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O 122000Z APR 83

FM CCP MCELLAN AFB CA

TO RHCUMAC/MAC COMMAND CENTER SCOTT AFB IL

INFO RUVAABA/CCP WPAFB OH

RHCUARR/23AF SCOTT AFB IL//DOCC//

ZEN/41RWRW MCELLAN AFB CA//LC//

ZEN/41ARRS MCELLAN AFB CA//CC//

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UNCLAS/JOPREP JIFFY/FFB4V0/OPREP-3 HOMELINE/008 FINAL

AT 1705Z/11APR 83 HC-130 S/N 50993, 41ARRS(FFCPMO), MCCLELLAN AFB,

CA DEPARTED TO PROVIDE DUCKBUTT COVERAGE OF CORDNET WEST 51. IT

WAS CONFIGURED WITH STANDARD RESCUE CREW, 2YRO AND EQUIPMENT.

AFTER NOTIFICATION OF A DOWNED TA-4 WITH TWO GOOD CHUTES, KING 93

PROCEEDED ON SCENE, LOCATED THE 2 SURVIVORS, ESTABLISHED RADIO

CONTACT, AND DEPLOYED A MA-1 KIT TO THE INJURED SURVIVOR AT 2354Z.

TWO PARARESCUEMEN(PJJ'S) WERE DEPLOYED AT 0012Z WITH TWO GOOD

CHUTES OBSERVED. THE 1ST PJ SWAM TO THE DEPLOYED MA-1 KIT AND

ESTABLISHED RADIO CONTACT WITH THE AIRCRAFT 30 TO 40 MINUTES

AFTER DEPLOYMENT. THE CREW REPORTED THAT THE 2ND PJ APPARENTLY

WAS NOT STEERING HIS CHUTE AND LANDED ONE HALF TO ONE MILE FROM

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THE 1ST PJ. THE CHUTE WAS OBSERVED ON THE WATER BUT NO VISUAL OR

RADIO CONTACT WAS EVER ESTABLISHED. A SECOND MA-1 KIT WAS DROPPED

ON THE 2ND PJ'S CHUTE POSITION WHICH FORMED A V PATTERN AROUND THE

POSITION TO INDICATE THE PJ CAUGHT THE LANYARD OR IT ENTANGLED IN

THE CHUTE OR EQUIPMENT. LATER, AFTER A THIRD MA-1 KIT WAS DEPLOYED

TO THE SECOND SURVIVOR, KING 93 RETURNED TO THE 2ND PJ'S CHUTE AND

MARKED IT WITH A DATA MARKER BEACON. FURTHER PASSES FAILED TO

ESTABLISHED VISUAL OR RADIO CONTACT. THE CREW WAS UNABLE TO

DETERMINE IF THE 2ND PJ WAS STILL WITH HIS CHUTE OR ATTEMPTED

TO SWIM TO A RAFT, THE NEAREST OF WHICH WAS ONE FOURTH TO ONE

HALF NM AWAY.

RESCUE BY SURFACE VESSEL IS IN PROGRESS WITH THE TWO SURVIVORS

ABOARD AND THE 1ST PJ ALMOST COMPLETED. THE NAVY P-3 ON SCENE IS

RECEIVING SIGNALS FROM THE DATA MARKER BEACON AND WILL ATTEMPT

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TO LOCATE THE 2ND PJ'S CHUTE AS SOON AS THE LONG BOAT COMPLETES
RESCUE OPERATIONS ON THE 1ST PJ.
STATUS OF THE 2ND PJ IS STILL MISSING. KING 91, 41ARRS AND QUAIL
09, 6594TH TEST GROUP ARE ENROUTE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SAR
COVERAGE. WEATHER AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT WAS VFR WITH
EXCELLENT VISIBILITY. SEA STATES REPORTED BY:

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METRO- 8 TO 10 FEET
DOWNED A-4- 15 FEET
1ST PJ- 20 FEET
WINDS BY METRO: 050/10; BY KING 93 050V060/10 TO 15 KTS.
FURTHER REPORTING WITH BE IN IAW AFR 127-4. SITUATION NO. 1.4
APPLIES, FROM MACR 55-16, VOL I.
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 PUBLIC DISTRESS SETBACK ONE (KING 93)
 2. 120012Z APR 83 PEREC 4. SMM DEPLOYED FROM USAF C-110 KING 93
 1. SITUATION

