad 12. At 0855Z, 10 January, Jolly Green 32 and 03 were launched to investigate a crash believed to be Spad 12. Jolly Green 32 inserted two pararescue specialists into the site located at 280/13 DME Ch 77. After reaching the ground the rescue specialists found the pilot strapped in his seat approximately 25 yards from the aircraft impact. The chute was out but not deployed. The body showed signs of high impact velocity and the legs were pushed into the area of the chest. A positive identification was made on the pilot by recovery of dog tags and blood chit. An attempt was made to recover the body but was aborted when the handle on the body bag gave way at the door of the helicopter. The body was dropped over 175' to the ground. At this time 1030Z the weather was deteriorating and the Sun had set, therefore it was prudent for the effort to be terminated.

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6. (U) Other aircraft participating in the attempted recovery:

Spad 04 & 11

7. (C) Remains were identified as Major Arthur R. ^{Spott}~~Scott~~, 6th SOS.

8. (U) Jolly Green Crewmembers:

Crews were identical to the crews taking part in the recovery of Maj Wheeler with the addition of:

Jolly Green 32:

RS SSGT ALLEN J. AVERY, (second RS)

Charles E. Wicker

CHARLES E. WICKER, Maj, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander