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was delayed for bad weather for two days. During the delay Bravo reported that the gomers were coming over the hill and that "they have me". Better coordination of MIG cap and fast mover ordnance could have produced a successful pick-up the second day.

On 13 May Sandys 05/06 were launched from Bien Hoa for Phoenix Black 2 (VNAF A-1) downed near An Loc. However, contact was never established with a survivor. The Sandys departed the area after being fired on by SA-7 missiles.

On 14 May Sandys 05/06 were launched for Sundog 07, who was downed by an SA-7 near An Loc. The survivor was in friendly hands and the Sandys advised the army to delay rescue attempts since the enemy was surely waiting for the first helicopter to enter the area. The Sandys departed the area after taking SA-7 fire. Sundog 07 was rescued several days later by the army.

On 20 May Bowleg 02 (F-4) was downed about 30 miles west of Hanoi. Sandy 03/04 proceeded to the survivors area from their orbit, aided by Disco (EC-121). Sandy 01/02/09/10 were launched from NKP to try for an immediate pick-up. Sandys 03/04 found the survivors who reported movement in their area. Bravo was very excited and his radio transmissions were almost unreadable. Sandys 09 and 10 (Capt Smith, Lt Hukee) took on scene command and worked the area some more before leaving the area to get the Jollys for a pick-up. Upon returning to the area Bravo ~~was~~ could no longer be contacted so only Alpha was rescued. ~~These~~ forces remained in the area until dangerously low on fuel attempting to regain contact

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STATEMENT

13 May

21 May 1972

SUBJECT: Sandy 05/06 SAR PHOENIX BLACK II

1. On 13 May 1972, at 1445 we were alerted by Joker that a VNAF A-1 was down over An Loc. We scrambled, but ground told us that Pedro had relayed that the SAR was terminated. We taxied back and recocked.
2. At 1515 Tower call and said that the VNAF tower controlled reports that the people (unknown) up at An Loc need some resources to aid in the pick up of the survivor. We called Joker and they didn't know a thing about it. We tell them that we will take off, fly to the scene, and see what the real story is. They concur.
3. We were airborne at 1600, and over An Loc area at 1625. A Sundog FAC directs us to the SAR area. Sandy 05 went down and located the chute. There was no radio contact with the survivor. The sandy's orbit to the south of An Loc to see if anything develops.
4. As the Sandy's were departing the area, Sandy 05 had an SA-7 fired at him. Sandy 06 directed Sandy 05 to break. The missile subsequently missed. The position of launch was still very visible, so both Sandy's expended CBU-25 and 20mm cannon fire on the site. The Sandy's took up an orbit about 4 miles to the south of An Loc, still awaiting some response from the survivor.
5. At 1825, the Sundog FAC requests that the Sandy's expend their ordnance on the West side of town. We struck the West side and encountered 3 12.7mm positions, however we took no hits.
6. At 1835 we returned to base, landing at 1900.

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