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FROM: 370

23 January 1969

SUBJECT: MISSION NARRATIVE REPORT (1-3-013-22 Jan 69) (C)

TO: 370

3rd AFRGP (JSARC) 04

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1. (U) This report is submitted IAW ARRSR 55-2/3 AFRGP Sup 1 dated 15 June 1968.

2. (C) Jolly Green 03 and 04 were returning to DaNang AB from fraggd strip alert at Quang Tri on 22 Jan 69. At 0953Z the aircraft were diverted with instruction to proceed to 195/39/77 for a SAR effort directed at recovery of the crew of Misty 51 which had taken ground fire and flamed out. Arriving at the scene Jolly Green 03, the low bird was immediately led into the area by Spad 03 and Spad 11. No ground fire was evident in the immediate area and darkness was imminent. Terrain was rugged, mountainous and covered by heavy, high jungle growth. Jolly Green 03 was directed to Misty 51 Alpha by Spad 11 and by the downed pilot. As the aircraft hovered over the survivor communications were lost and Spad 11 relayed for the Jolly Green and the downed pilot. The Jolly Green FE was unable to see the survivor due to extremely heavy growth of trees; however the survivor reported the aircraft to be overhead, and the penetrator was lowered. The survivor moved approximately fifteen feet and got on the penetrator, at which time he became visible to the FE and was hoisted at 1044Z. As the survivor was pulled through the door the FE interphone was disconnected. Jolly Green 04 then moved forward over a ridge and air taxied approximately 100 yards to Misty 51 Bravo. Again communications were lost and the survivor was not visible. He reported via radio relay through Spad 11 that the helo was overhead and the penetrator was lowered. The survivor became visible as he climbed into the penetrator and was raised at 1049Z. It was necessary to lower the survivor twice during the ascent due to him becoming entangled in vines. After completing the hoist recovery Jolly Green 03 and 04 returned to DaNang without incident.

3. (U) The survivors were:

Misty 51 Alpha: Capt Colin A. Clarke,
Misty 51 Bravo: Maj John M. Grathival,

352 TFS
37 TFW

4. (U) The Jolly Green crews were:

JOLLY GREEN 03

RCC LTCOL JAMES H. GRADY
RCCP MAJ DON P. OLSEN
FE MSGT CHARLES L. MANES
RS ALC ROBERT K. CASSIDY

JOLLY GREEN 04

RCC Maj CHARLES E. WICKER
RCCP MAJ RUSSELL G. MILLS
FE TSGT ARTHUR L. AMBROSE
RS SGT THOMAS T. WINTERS

5. (U) Other aircraft and crewmembers:

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