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RUEKAAA/USAF/AFEOC/FT RITCHIE MD
RUMUJAA/39ARRS CAM RANH BAY AB RVN
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03-018, 12 NOV, 0740Z

1. (RESCUE OPENING REPORT: 12 NOV 71.
2. MISSION NUMBER: 03-018-12 NOV 71.

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3. (C) SITUATION: VNAF C-123, XVFRU, ON FLIGHT FROM TAN SON NHUT TO NHA TRANG, FAILED TO LAND AT NHA TRANG FOLLOWING LANDING CLEARANCE REQUEST AT 0254Z. PORTCALL RADAR HAD PAST RADAR POSITION AT 230/20/105 AT 0254Z.

A. DESCRIPTION OF SAR OBJECTIVE:

- (1) C-123/568RU/CAMOFLEDGED/XVFRU
- (2) IFR, AIRWAYS, TAN SON NHUT TO NHA TRANG.
- (3) 1ST LT NGO-VINH-TRUNG, 423 TRANSPORT SQUADRON (TSN), VNAF.
- (4) 8 TOTAL, 4 CREW, 4 PASSENGERS
- (5) WEATHER IN NHA TRANG AREA: TWO THOUSAND SCATTERED, THREE THOUSAND BROKEN, SEVEN THOUSAND OVERCAST, SIX MILES VISIBILITY IN RAINSHOWERS. WING: 330/10.
- (6) NO SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT CARRIED.
- (7) LAST KNOWN POSITION: RADAR POSITION 230/20/105 (BP 7528)

B. ACTIONS TAKEN:

- (1) JOKER, NOTIFIED AT 0740Z BY SAIGON CENTER
- (2) SAR FORCES NOT ALERTED. SEE PARAGRAPH F.
- (3) N/A

C. PERSONNEL INFORMATION:

- (1) EIGHT (8) PERSONS INVOLVED, ALL MISSING AT THIS TIME.

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E. FUTURE PLANS:

- (1) ANTICIPATE INITIAL SEARCH AREA FAN SHAPED, CENTERED ON NHA TRANG, EXTENDING APPROXIMATELY 15 NM FROM 315 DEGREE COUNTER-CLOCKWISE TO 045 DEGREES. AREA DIVIDED INTO THREE SEARCH AREAS. SEARCH PLANNED TO BEGIN APPROXIMATELY 0200Z, 13 NOV, IF FORECASTED LOW CEILINGS CLEAR SUFFICIENTLY.

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(2) USAF KING AIRCRAFT WILL COORDINATE SEARCH EFFORT. VNAF PROVIDING NHA TRANG BASED SEARCH AIRCRAFT, TWO UG-1H, AND ONE C-123.

F. SUMMARY OF SAR ACTIONS:

(1) C-123, ETA NHA TRANG 0300Z, REPORTED MISSING BY SAIGON CENTER AT 0740Z. INITIAL JOKER EFFORTS LIMITED TO COMMUNICATIONS AND RAMP CHECKS PLUS COORDINATION WITH VNAF TAN SON NHUT COMMAND POST. VNAF REQUESTED SAR ASSISTANCE TO COORDINATE 13 NOV DAYLIGHT SEARCH IN IMMEDIATE NHA TRANG AREA, BASED ON LAST PORTCALL RADAR POSITION. SEARCH ASSETS AND INITIAL GRID PLANNING ACCOMPLISHED BY VNAF WITH JOKER AND USAF ADVISORY GROUP ASSISTANCE. UHF AND FM COMMUNICATIONS PLANNED TO BE UTILIZED WITH HF CONTACT WITH JOKER AND STOKER. GP-4

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C O N F I D E N T I A L/JOPREP JIFFY/JRCC/RESCUE

03-018, 120740Z NOV

1. RESCUE PROGRESS REPORT 2: 13 NOV 71
2. MISSION NUMBER: 03-018-12 NOV 71.
3. SITUATION: VNAF C-123 MISSING ON FLIGHT FROM TAN SON NHUT TO

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A. DESCRIPTION OF SAR OBJECTIVE:

(1) C-123/568RU/CAMOUFLAGED/XVFRU

B. ACTION TAKEN:

(1) NO SAR FORCES LAUNCHED

C. PERSONNEL INFORMATION:

(1) EIGHT VNAF PERSONNEL MISSING.

