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FM DET 11 38ARRSQ TUY HOA AB VIETNAM

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RUHHABA/41ARRWG/41CP/HICKAM AFB HAWAII

RUSQNSA/3ARRGP/JSARC/TAN SON NHUT AB VIETNAM

INFO RUCEAAA/USAF ALTERNATE CP MAXWELL AFB ALA

RUSQNSA/7AF/DOTO/DO/DP/DI/BDPMP/CP/TAN SON NHUT AB VIETNAM

RUWTFJA/USAFMPC/AFPMSC/RANDOLPH AFB TEX

RHMSMVA/COMUSMACV

RUEBAAA/ARDC/ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND MD

RUMSNH/4TH SOS NHA TRANG AB VIETNAM

RUMSNH/231AHC NHA TRANG AB VIETNAM

ZEN/309TH TFS/39ARRSQ TUY HOA AB VIETNAM

RUMSNH/E 20CO NHA TRANG AB VIETNAM

RUMLNHD/183RECON/DONG BA THIN AAF VIETNAM

RUMLNHH/91 ARMY MEDEVAC HOSPITAL PHU HIEP AAF VIETNAM

RHMSMVA/COMUSMACV/NORTHFIELD

RUMLNHH/23 ROK BRIGADE PHU HIEP AAF VIETNAM

RUMLNHH/173ABN BRIGADE PHU HIEP AAF VIETNAM

Classified by *18 ARRG*
SUBJECT TO GENERAL DECLASSIFICATION
SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652
AUTOMATICALLY DOWNGRADED AT TWO
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DECLASSIFIED ON *31 Mar 75*

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RUMLNHH/134AHC PHU HIEP AAF VIETNAM

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SECTION I OF II JOPREP JIFFY/38-110

SUBJ: RESCUE 009/1405Z 19 FEB 69

1. RESCUE CLOSING REPORT 19 FEB 69

2. 11-38-009-18 FEB 69

3. THRU T. N/A

6. 2/HH-43B/180830Z

7. LAUNCHED PEDRO 241010Z

8. N/A

9. A. VFR CEILING UNLIMITED

B. WEATHER VFR DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS NIGHT OPERATIONS SUSPENDED
DUE TO EXTREME DARKNESS, HAZE AND LOW CLOUDS

10. DET 11 38TH ARRSQ/JSARC

11. CUTIE 11 26TH ROK REGIMENT PHU HIEP AAF/TONTO 42 173RD ABN THH
BRIGADE PHU HIEP AAF/ HERB 31 28 ROK BRIGADE MACV NORTH FIELD AAF/

DEVIL 06, 20, 35, 38 134TH AHC PHU HIEP AAF/DUSTY 31, 32 309

TFS TUY HOA AB/SEAHORSE 22 E-20TH COMPANY NHA TRANG AB/CROWN 06, 07

39TH ARRSQ TUY HOA AB/JOKER 54, 59 48TH AHC NINH HOA

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AAF/MARDI GRAS 138, 714 281ST AHC NHA TRANG AB/SPADER (UH-1 UNIT)

JNK UNK/ SPOOKY 41 42, 43 4TH SOS NHA TRANG AB/BLUESTAR 240

48TH AHC NINH HOA AAF/ DUSTOFF 38 91ST ARMY MED EVAC HOSP PHU HIEP AAF/

12. 134TH AHC PHU HIEP AAF VIETNAM Army

13. DET 11 38TH ARRSQ/HOIST

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15. ALL WITH EXCEPTION OF GROUND RESCUE FORCES TAKEN TO 91ST MED EVAC ARMY HOSPITAL PHU HIEP AAF VIETNAM. REMAINDER TAKEN TO TUY HOA AB VIETNAM

16. DET 11 38TH ARRSQ/11.3 HOURS/13 SORTIES/39TH ARRSQ 4.4 HOURS/ 1 SORTIE/NOT AVAILABLE FOR OTHER ASSISTING AGENCIES

17. APPROXIMATELY 87 PERSONNEL/4 - 0-1/6 - UH-1C/2 -F-100/2 - 4C-130P/5 - UH-1F/2 - HH-43B

18. A. PEDRO 05 (MISSION 1/18 FEB 69) RCC: NICHOLSON, DANIEL A CAPT/RCCP WOHLNICK CHARLES T CAPT/PJ EVANS RICHARD E SGT/PJ FISH MICHAEL E SGT/FF REEVES NORMAN F. SSGT (3 SAVES)