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 IN EFFORT TO ASSIST PILOTS OF DITCHED USN TRAINER ACFT. KING 93
 UNABLE TO EST COMMS WITH SMM AS REQUIRED TO ENSURE SAFETY. POSIT
 25-25N 142-50W. 700 MI END OF HONOLULU
 3. DEBRIEF SSGT JEFFREY Y JONES, BLACK WET SUIT
 C. WX: 2900 SCATTERED, VIS LO, SCATTERED SHOWERS. WIND 068/15.
 3045 14070
 1. ACFT IN SIGHT
 A. 0151Z KING 93 HAS SMM PARACHUTE IN SIGHT. WET SUIT APPARENTLY
 ATTACHED, BUT IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE IF BODY INSIDE. MA-1 KIT
 (2 SEVEN-MAN RAFTS ATTACHED BY 160 FT OF LINE) DROPPED TO PARACHUTE
 ALONG WITH JMB IN POSIT 25-27N 142-47W
 B. 0015Z DEBRIEF OF KING 93 INDICATES SMM DROPPED ALONG WITH
 ANOTHER PJ FROM 1500 FT. BOTH CHUTES OPENED. SMM DID NOT DIRECT HIS
 CHUTE TOWARD SURVIVOR RAFTS. MA-1 KIT DROPPED TO SMM PARACHUTE
 APPARENTLY CAUGHT LINE IN PARACHUTE. POSSIBLY STILL DRIFTING
 TOGETHER.
 C. 2245Z USAF RESCUE 41 SIGHTS TWO SEVEN-MAN LIFERAFTS IN POSIT
 25-24N 142-50W. PARACHUTE OF SMM POSSIBLY ATTACHED TO LINE BTWN
 RAFTS.
 3. FUTURE PLANS

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 2. USN P-3 CURRENTLY CONDUCTING NIGHT SEARCH FOR FLARES AND
 STREETS
 3. CONTINUE SEARCH 13 APR 83 USING TWO OR THREE USAF C-110 ACFT
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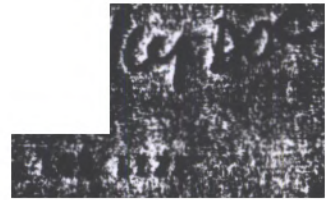
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RUEBJGA/COMGT LOGARO WASHINGTON DC
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ZEN/CGARD AIRSTA BARBERS PT HI
RUEAKGA/USAF WASH DC//LL//
RUMCLPA/HICKAM CP HICKAM AFB HI
RUMFYAAA/COMNAVAIRPAC SAN DIEGO CA
RUMVAAA/PALCO HICKAM AFB HI//DUC//
RUMH3RA/CINCPACFLT PEARL HARBOR HI
RUMHJJA/CTF THREE TWO
RUEKAAA/AFEOC FT MITCHEE MO

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RUMVAAA/DET 3 23AF HICKAM AFB HI
RUMH3RA/CTF THREE TWO PT HI
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RUMVAAA/15ABW HICKAM AFB HI//CC/PA//
RUMFYAAA/COMFIFTHMWPAC SAN DIEGO CA
RUMHFMH/6596FSSTG HICKAM AFB HI//CC/SR//
RUEGAWA/AFSC ANDREWS AFB MD//CSEATE/TEO/TEOC/TEUR//
RUMJEGA/50 LOS ANGELES AFS CA//YOC//
RUMHFA/AFSCF SUNNYVALE AFS CA//CC/RV/YO//
RUMVAAA/41 49AF MCCLELLAN AFB CA//DUC/DUC//
RUMVAAA/41 ARNS MCCLELLAN AFB CA
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 RHCUARR/AR-5 SCOTT AFB IL//OPAP//
 RUVFFF/AF-10 LORRY AFB CO//AJCC//
 RUMJABA/AF-10 NORTON AFB CA//1605//
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CLASS CASUALTY REPORT, SEARCH PROGRESS REPORT

REF AF OPREP 130000Z APR 83.

1. 120700Z APR 83.

2. NO CONTACT WITH PARARESCUE SPECIALIST AFTER DEPLOYMENT FROM C-130 ACFT APPROXIMATELY 300 MILES EAST NORTHEAST OF HONOLULU, HAWAII ON 11 APR 83.

C. ONE

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1. JONES REPEAT JONES, JEFFREY YATES

2. STAFF SERGEANT

3. F-576-74-4943 REPEAT F2576-74-4943, REGULAR AIR FORCE

4. 41ARRS(MAC), MCCLELLAN AFB, CA.

