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TO: 370

3rd ARRGp (JSARC) *leg W*
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SUBJECT TO GENERAL DECLASSIFICATION
SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652
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YEAR INTERVALS.
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1. (U) This report is submitted IAW ARRSR 55-2/3 ARRGp Sup 1 Dated 15 June 1968.

2. (U) On 7 February 1969, at 2115Z, JG's 33 and 32 were scrambled by Queen Control on a SAR mission in the Channel 77 local area. At 2135Z, JG's 33 and 32 were airborne and notified of a helicopter down at approximate position 340/6/77. An immediate search of this area was started, using Basketball 687 and Spooky 12 for flareship support. At 2145Z JG 33 was advised to proceed to Red Beach and pickup the only known survivor from the downed helicopter, callsign High Box 32-4. JG 33 proceeded to Red Beach and at 2200Z landed at a helicopter pad at Red Beach and recovered the survivor. The survivor related that his aircraft had crashed some 6 hours earlier and there were 4 persons on board. He also stated he did not know the reason for the crash, and he had been in the water for approximately 6 hours before being washed ashore. He stated that after he got out of the downed helicopter, he remained in the area of the crash for a few minutes, but saw or heard from no other person. He then started to swim for shore and 6 hours later he made the beach and found friendly faces who took him to the Navy installation at Red Beach, where he reported the crash. The survivor then directed JG 33 to the spot where he estimated the helicopter had crashed, and this information was relayed to Queen. The position was fixed as 004/8.5/77. The survivor, LCpl Stanley A. McCoric was then taken to NSA hospital by JG 33 for treatment. At 2240Z, JG 33 was back in the search area, along with JG 32 and several Marine helicopters, and the entire DaNang harbor area and shoreline was searched for survivors. JG 33 and 32 returned to Channel 77 at 0015Z for fuel and follow-on instructions. Alert crews were changed at this time, and at 0113Z, 8 Feb 69, JG 33 and 32 returned to the area and searched until 0327Z, when the search was cancelled for the JG's. Several Marine helicopters continued the search throughout the day, but no additional survivors were recovered.

3. (U) Survivor LCpl Stanley A. McCoric was air lifted from Red Beach to NSA hospital by JG 33.

4. (U) Jolly Green crew members:

JOLLY GREEN 33

RCC	MAJOR	WATSON D. BURNFIELD
RCCP	MAJOR	PAUL B. DAVIS JR.
FE	SSGT	BILLY R. BLOCHER
RS	AIC	ROBERT H. FRIED

JOLLY GREEN 32

RCC	MAJOR	JOHN G. MAKACEK
RCCP	LT COL	HOWEN H. HOWELL JR.
FE	TSGT	CHARLES D. SEVERNS
RS	SSGT	JAMES L. MILLS

Watson D. Burnfield
WATSON D. BURNFIELD, Maj, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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