PEDRO 24 (MISSION 1/18 FEB 69) RCC: FOGG HENRY P CAPT/RCCP WHITNEY EDGAR R MAJ/FE KING LEROY W SSGT/FF MCALLISTER ROBERT A SSGT/ (1 SAVE) PEDRO 05 (MISSION 1/19 FEB 69) RCC NICHOLSON DANIEL A CAPT/RCCP WHITNEY EDGAR R. MAJ/FE MARGAGLIANO THOMAS B TSGT/ FE

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PEDRO 24 (MISSION 1/19 FEB 69) RCC: AUSTIN, WILLIAM F CAPT/RCCP DOWNING MORGAN A MAJ/FE MARTIN RALPHAEL C SSGT/PJ EVANS RICHARD E

SGT/ (2 SAVES) PEDRO 05 (MISSION 2/18 FEB 69) RCC: NICHOLSON, DANIEL A CAPT/RCCP WOHLNICK CHARLES T CAPT/PJ EVANS RICHARD E

SGT/ (0 SAVES) PEDRO 05 (MISSION 2/19 FEB 69) RCC NICHOLSON DANIEL A CAPT/RCCP WHITNEY EDGAR R MAJ/FE MARGAGLIANO THOMAS B TSGT/PJ

H MICHAEL E SGT/(0 SAVES)

3. PERSONNEL SAVED: ROSE VICTOR L WO-2 281ST AHC NHA TRANG AB/ BAILEY VAN D E-7 CO. 20TH INFANTRY LRP NORTH FIELD AAF/

MORRIS JIM (NMI) E-4 281 AHC NHA TRANG AB/MARTIN FRANK W WO-1 281 AHC NHA TRANG AB/SARLER GEORGE II PFC E CO. 20TH INFANTRY

LRP NORTH FIELD AAF/CHEEK RICHARD L SP-4 UNIT UNK/ FISH MICHAEL SGT DET 11 38TH ARRSQ TUY HOA AB/REEVES NORMAN F SSGT 31ST

ES TUY HOA AB/MCALLISTER ROBERT A SSGT 31ST CES TUY HOA AB/ MARGAGLIANO THOMAS B TSGT DET 11 38TH ARRSQ TUY HOA AB/ TWO SAVES

MEMBERS OF THE 20TH INFANTRY LRP NORTH FIELD AAF NAMES UNKNOWN

9. A THRU G SELF EXPLANATORY

1. TEN (10) ARRS COMBAT SAVES NO REFUELLING.

DET 11 36TH ARRSQ WAS NOTIFIED 180830Z BY TONTO 42 THAT A UH-1 HAD

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CRASHED 225 DEGREES 25 MILES FROM TUY HOA AB, 5 PERSONNEL WERE ON BOARD AND TRAPPED INSIDE. PEDRO 05 WAS REFUELLED AND SCRAMBLED AT

1845Z GUNSHIPS WERE NOTIFIED. MORE THAN 50 ENEMY FORCES WERE KNOWN TO BE IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA, AND WERE NOT A FACTOR IN CAUSING

THE CRASH. THE HELICOPTER HAD CRASHED INTO DENSE MOUNTAINOUS JUNGLE WHILE ATTEMPTING TO EXTRACT A LONG RANGE PATROL (LRP)

WHICH WAS IN DANGER OF BEING OVER RUN BY THE ENEMY. HELICOPTERS IN THE AREA REPORTED NEGATIVE GROUND FIRE PEDRO 05 HOVERED OVER THE

WRECKAGE MAINTAINING A HOVER FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR, SGT REEVES AND SGT FISH WERE LOWERED TO THE GROUND WITH A CRASH

ENTRY KIT, MEDICAL KIT AND METAL CUTTING POWER SAW (WHICH FAILED TO RATE). THERE WERE FIVE PERSONNEL INJURED IN TH CRASH AND 5 LRP'S

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A THE SCENE. SGTS FISH AND REEVES REMOVED THE THREE MOST SERIOUSLY INJURED MEN, PLACED THEM INTO THE SEMI-RIGID LITTER AND SECURED TO THE HOIST. SGT EVANS DIRECTED THE HOVER BETWEEN THE 100 FOOT TREES AND OPERATED THE HOIST THROUGH A VERY SMALL OPENING THROUGH THE DOUBLE TREE CANOPY. WHEN SGT EVANS ADVISED THE RCC THAT THE PATIENTS REQUIRED IMMEDIATE TRANSFER TO A HOSPITAL AS THEIR CONDITION WAS EXTREMELY GRAVE, PEDRO 05 DEPARTED THE SCENE LEAVING FF AND PJ ON THE GROUND. PEDRO 05 LANDED