5. C-130 DEPARTED MCCLELLAN AFB, CA AT 1100 HOURS, 13 APR 83 FOR SEARCH OF AREA. NO NEW INFORMATION OR CHANGE IN STATUS TO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

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RHCUBARR/23 AF SCOTT AFB IL//CC/001//
RHCUBARR/MQ ARRS SCOTT AFB IL//CC/001//
RUVMAAA/+L 41ARMS MCCLELLAN AFB CALIF/CC/001//
RHHMSHA/JRCC HONOLULU HI
RUWFSVAA/COMFITAENINGPAC SAN DIEGO CA
RHHMBRA/FLCUMPRON ONE

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SUBJ: RESCUE OF DOWNED AIRCREW
1. THE SUCCESSFUL MID-OCEAN RESCUE OF THE NAVY TA-4J AIRCREW FROM VC-1 ON 11-12 APRIL IS MOST SINCERELY APPRECIATED. YOUR SAR TEAM'S PERFORMANCE WAS SUPERB AND PROFESSIONAL IN EVERY RESPECT AND RESULTED IN SAVING TWO NAVAL AVIATORS. AT THE SAME TIME WE SHARE YOUR GRIEF IN THE UNFORTUNATE LOSS OF ONE PARACHUTE RESCUERMAN.
2. REQUEST PASS TO ALL CONCERNED OUR THANKS AND ADMIRATION FOR A

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SUBJECT: MISHAP INVESTIGATION BOARD
REF: 23AF/SE 122045Z APR 83, SUBJ: MISHAP INVESTIGATION (NOT TO 6594TG OR AFSCF/R)

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1. THE MISHAP BOARD INVESTIGATING A POSSIBLE CLASS A MISHAP INVOLVING SSGT JEFFREY Y. JONES, 41 ARRS, HAS CONVENED AT MCCLELLAN AFB, CA, ON 140330Z APR 83.
2. ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO THIS INVESTIGATION TO 41 CAMS, MCCLELLAN AFB, CA, ATTN: MISHAP INVESTIGATION BOARD, TELECON AV 633-4241. COLONEL ALBERT L. WATERS, BOARD PRESIDENT.
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SUBJECT: MISHAP INVESTIGATION BOARD ASSISTANCE

REF A: OUR 142216Z APR 83, SUBJ: MISHAP INVESTIGATION BOARD

REF B: 14 APR 83 TELECON BETWEEN MISHAP INVESTIGATION BOARD AND 834ALD/SE, SAME SUBJECT

1. REQUEST ASSISTANCE OF CAPTS FARISS AND DRIGGS, 834ALD/SE, FOR DURATION OF MISHAP BOARD INVESTIGATION OF POSSIBLE CLASS A MISHAP

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INVOLVING SSGT JEFFREY Y. JONES, 41ARRS, MCCLELLAN AFB, CA.

2. ANTICIPATE CAPTS FARISS AND DRIGGS WILL CONDUCT INTERVIEW OF USMC A-4 PILOT HOSPITALIZED YOUR STATION.

3. PLEASE DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS TO COLONEL ALBERT L. WATERS, BOARD PRESIDENT, AV 633-4241.

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SUBJECT: MISHAP INVESTIGATION BOARD ASSISTANCE

1. REQUEST ASSISTANCE OF SMSGT JOSEPH DUFFY, 6594 TESTG/DOPJ, FOR DURATION OF MISHAP BOARD INVESTIGATION OF POSSIBLE CLASS A MISHAP INVOLVING SSGT JEFFREY Y. JONES, 41ARRS, MCCLELLAN AFB, CA.
2. ANTICIPATE SMSGT DUFFY WILL ASSIST IN 834ALD/SE INTERVIEW OF USMC A-4 PILOT HOSPITALIZED AT YOUR STATION.

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3. DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS TO COLONEL ALBERT L. WATERS, BOARD PRESIDENT, AV 633-4241.

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SUBJ: CASUALTY REPORT, SEARCH PROGRESS REPORT

REF BY OPMAR 140015Z APR 83.

AT 120730Z APR 83.

NO CONTACT WITH PARARESCUE SPECIALIST AFTER DEPLOYMENT FROM C-130
 ACFT APPROXIMATELY 800 MILES EAST NORTHEAST OF HONOLULU, HAWAII ON
 12 APR 83.

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O. JONES REPEAT JONES, JEFFREY YATES.

E. STAFF SERGEANT.

P. 8A576-74-4943 REPEAT 8A576-74-4943, REGULAR AIR FORCE.

C. 41ARRSMACT, MCCLELLAN AFB, CA.

H. DESCREEFING OF ACFT CREW RETURNING FROM SEARCH OF AREA DISCLOSES
 NO NEW INFORMATION. SEARCH CONTINUES.

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A. JONES REPEAT JONES, JEFFREY YATES.

B. STAFF SERGEANT.

B1. NO.

C. FR576-74-4943 REPEAT FR576-74-4943, REGULAR AIR FORCE.

D. 41ARRS(MAC), MCCLELLAN AFB CA, ON DUTY. ACTIVE DUTY.

E. PACIFIC OCEAN APPROXIMATELY 900 MILES EAST NORTHEAST OF HONOLULU.

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HAWAII (COORDINATES 25 DEGREES 41 MINUTES NORTH, 142 DEGREES 45 MINUTES WEST).

