

DATE: 22 Aug 71

MISSION NUMBER: E-3-027-22 Aug 71

FLIGHT DESIGNATION: KING 21

MISSION OBJECTIVE: T-28 Tail Number 732

LOCATION: 1535N 10119E

SAVES: 2 Non-Combat

At approximately 0450Z, Jack advised King 21 that a T-28, tail number 732 was overdue at CH 125. He departed CH 70 at 0227Z with 1+00 enroute; had filed an IFM flight plan and had not been in radio contact with any facility since the CH 70 tower had cleared him for take-off. Jack also added that the pilot spoke little or no English, but possibly spoke French. King 21 departed the normal orbit at 0407Z to make a route search along airway W-2 between CH 70 and CH 125. King 24 contacted Bangkok Center and was advised they had no flight progress on 732 since departure from CH 70. The airfields, Nam Phong and Khon Kaen, along the airway were checked on VHF (118.1) with negative results. King 24 called Brigham and Invert and neither had radio contact with 732. Korat tower, Tahkli tower and Koke Kathien tower were checked with negative results. King 21 advised that Korat Approach Control had an unidentified radar contact at 310/45/125 heading northeast. Radar contact was lost shortly thereafter. At 0425Z, Korat tower advised they had radio contact with 732 on their ground frequency (275.8) but were unable to get information from him because of a language problem. King 21 contacted 732 on 275.8 and after some difficulty got 732 to count to five and succeeded in getting a D/F bearing. A series of counts and bearings followed and 732 was vectored to CH 125. King 24 requested Pedro's to be launched from CH 125 as 732's fuel state could not be accurately determined other than "no fuel left". King 21 requested Korat tower to launch an aircraft with a D/F capability as none were airborne in the Korat area. King 73 advised he would be airborne shortly and was directed to proceed south of Korat to insure 732 did not overfly Korat. 732 continued with short counts as directed by King 21 and headings to CH 125 were provided. King 21 descended to 3500' MSL to attempt a visual rendezvous. The language problem was such that 732 could not give his altitude, flight conditions, or air-speed; headings were all he seemed to understand. At 0439Z, Korat approach advised they had an unidentified radar contact 5 NM south of CH 125. King 21 directed 732 to reverse course (heading 360) and positive radar was confirmed. At 0441Z Korat tower had 732 in sight and cleared him to land. King 24 also established visual contact in the CH 125 traffic pattern and provided 732 with landing instructions. 732 landed safely at 0443Z at CH 125.

King 21 Crewmembers

MAC Forces

AMC Lt Colonel Ronald J. Siroka
CP 1Lt William G. Parker
NAV Captain Joel E. Hancock
RO MSgt John L. Cline
FE TSgt Ruben F. Alarcon
FE TSgt Samuel S. Forbes
LM TSgt Alfred J. Stone

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King 24


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