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IN A CLEARING APPROXIMATELY 5 MILES AWAY FROM THE SCENE AND SGT EVANS TRANSFERRED THE PATIENTS TO A UH-1, SPADER 20, WITH THE AID OF TWO CREWMEMBERS, FOR TRANSFER TO THE 91ST ARMY MED EVAC HOSPITAL AT PHU HIEP AAF. DURING THIS TIME DUSTOFF 38 RECOVERED ONE LRP AND ONE DECEASED MAN, LEAVING 4 LRPS, ONE PILOT PINNED IN THE COCKPIT BY THE RIGHT FOOT, THE FIREFIGHTER AND THE PARARESCUE SPECIALIST ON THE GROUND. DUSTOFF 83 DEPARTED FOR FUEL. PEDRO 05, THE ONLY HOIST EQUIPPED AIRCRAFT, RETURNED, HOVERING OVERHEAD AN ADDITIONAL TEN MINUTES. WHEN CONTACT COULD NOT BE ESTABLISHED WITH THE GROUND, AND FUEL BECAME CRITICAL, PEDRO 05 DEPARTED FOR TUY HOA AIR BASE. PEDRO 24 WAS ENROUTE TO THE CRASH SITE, ARRIVING TEN MINUTES LATER. TUY HOA APPROACH CONTROL VECTORED THE PEDROS TO AND FROM THE SIGHT. DURING THESE RECOVERIES GROUNDFIRE WAS ENCOUNTERED AND THE ARMED HELICOPTERS APPLIED SUPPRESSIVE MINIGUN AND .50 CALIBRE FIRE, KILLING 3 ENEMY PERSONNEL APPROXIMATELY 200 YARDS FROM THE CRASH. PEDRO 24 HOVERED OVER THE CRASH SITE, BRINGING SSGT REEVES UP ON HOIST. THE HELICOPTER WAS HOVERING AT MAXIMUM POWER (1600 FOOT ELEVATION) AND COULD NOT CARRY ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL. THE REMAINING PERSONNEL ATTEMPTED TO FREE THE TRAPPED PILOT. PEDRO 24 DEPARTED THE SCENE AS DARKNESS FELL, LEAVING SGT FISH, THE PILOT AND 4 LRP S

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ALONE. AFTER REFUELLING PEDRO 05 RETURNED TO THE AREA BUT CONTACT WITH HELICOPTER FLARE AND GUNSHIPS AND THE GROUND PARTY COULD NOT BE ESTABLISHED. EXTREME DARKNESS, LOW SCUD AND HAZE OVER THE MOUNTAINS REQUIRED INSTRUMENT FLIGHT. AT 7500 FEET. PEDRO 05 RETURNED TO BASE AT 1205Z. AN AC-47 ORIT WAS ESTABLISHED OVER THE SITE. CONTACT WAS ESTABLISHED WITH THE LRP TEAM, WHO DIRECTED FLARE DROPS THROUGH THE NIGHT. SGT FISH ADMINISTERED AID TO THE PATIENT AND ASSISTED IN ESTABLISHING A PERIMETER DEFENSE. HOSTILE FORCES COULD BE HEARD MOVING IN AN EXTREMELY CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE CRASH SITE THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT. PEDRO 05 AND PEDRO 24 DEPARTED TUY HOA AT 2220Z E ROUTE TO THE CRASH SITE UNDER RADAR VECTORARRIVING OVER THE SITE, IT WAS NECESSARY TO DELAY APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES FOR ARRIVAL OF THE UH-1 GUNSHIPS, DELAYED FOR MAINTENANCE. CROWN 07 ARRIVED ON SCENE AND WHEN THE ARMY HELICOPTERS DID NOT DRAW HOSTILE FIRE OVER THE CRASH, PEDRO 05 WAS CLEARED TO GO IN. AS THE HOVER WAS ESTABLISHED TSGT MARGAGLIANO, SSGT MCALLISTER AND ADDITIONAL HEAVY DUTY CRASH ENTRY EQUIPMENT WERE LOWERED TO THE GROUND. PEDRO 05 DEPARTED THE SITE WHILE GROUND PERSONNEL ATTEMPTED TO FREE THE MAN, IN ORDER TO

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