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TO: 7/13 AF (OI), UDORN RTAFB, THAILAND

INFO: 7/13 AF LNO, BANGKOK, THAILAND

388TH TFW, KORAT RTAFB, THAILAND (OI)

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SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT,

LNO PLEASE PASS TO MLO.

Following information submitted for possible use in case of query.

Two Air Force pilots from Korat RTAFB successfully ejected from an F-105 aircraft which later crashed at the northeast perimeter of Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, which is located approximately 10 miles west of the city of Nakhon Phanom, at 1440 hours Sunday, Nov. 15, 1970. Para. The airmen parachuted to safety and were unhurt. They were picked up ten minutes later by an HH-43B helicopter from Detachment 9, 38th Air Rescue and Recovery Squadron at Nakhon Phanom which was piloted by Major Bobby Lay and copiloted by Captain Robert Starnes. Para. Following their pick-up, the two officers were taken to the 56th USAF Dispensary at Nakhon Phanom for routine examinations. Para. One Thai National Guard was seriously injured when a portion of the F-105 impacted a guard tower at the base perimeter. He is presently at the 56th USAF Dispensary awaiting air evacuation.

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DET 9-38C

SUBJ: RESCUE OPENING/CLOSING REPORT 15 NOV 70

MISSION NUMBER: 9-38-005-15 NOV 1970

A. SITUATION: RECOVERY OF AIRCREW

1) USAF F-105 CALLSIGN ALAMO 2, CAMOFLAGED, CRASHED IN.M.
NORTH RUNWAY 15, NAKHON PHANOM RTAFB, AFTER EXPERIENCING

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ENGINE VIBRATION AND SUBSEQUENT FAILURE. CREW EJECTED.

AIRCRAFT WAS RETURNING FROM COMBAT MISSION TO HOME BASE.

3) PILOT-MAJ JOHN T. HALLEY

CO-PILOT-MAJ ORVILLE L. MCPHERSON

4) POB -2

5) WEATHER-CLEAR

6) SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT URC-64, OTHER UNKNOWN

(7) LAST KNOWN POSITION-N/A

B. ACTIONS TAKEN:

1) CREW ALERTED BY BASE PRIMARY CRASH NET AT 0731Z.
LAUNCHED AT 0735Z.

C. PERSONNEL INFORMATION:

1) PILOT/MAJ JOHN T. HALLEY

CO-PILOT/MAJ ORVILLE L. MCPHERSON

BOTH RECOVERED WITH MINOR INJURIES.

2) PEDRO 46/0740Z

3) COORDINATES OF PICKUP 1724N, 10439W

4) PEDRO 46 LANDED TO RECOVER.

5) CREW RELEASED FROM NKP DISP-PRESENTLY AWAITING RETURN TO HOME STATION.

D. FLYING ACTIVITY:

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1) DET 9, 38ARRSQ-1 SORTIE FOR.3 HOURS.

E. TWO COMBAT SAVES CLAIMED BY CREW OF PEDRO 46. AIRCRAFT COMMANDER MAJ BOBB
LAY. SURVIVORS WERE MAJ JOHN T. HALLEY AND MAJ ORVILLE L. MCPHERSON.

FM. MISSION CLOSED.

SUMMARY:

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DET 9: 38 ARRSQ LAUNCHED PEDRO 46 IN RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY DECLARED BY F-105 DIVERTING TO THIS STATION FROM COMBAT MISSION. ENGINE FAILED WHILE AIRCRAFT WAS ON FINAL APPROACH. CREW SUCCESSFULLY EJECTED FROM AIRCRAFT. PEDRO 46 PROCEEDED TO AREA WHERE SURVIVOR CHUES WERE LAST SEEN AND ESTABLISHED VOICE CONTACT WITH SURVIVORS. SURVIVORS WERE LOCATED IN A SMALL CLEARING IN A HEAVILY WOODED AREA. PEDRO 46 LANDED, PICKED UP SURVIVORS AND RETURNED THEM TO AMBULANCE AT PEDRO PAD. AREA WHERE PICKUP WAS MADE WAS NOT CONSIDERED HOSTILE DUE TO DAYLIGHT HOURS AND CLOSE PROXIMITY TO NAKHON PHANOM RTAFB.

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SUBJ: CORRECTED RESCUE/CLOSE REPORT 15 NOV 70.

REF MY MSG (C) SAME SUBJECT 15/1155Z NOV 70.

G. SUMMARY. CHANGE LAST SENTENCE TO READ 'AREA WHERE PICKUP WAS MADE IS CONSIDERED HOSTILE'. ~~OR 4~~

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