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DET 1, 40TH AEROSPACE RESCUE & RECOVERY SQUADRON (MAC)
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 1-40/0

23 Jan 70

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report (2-3-006, 22 Jan 70)

1-40C
3rd ARRGp (3JRCC)
IN TURN

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1. (U) This report submitted to comply with ARRSM 55-2/3rd ARRGp Supplement 1.
2. (S) At 1115L, Jolly Green 36 and 19 were notified that Zorro 16 was down at reported position 085/56/Channel 89. The launch was uneventful and occurred at 1120L. Weather in the entire area was VFR. Jolly Green 19 and 36 orbited for approximately 5 minutes after airborne, waiting for Sandy escort to the area. Enroute to the survivor, his position was relocated by Nail 24 to 075/25/89. His position was in a high karst ridge, totally devoid of ground fire. After arriving in the area at 1145L, Jolly Green 36 and 19 orbited the area, spotted the survivor's parachute and dumped fuel while waiting for Sandy 1 to sweep and reconnoiter the area. After receiving clearance from Sandy 1 at 1200, Jolly Green 36 entered the area and effected the pickup, using the hoist penetrator. Jolly Green 36 then departed the area at 1205L and RTB'd to Channel 89. Landing time was 1225L. Radio discipline throughout was excellent, and the survivor, who had a lacerated leg and assorted abrasions, was in continuous radio contact with the SAR forces. Cooperation among all the SAR forces was outstanding.
3. (C) The survivor was: Captain Earnest F. Andersen, 22nd SOS, NKP Thailand.
4. (U) The crews of the Jolly Greens were:

Jolly Green 36 (Low)

Jolly Green 19 (High)

AC Major Edward B. Robbins
CP Capt Jimmie Blackwood
FE ALC David J. Bond
RS MSgt Paul L. Jenkins
RS Sgt Robert H. Fields

AC Major Edwin A. Tinlin
CP Capt John H. Fette
FE SSgt Thayer D. Pope
RS SSgt Harold R. Bracken

Edward B. Robbins
EDWARD B. ROBBINS, Major, USAF
Aircraft Commander

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DATE: 22 JAN 70

29 January 1970

MISSION NUMBER: 2-3-006-22 JAN 70

AIRCRAFT DESIGNATION: KING 1

LOCATION: 075/25/89

DISTRESSED AIRCRAFT: ZORRO 16

SAVES: 1 Combat

1. (S) Hillsboro informed King 1 at 1115 that Zorro 16 was down somewhere north of Delta 70, later revised to 075/25/89. At that time King 1 was refueling the Tango Jollies and requested that King 4 work the mission until King 1 could arrive on scene.
2. (C) Nail 58 and 24 were attempting contact with Zorro 16. King 1 requested that the SAR forces from Ch 89 be scrambled. King 1 established communications with Nail 58 and 24 and appointed Nail 24 as On-Scene-Commander at 1120.
3. (C) Nail 24 established contact with Zorro 16 at 1128 and he reported he was in good condition and was in a karst area shaped like a bowl and that there was no enemy movement in the immediate area. He said he was just north of route 12 which helped locate him.
4. (U) King 1 arrived on scene at 1135. The weather was clear, visibility unlimited and temperature 26° C. Nail 58 remained high and had Sandy 1 "home in" on him.
5. (C) Sandy 1 was appointed as OSC at 1150 and he began making preparations for the pick up. At 1155 Sandy 1 had Zorro 16 pop his smoke as Jolly Green 36 moved in for the pick up. Jolly 36 effected the pickup at 1205 and King 1 RTB the forces shortly thereafter.

6. (C) Forces used:

Sandy 1 - 4	Nail 24
Jolly Green 36 & 34	Nail 58

Kingfish Flight was made available but not used and RTB to Invert at 1148.

