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Mission Narrative Report (1-3-022-14 Feb 69)(U)

(C) At 1415, 14 February 1969, Jolly Greens 33 and 34 were scrambled on a Navy A-4, callsign Diamond Back 601, which had been involved in a mid-air collision at approximately 250/45/109. The aircraft was headed for a feet wet ejection. JG's 33 and 34 were airborne at 1435Z and proceeded north to the bailout scene via radar vectors from Panama GCI. Spooky 13 dropped flares as JG's 33 and 34 were approximately five miles from the survivor. Nail 12 and Spooky both spotted the survivor's strobe light and attempted contact with him guard. As JG 33 approached the scene at an altitude of 1000', two aircraft were observed circling the survivor at a very low altitude. These were later identified as Navy ASW aircraft. One, an H-3A, was approaching the survivor. JG 33 advised on guard that he would pickup the survivor via a water landing and the Navy helo rogered and moved away. As JG 33 approached the surface, white caps were observed and the decision to hover rather than land was made. A log flare, which had been dropped by Nail 12, approximately 100 yards from the survivor, was used as a hover reference. Excellent directions from the Flight Engineer resulted in a rapid and successful pickup in less than two minutes, at approximately 1525Z. JG 33 departed the area with the uninjured survivor, and was joined by JG 34 and RTB'd to Channel 77.

(U) Survivors name: Lt James Meehan, 617986, VA 216.

(U) Other aircraft participating: Spooky 13 (AC-47), Nail 12 (O-2A), and two Navy ASW aircraft, callsigns unknown.

(U) The Jolly Green Crews were:

JOLLY GREEN 33

RCC Capt Richard D. Griffiths
RCCP Capt Laurens C. Davis Jr.
FE TSgt Arthur L. Ambrose
RS MSgt Glenwood C. Wilkinson

JOLLY GREEN 34

RCC Major Edward G. Quinlan
RCCP LtCol Richard G. Willis
FE SSgt Ernest R. Cyrus
RS ALC Dennis C. Palmer

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