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(2) U.S. ARMY /0825Z 7 JUNE/13-59N 108-21E

D. FLYING ACTIVITY.

U.S. ARMY 4 SORTIES/9.5 HRS

20TASS/0-2/1 SORTIE/2.4 HRS

1600CSG/HC-130/1 SORTIE/3.5 HRS

E. SAVES DATA: NONE.

F. SUMMARY OF SAR ACTIONS:

(1) SAIGON CENTER NOTIFIED 7AF JRCC THAT EM-2 WAS OVER DUE AT PLEIKU AT 0350Z. TYPE AIRCRAFT UNKNOWN. AT 0528Z/5 JUNE IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT EM-2 WAS A C-46 OPERATED BY AIR AMERICA AND THAT RADAR CONTACT HAD BEEN LOST 21MILES EAST OF PLEIKU. THE AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN MAKING AN INSTRUMENT APPROACH INTO PLEIKU AND HAD BEEN CLEARED TO DESCEND TO 6100 FT. THE NEXT TRANSMISSION FROM EM-2 STATED THAT HE WAS LEVEL AT 4500 FT AND HE WAS TOLD OVER GUARD TO CLIMB IMMEDIATELY TO 6100 FT. NO FURTHER CONTACT WAS MADE WITH THE AIRCRAFT. WEATHER IN THE AREA PRECLUDED SEARCH OPERATIONS. CEILINGS REMAINED BELOW 3000* UNTIL 0800Z, 7 JUNE AT WHICH TIME SEARCH FORCES WERE LAUNCHED AND THE WRECKAGE WAS LOCATED AT THE 4400 FT LEVEL OF A MOUNTAIN 2 1/2 MILES SOUTH WEST OF THE LAST REPORTED POSITION. SEARCH FORCES WERE FORCED OUT OF THE AREA BY WEATHER AT 0928Z. NONE OF THE HELICOPTERS WERE ABLE TO LAND

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AT THE SITE BECAUSE OF HIGH WINDS. THE AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA REPORTED NO SIGNS OF SURVIVORS.

(2) SEE PARAGRAPH D.

(3) THE TOTAL AREA SEARCHED WAS 550 MILES.

(4) FUTURE PLANS.

WEATHER PERMITTING A GROUND TEAM WILL GO INTO THE AREA

ON 8 JUNE.

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1. RESCUE PROGRESS REPORT NBR 1
2. MISSION NR-03-008-7 JUN 72.
3. SITUATION: CRASHED AIR AMERICA C-46 VFR FROM BAN ME THUOT TO PLEIKU.

C. PERSONNEL: 31 INVOLVED-31 MISSING

D. FLYING ACTIVITY: NONE THIS DATE DUE TO WEATHER

F. GROUND PARTY OF 10 US PERSONNEL AND 70 LOCAL GROUND TROOPS

ASSEMBLED AT PLEIKU AWAITING WEATHER TO PERMIT FLIGHT INTO AREA.

8. SEE PARA 3F

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