7. (U) Problem Area - None

8. (U) King 1 Crewmembers:

AC/AMC	LT QUINN	FE	MSG ROGERS
CP	CPT BAUMANN	FE	TSG RAPER
N	CPT FOLLMER	LM	SSG PEARSON
RO	SGT SCHRIVER		

JAMES C. QUINN, Lt. USCG
Aircraft Commander/Airborne Mission Commander

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The helicopter had gone down the previous morning, but because of inclement weather and hostile troops in the area, a rescue could not be effected that day. ^{49/}

(U) The S.A. force arrived on station early in the morning but because of an overcast had not been able to effect a rescue. ^{50/}

(U) About 1215L, a large enough hole developed near the area and an initially unidentified Army helicopter slipped down under the overcast and through some professional low-level flying managed to progress to the survivor's location. An uneventful pickup was then completed. The rescue helicopter's callsign turned out to be Banshee 75 and was a Huey type helicopter. ^{51/}

(C) Another rescue effort for the month was conducted 22 January for Zorro 16 in Steel Tiger north area. The A-1 went down as a result of taking an automatic weapons hit while on a strike mission against a truck part. ^{52/}

(C) The resultant smoke and fire forced the pilot to abandon the aircraft. He landed on a karst formation and was picked up shortly thereafter without any difficulties. ^{53/}

(S) On 27 January, a successful rescue was conducted for Cookie 02, an F-105 which suffered battle damage in the BARREL ROLL. ^{54/}

(S) The survivor was located just east of Route 61 approximately four kilometers south of Twin Fords. No particular problems were encountered in the rescue. ^{55/}

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NOT DEPLOYED. NO AIR REFUELINGS ACCOMPLISHED. ZORRO 17 REPORTED TO INVERT ZORRO 16 HIT BY GROUND FIRE AND PILOT BAILING OUT AT 0409Z. NAIL 24 AND NAIL 58 WERE IN THE AREA. SAR FORCES WERE ALERTED AT 0410Z. JG 19 AND 36 WERE AIRBORNE AT 0422Z, SANDYS 1 AND 2 AT 0420Z, AND SANDYS 3 AND 4 AT 0425Z. KING 1 WAS DESIGNATED AIRBORNE MISSION COMMANDER AND HE MADE NAIL 24, WHO SECTOR THE SURVIVOR WAS IN, ON SCENE COMMANDER AT 0420Z. NAIL 24 REPORTED NO HOSTILE ACTIVITY IN THAT AREA FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. SANDY 1 TOOK OVER ON SCENE COMMANDER AT 0447Z AFTER BRIEFING [REDACTED] AND BEING SHOWN SURVIVORS POSITION. JOLLY GREEN 36 AFTER DUMPING FUEL, WENT IN FOR THE PICKUP AND HAD THE SURVIVOR ON BOARD VIA A FOREST PENETRATOR AT 0503Z. JG 36 LANDED WITH THE SURVIVOR, WHO WAS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION, AT NAKHON PHANOM RTAFB AT 0522Z.

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Plu 54 MIN after bail out

DATE:

22 JAN 1970

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		AROPR		
		AROPP		
		AROPS		
		AROPC		
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		AROPC		

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As a result of this criticism, the policy of 7AF for releasing unclassified accounts of classified missions again changed. The Hq ARRS Information Office discovered this when attempting to get publicity for the 2,000th combat save mission. The 3ARRGp informed them by message:⁶⁶

After numerous unfavorable speculations related to the release of story on rescue of Lt . . . 7th Air Force again has curtailed release of all but completely unclassified missions. 2,000th combat save was recorded on 22 Jan 70, but the mission is classified.

11. (C) The need for clarification of and consistency in the policy of releasing unclassified information concerning classified missions was recognized at least as early as December 1966. A Confidential letter from the MAC Office of Information to the ARRS Office of Information requested that ARRS:⁶⁷

. . . check with your intelligence and operations people, and with MACV, if needed, through 7th Air Force, to establish specific guidelines on what is classified, and what can be used for public release.

.....
Request a status report, NLT 6 Jan 1967, on clearance and classification procedures along with recommendations on how Air Force can obtain maximum benefit from these dramatic stories.

Hq ARRS forwarded this letter to the 3ARRGp IO requesting that he take all possible steps to implement the program proposed in the letter.⁶⁸

12. (U) It was obvious from the above discussion that the situation in 1968-69 had not changed significantly since 1966. In summary, the

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