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SUBJECT: Mission Narrative 1-3-036-25 Mar 69

TO: 3ARRGP/JSARC

1. At 0231Z Major Huffman took a telephone call from tower; he was told that Black Ace 01, an Army O-2 with a crew of 2 had crashed in Elephant Valley some 10-12 miles N.W. of DaNang. Tower requested that Pedro scramble and that they would inform Queen and scramble the Spads also. Pedro 69 scrambled immediately after notification and headed toward the position given by Black Ace 02. Contact was established with Queen and with Pedro 93 who was approaching the area and had already sighted the smoke from the crash. Pedro 93 scouted the area then took a high cover position as Pedro 69 moved in for the pick-up. It was impossible to hover directly over the survivors so a hover was established some 30 yards down slope over a very small opening in the jungle canopy. The PJ was lowered to assist the survivors to the penetrator and hover maintained for some 15 minutes while first the Vietnamese observer and then the Army pilot and PJ were recovered by forest penetrator. The two survivors were taken to the Naval Support Activity Hospital at Marble Mountain, and released to hospital attendants. There were no injuries other than very slight bruises. The survivors were: Capt Gene D. Rollins, USA, and Lt Va Dinh Minh, ARVN, Mission was terminated at 0322Z.

2. Crew of Pedro 69 was as follows:

RCC: Major Tom W. Brumfield, Det 7, 38ARRS

RCCP: Captain John E. Murray, Det 7, 38ARRS

FE: SSgt Kenneth R. Jones, Det 7, 38ARRS

RS: SSgt Lawrence E. Boykin, 366CES (PACAF)

RS: Sgt Roger D. Elam, 366CES (PACAF)

PJ: Sgt Thomas T. Winters, 37th ARRS

3. This report submitted in accordance with 3 ARRGp Sup 1 to ARRS 55-2.

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