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Date: 10 Mar 1969

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Mission Number: 2-3-018-10 Mar 69

Flight Designation: Crown 2

Distressed Aircraft: Papaya 02 (F-4)

Location: 103/82/89

Saves: One (1) Combat, Bravo Man

1. Crown was informed by Snort 11 and Papaya Lead at 0530Z that Papaya 02, F-4, was down with two good chutes sighted. Papaya Lead had voice contact with both survivors. The JGs and Sandys from Channel 89 were scrambled. Papaya Lead and Snort 11 were Bingo and left the area at 0555Z. Nail 24 was in the area and was familiar with the defenses in the area. Nail was briefed by Snort 11 and assumed OSC until the Sandys arrived. Nail 24 checked the area and reported negative ground fire. At 0600Z, Nail 24 reported that the chute of the Alpha man was gone and he could only make contact with the Bravo man. No Fastmovers were used until Sandys 03 and 04 arrived at 0620Z. There was a minimum of two flights of Fastmovers held in the area during the entire SAR effort. After Sandy 03 arrived on scene, Fastmovers were used to completely cover the area. There were six flights of Fastmovers used. Sandy 03 evaluated the area and advised that the best route in would be from the east. JGs and Spads were scrambled from Channel 103 and Channel 77. JGs 04/32L arrived in the area at 0825Z. Wolf 03 and Misty 61, two FAST FACs, were used to check for guns in the area and put in strikes. More ALEs were requested from Compress, however, it was one hour before they became available. There were six flights of Sandys, Hobos and Spads used during the actual pick-up to suppress frowning fire. CBU-19 was used at 0825Z, however, it was used down wind so as not to affect the survivor or the recovery operation. JG 32 made the pick-up at 0835Z and the survivor was taken to Channel 77. He was reported to be in good shape. There were two JGs and two Sandys held for November orbit. All Fastmovers were returned to their controlling agencies. Sandys and Hobos were held in the area until dark to continue the search for Papaya 02 Alpha. Negative results on the search for the other survivor. All SAR forces RTB at 1100Z.

2. Aerial Refueling was accomplished by Crown 3 for JGs 20/37 west of November orbit.

3. Crewmembers:

RCC Captain Ten Hoor

CP Captain Ahlstrom

N Major Stetson

RO SSgt Davis, J.W.

FE MSgt Boman

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