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CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED

Or Changed to CONFIDENTIAL

By Authority of DoD 5200.1R

By Jr (Date) 12 Feb 71

DATE: 8 Feb 71

MISSION NUMBER: B-3-005-8 Feb 71

AIRCRAFT DESIGNATION: KING 21

DISTRESSED AIRCRAFT: Raven 25

LOCATION: 030/12/108

SAVES: 1 Combat

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SUBJECT TO GENERAL DECLASSIFICATION
SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652
AUTOMATICALLY DOWNGRADED AT TWO
YEAR INTERVALS
DECLASSIFIED ON 31 Dec 79

(S) At 0625Z Cricket (ABCCC) notified King 21 that a Raven 25 was down at 040/14/108. King 21 contacted Schlitz Flight which was overhead the survivor on Guard and got a more accurate position of 030/12/108. Schlitz Lead advised that Raven 23 and 21 were overhead the downed pilot and in radio contact with him. Jolly Green's 61 and 55 were launched, along with their A-1 escorts from CH 89 and the Jolly's and Sandy's from 93 were put on cockpit alert. The CH 89 Jolly's were airborne at 0634Z. Raven 21 was contacted and made on scene commander at 0630Z and he advised that the pilot was in a clearing in mountainous terrain and was okay and not in any immediate danger from hostile forces. Air America Helicopters Foxtrot Hotel and 96 Whiskey were in the immediate area. Raven 21 vectored 96 Whiskey in for a successful pickup at 0640Z. SAR forces and Hobo 22 and Falcon 81 which had been orbiting overhead in case they were needed, were RTB'd at 0645Z. 96 Whiskey brought the survivor to 20 Alternate.

KING 21 Crewmembers

AC/AME	Capt	Parsons
P	Capt	Gealta
CP	1LT	Hedrick
N	Major	Schnegelberger
RO	SSgt	Swinson
FE	TSgt	Powell
LM	SSgt	Robinson

Resources

Jolly Green's 61 and 55
Hobo 22 Flight
Schlitz Flight
Falcon 81 Flight
Raven 21 and 23
Foxtrot Hotel
96 Whiskey

Melvin L. Parsons

MELVIN L. PARSONS, Captain, USAF

Aircraft Commander/Airborne Mission Commander

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(C) 40 ARRS AT 08/0619Z

(A) 1 HC-130, 39ARRS DIVERTED AT 08 18 73

(R) 2 HH-53'S, 4DARRS LAUNCHED AT 08/0636Z

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- (4) SURVIVOR TAKEN TO LS 98 (LAOS)

(1) 39 ARRS - 1 SORTIE FOR 0.5 HOURS.

- (2) 40 ARRS - 2 SORTIES FOR 0.6 HOURS

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- (1) RCC MAKING SAVE - AIR AMERICA HELICOPTER PICKED UP SURVIVOR. KING 21, AIRBORNE MISSION COMMANDER, COORDINATED PICK UP. RCC OF KING 21 WAS CAPT MELVIN L. PARSONS, 39 ARRS.

- (2) PERSONNEL SAVED: 1LT JAMES H. HIX JR.
(A) SERVICE - USAF; NATIONALITY - USA
(B) COMBAT SAVE
(C) AIRCREW MEMBER

A COUPLE OF MINUTES PRIOR TO 08/0617Z FEBRUARY 1971, RAVEN 26 (T-28) ENCOUNTERED AN ENGINE OVERSPEED. CAUSE OF OVERSPEED UNDETERMINED. ENGINE STARTED TO DISINTEGRATE THEREFORE PILOT BAILED OUT. RAVEN 23 (O-1) WAS ON SCENE AND WITNESSED A 'GOOD CHUTE'. RAVEN 25 LANDED NEAR A LINE OF TREES ON A RIDGE ABOUT 3000 FT ELEVATION. KING 21 DIVERTED TO THE SAR SCENE AND NOTIFIED OL-B TO LAUNCH SAR FORCES. THE 40ARRS/56SOW WERE NOTIFIED TO LAUNCH THE JOLLY GREENS AND SNADYS. AT 08/0645Z, AN AIR AMERICA HUEY HELICOPTER C/S 96W, APPEARED ON THE SCENE. LOWERED HIS JUNGLE PENETRATOR PICKED UP THE SURVIVOR AND DEPARTED THE AREA. JOLLY GREEN'S 61/55 HAD LAUNCHED BUT WERE IMMEDIATELY RTB'D. SURVIVOR RECEIVED A SLIGHT LACERATION

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ON THE LEFT CHEEK AND RIGHT KNEE. HE WAS TAKEN TO TO LS 98. THE SAR AREA WAS HOSTILE. KING 21 ASSUMED AMC DUTIES AT 08/0617Z, DIRECTED THE SAR EFFORT, AND RETURNED TO THE NORMAL ORBIT AT 08/0648Z. NEGATIVE AIR REFUELINGS. GP-4

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