D. FLYING ACTIVITY: THERE WAS NO FLYING TODAY DUE TO WEATHER
CONDITIONS IN THE SEARCH AREA.

F. FUTURE PLANS:

(1) 62ND TAC WG PLANS TO CONCENTRATE TOMORROW'S SEARCH
ACTIVITIES ON AN AREA BETWEEN 10 AND 20 MILES SOUTHEAST OF NHA
TRANG ON BOTH SIDES OF THE PROPOSED FLIGHT PATH OF THE SEARCH OB-
JECTIVE. TENTATIVE PLANS ARE FOR VNAF TO TRY TO SUPPLY THEIR OWN COMM
CAP TOMORROW.

(2) FORCES AVAILABLE FOR 14 NOV:

2 UH1H.

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2 U-17

POSSIBLY 1 C-119 FOR COMM CAP.

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G. SUMMARY OF SAR ACTIONS: THERE WAS NO SEARCH ACTIVITY TODAY
DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS IN THE SEARCH AREA.

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FOR THE MISSING VNAF C-123, CALL SIGN XVFRU. THEIR SEARCH WAS ABOUT EQUALLY DIVIDED BETWEEN THE COAST WATERS JUST SOUTH OF NHA TRANG AND 30 SQUARE MILES LAND AREA IMMEDIATELY ~~DECLASSIFIED~~ SOUTHWEST OF NHA TRANG. THE WATER AREA WAS WELL COVERED VISUALLY BUT THE LAND AREA COVERAGE WAS ONLY APPROXIMATELY 30 PCT EFFECTIVE DUE TO MARGINAL WEATHER CONDITIONS. NO USAF AIRCRAFT WAS INVOLVED IN THE SEARCH. THE SAR HC-130P THAT HAD BEEN EXPECTED TO ACT AS COMMUNICATIONS CAP WAS NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO MAINTENANCE DIFFICULTIES.

(2) SAME AS ITEM D.

(3) TOTAL 60 SQUARE MILES APPROXIMATELY 30 OVER WATER AND 30 OVER LAND SOUTHWEST OF NHA TRANG.

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03-018, 120740Z NOV.

1. RESCUE PROGRESS REPORT 3: 15 NOV 71.
2. MISSION NUMBER: 03-018-12 NOV 71.
3. SITUATION: VNAF C-123 MISSING ON FLIGHT FROM TAN SON NHUT

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TO NHA TRANG.

A. DESCRIPTION OF SAR OBJECTIVE:

(1) C-123/56SRU/COMOUFLAGED/XVFRU

B. ACTION TAKEN:

(1) NO SAR FORCES LAUNCHED.

C. PERSONNEL INFORMATION:

(1) EIGHT VNAF PERSONNEL MISSING.

D. FLYING ACTIVITY: TOTAL FLYING TIME 24.9 HOURS. ALL SUBJECTS

62ND TAC WG VNAF, 0-1, 6 SORTIES, 9.9 HRS.

UH-1, 4 5.7 HRS.

C-47, 2 9.3 HRS.

F. FUTURE PLANS:

- (1) VNAF WILL SUPPLY THEIR OWN SEARCH AIRCRAFT AS WELL AS A C-123 FOR COMM CAP. AREAS WILL BE STRICTLY DEPENDING UPON WEATHER.
- (2) FORCES AVAILABLE FOR 16 NOV.

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1 C-123 FOR COMM CAP.
G. SUMMARY OF SAR ACTIONS:

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(1) TWO VNAF HELICOPTERS, 2 O-1'S, AND 1 C-47 FLEW A TOTAL OF
12 HOURS. SEARCHING FOR THE MISSING VNAF C-123. THE SEARCH WAS
MAINLY CONCENTRATED SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST OF CAM RHAN BAY, AND
APPROXIMATELY 35 TO 40 MILES SOUTHWEST OF NHA TRANG WITH NEGATIVE
RESULTS DUE TO MARGINAL WEATHER IN THE AREA. THE C-47, WHILE
ACTING AS COMM CAP, SEARCHED SW ALONG THE COAST TO PHAN RHANG ALSO
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
(2) SAME AS ITEM D.
(3) UNK.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L/JOPREP JIFFY/JRCC/RESCUE

03-018, 120740Z NOV.

