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FROM: 370

12 January 1969

SUBJECT: MISSION NARRATIVE REPORT (1-3-005-9012)

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SUBJECT TO GENERAL DECLASSIFICATION
SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652
AUTOMATICALLY DOWNGRADED AT TWO
YEAR INTERVALS.

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15 June 1968.

1. (U) This report is submitted IAW ARRSR 55-2/3 ARRGF Sup I dated

2. (C) At 0430Z, 12 Jan 69, Jolly Greens 04 and 03, alert helicopters at Danang AB, RVN, were placed on cockpit alert. At 0440Z the crew of Misty 31, an F-100F, ejected from their damaged aircraft 32 miles west of Danang. Jolly Greens 03 and 04 were airborne at 0449Z. An enroute climb was made to flight level 100. Weather enroute was 8,500' broken undercast with cloud tops at 9,500'. Contact was established with Crown 2 and Spad 11. The position of the downed pilots was given as 190/18/69. Trail 37, an O-2 FAC, was in the area of the survivor and guided Spads 11 and 12 to the site. Spads 11 and 12 reconned the area and Jolly 04 was cleared in for the pick up. Jolly Green 03 held at 3500 feet two miles SE of the survivor. Jolly Green 04 jettisoned tips and dumped fuel to reduce aircraft weight, and entered a hover over the survivor at 0520Z. The survivor was located at 2000 feet MSL on a 50 to 60 degree slope, approximately 200 feet below the crest of the ridge line. He was lying in the crotch of a large limb and appeared to be very comfortable. Voice contact was established and the survivor was advised to remain in the tree and not to descend to the ground. A low hover of approximately 30 feet was maintained over the downed pilot. The FE's excellent directions resulted in the penetrator being placed in the pilots lap within seconds after it was lowered. The survivor had considerable difficulty climbing out of his parachute harness and onto the penetrator. He became entwined in the shroud lines, the limbs, and his life raft which was lodged in the tree above him. After considerable maneuvering to keep the hoist cable clear, the survivor was able to cut himself free from the shroud lines and other survival gear and he was lifted aboard the helicopter at 0531Z in excellent condition. During the hover, the number one engine fire warning light came on. All engine performance instruments indicated normal so the aircraft was turned 90 degrees to change the direction of wind flow and the light went out. Jolly Greens 04 and 03 departed the area to the east. Jolly Green 03 proceeded to Hue-Phu Bai and picked up Misty 31 Bravo, who had been rescued by Gunner 92, an Army OH-6. Jolly 04 and 03 returned to Danang AB at 0612Z.

3. (U) The survivor was Capt Robert F. Cassar,
to the 416th TFS, Det #1.

188th TFS, TDY

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4. (U) Other aircraft assisting: Crown 2, Spads 11 and 12, Trail 37 (O-2A), and Gunner 92 (OH-6).

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

JOLLY GREEN 04

RCC	CAPT	RICHARD D. GRIFFITHS
RCCP	L/C	HOMER H. HOWELL
FE	TSGT	LESLIE E. BUNTING
RS	SGT	THOMAS T. WINTERS

JOLLY GREEN 03

RCC	CAPT	GERALD W. MOORE
RCCP	MAJ	HERMAN C. STAFFORD
FE	SSGT	ERNEST R. CYRUS
RS	ALC	ROBERT K. CASSIDY


RICHARD D. GRIFFITHS, Capt, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander