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REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

Det 1-40 Ops

13 Feb 69

SUBJECT: Medical Description of Survivor of HOT ROD 01 (Statement) (U)

TO: Det 1-40 C

3rd ARRG (JSARC) *for W*
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1. (U) The following statement was taken from the two pararescue specialists who administered aid to the pilot of HOT ROD 01.
2. (C) Departed Channel 89 at 0945L. Landed in field near survivor at 1045, arrived at survivor at 1047L. Local Thai's had made a shelter out of a parachute canopy, had it suspended over the survivor. Stripped survivor of all gear including boots, had him sitting in upright position, had cotton in his ears, and were trying to pour liquid into him. After arriving at survivor, carrying litter and medical kit, the first symptoms we noticed were, right eye closed and bruised, bleeding from ears, and cut transversing tracheal area, compound fracture of right femur, bone protruding on inner thigh, comminuted fracture of left elbow, also noted flakes of metal on survivor, looked like copper. One rescue specialist with helmet off heard survivor mumbling, "I don't want to die". After reassuring survivor, we attempted to treat him there. However, due to the presence of the local Thai's and their hinderance, (grabbing medical equipment) in trying to help us, we moved survivor on the litter to the helicopter with the flight engineer carrying the medical kit. Loaded patient through aft ramp, took off immediately for Channel 51, enroute after further examination set up I.V. put pressure dressing on compound fracture, and splinted all 4 limbs, which ~~se~~ seemed to be broken. During this time the flight engineer held the survivor's head to maintain open airway. Couldn't get I.V. started due to loss of blood and restriction of blood vessels. We were ten miles out of Channel 51, thought of cut down, instead checked ID Card for blood type, and radioed ahead to Channel 51 to have blood waiting (type O POS). Landed Channel 51 approximately 1120L, survivor alive and in poor condition, at this time doctors helped load survivor on ambulance, gave them I.V. set up, and survivor was taken to the hospital. While at the site of the survivor, due to Thai's rendering aid (200 in close proximity) we could not see any of the survivor's gear. Noticed only the following, parachute canopy and suspension lines, seat cushion and deployment bag. Before landing

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in field near survivor, spotted white object we believed to be survivor's pilot chute. Articles taken from person of survivor, ID Card, Dog Tags, Geneva Convention Card, Comb, 5 Dollar Bill, one Baby Bottle used for water, which ROC turned in to proper authorities.

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