1. RESCUE SUSPENDING REPORT: 16 NOV 71.

2. MISSION NUMBER: 03-018-12 NOV 71.

3. SITUATION: VNAF C-123 MISSING ON FLIGHT FROM TAN SON NHUT

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TO NHA TRANG.

C. PERSONNEL INFORMATION:

(1) EIGHT VNAF PERSONNEL MISSING.

D. FLYING ACTIVITY: TOTAL FLYING TIME 12.1 HOURS, ALL BY
VNAF AIRCRAFT:

62ND TAC WG VNAF, UH-1H, 4 SORTIES, 3.6 HRS.

62ND TAC WG VNAF, O-1, 4 SORTIES, 7.5 HRS.

62ND TAC WG VNAF, C-123, 1 SORTIES, 1.0 HRS.

E. SAVES DATA: NO SAVES CLAIMED

F. SUMMARY OF SAR ACTIONS:

(1) TWO VNAF HELICOPTER, TWO VNAF LIGHT, FIXED WING AND
ONE VNAF TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT FLEW A TOTAL OF 9 SORTIES FOR A
TOTAL OF 12.1 HOURS SEARCHING FOR THE MISSING VNAF C-123.
CALL SIGN XVFRU. EFFORTS CONCENTRATED IN MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN
WEST AND SOUTH OF NHA TRANG, ORIENTED ALONG THE 230 DEGREE
RADIAL OF NHA TRANG TACAN. WEATHER PERMITTED FIRST ADEQUATE

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COVERAGE IN THESE AREAS. THE C-123 ACTED AS COMMUNICATIONS
CAP AS WELL AS ACTIVE SEARCH DUTIES. SAR, USAF HC-130P,
WAS NOT UTILIZED DUE TO MAINTENANCE DIFFICULTIES.
(2) SAME AS ITEM D.

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(3) UNK.

(4) VNAF HAS RELEASED USAF SAR RESOURCES FROM SAR
EFFORT ALTHOUGH VNAF CONTINUES AN ACTIVE SEARCH.

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03-018, 120740Z NOV.

1. RESCUE CLOSING REPORT: 17 NOV 71.

2. MISSION NUMBER: 03-018-12 NOV 71

3. SITUATION: VNAF C-123 MISSING ON FLIGHT FROM TAN SON NHUT

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C. PERSONNEL INFORMATION:

(1) EIGHT VNAF PERSONNEL DECEASED

(2) REPORTED BY VNAF TACC, TAN SON NHUT AFLD RVN,
LOCATED AT 0300Z, 17 NOV 71, AT 1209N/10908E.

(3) 62ND TAC WG VNAF CONFIRMED SIGHTING OF WRECKAGE.

(4) WRECKAGE SIGHTED ON SOUTH SIDE OF 3209FT HILL,
APPROXIMATELY 6 NM SOUTH ON THE 220 DEGREE RADIAL OF NHA TRANG
TACAN. NO ATTEMPT MADE TO RECOVER WRECKAGE THIS DATE.

D. FLYING ACTIVITY:

(1) UNKNOWN.

E. SAVES DATA: NO SAVES CLAIMED.

F. SUMMARY OF SAR ACTIONS:

(1) VNAF TACC, TAN SON NHUT AFLD RVN, REPORTED TO
JRCC THAT THE MISSING VNAF C-123 AIRCRAFT WAS LOCATED AT 1209N/
10908E AT 0300Z, 17 NOV 71, BY A VNAF UH-1H. WRECKAGE WAS

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CONFIRMED TO BE THAT OF XVFRU. GROUND TEAM TO BE PLACED ON
OBJECTIVE 18 NOV 71. NO SURVIVORS.

- (2) UNKNOWN
- (3) UNKNOWN

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(4) USAF AIRCRAFT NOT UTILIZED IN THIS SEARCH. THIS
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