F. 11 APRIL 1983.

G. DROWNING DUE TO INJURY OR INCAPACITATION AS A CONSEQUENCE OF PARACHUTING INTO PACIFIC OCEAN.

H. ON 11 APR 83, SSGT JONES WAS ABOARD AN HC-130 ACFT OUT OF MCCLELLAN AFB, CA. THE MISSION WAS TO PROVIDE PRECAUTIONARY SEARCH AND RESCUE COVERAGE FOR A TRANSOCEANIC FLIGHT OF 2 NAVY TA-4J SKYHAWKS. WHEN ONE OF THE FIGHTERS APPARENTLY CAUGHT FIRE, THE

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PILOTS BAILED OUT AND THE HC-130 CREW IMMEDIATELY WENT TO THEIR AID. THEY SOON ARRIVED ON-SCENE, LOCATED THE DOWNED PILOTS, AND DETERMINED ONE PILOT'S INJURIES REQUIRED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE PARARESCUE SPECIALISTS ABOARD THE HC-130. AFTER AIRDROPPING AN MA-1 KIT CONSISTING OF 2 SEVEN-MAN LIFE RAFTS, FOOD, WATER, RADIOS, SIGNALING DEVICES, SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT ETC TO THE MOST SERIOUSLY INJURED PILOT, THE TWO PARARESCUEMEN WERE DEPLOYED BY PARACHUTE AT 1513 HOURS LOCAL VICTOR TIME. BOTH WERE OBSERVED WITH GOOD PARACHUTES AND MAKING A NORMAL DESCENT TOWARD THE MA-1 KIT POSITION. SSGT RODMAN, (OTHER PARARESCUE SPECIALIST) AND LT COMDR HAGSTROM (ONE OF DOWNED PILOTS) LATER CONFIRMED THAT SSGT JONES HAD DESCENDED WITHOUT ANY

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APPARENT DIFFICULTY AND WAS USING NORMAL PARACHUTE PROCEDURES. BEING THE FIRST OUT OF THE HC-130, AND THEREFORE THE LOWER OF THE TWO SSGT RODMAN ENTERED THE WATER FIRST WHERE HE IMMEDIATELY LOST SIGHT OF HIS TEAMMATE. THE HC-130 CREW REPORTED BOTH ENTERED THE WATER ON EITHER SIDE OF THE INJURED PILOT'S POSITION. THE PREBRIEFED PLAN WAS TO JETTISON THE PARACHUTE CANOPIES UPON ENTRY, JETTISON THE RESERVE CHUTES AND SCUBA TANKS, AND INFLATE THEIR SINGLE-MAN LIFE RAFTS. USING THE RAFTS TO SUPPORT THEM AND THEIR EQUIPMENT, THEY WOULD FIN TO THE MA-1 KIT RAFTS AND PROCEED TO LINK-UP WITH THE INJURED PILOT. SSGT RODMAN HAD STEERED TO WITHIN APPROXIMATELY 50 YARDS OF THE MA-1 KIT, BUT DUE TO HIGH SEA STATES AND INABILITY TO SEE THE RAFTS, TOOK APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES TO REACH THE MA-1 KIT. THE KIT HAD DRIFTED CLOSE TO, BUO HAD MISSED THE INJURED PILOT'S SINGLE-MAN RAFT. SSGT RODMAN CAUGHT THE SEVEN-MAN RAFT, AND THOUGH NEARLY EXHAUSTED, DEPLOYED THE SEA ANCHOR TO SLOW THE RAFT'S DRIFT TO ASSIST THE INJURED PILOT AND SSGT JONES IN OVERTAKING THE KIT POSITION. HE ALSO GAVE HIMSELF AN INJECTION TO COUNTER SEA SICKNESS AND CHECKED IN ON RADIO WITH THE HC-130. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, WHEN SSGT JONES HAD FAILED TO CHECK IN, THE HC-130 MADE SEVERAL PASSES TO OBSERVE HIS POSITION, DESCENDING ON EACH PASS TO GET A BETTER VIEW. SSGT JONES'

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PARACHUTE CANOPY WAS OBSERVED BUT NO MOVEMENT OR ACTIVITY COULD BE

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SEEN. ANOTHER MA-1 KIT WAS DEPLOYED AND ITS RAFTS, FLOTATION BUNDLES AND SEVERAL HUNDRED FEET OF ROPE LANYARD QUICKLY FORMED A V-SHAPED PATTERN AROUND SSGT JONES' PARACHUTE. THIS WOULD INDICATE SGT JONES HAD GRABBED THE LINE OR IT HAD SNAGGED IN HIS EQUIPMENT. A MARKER BEACON WAS DROPPED TO FURTHER MARK HIS POSITION. STILL NO WORD OR CONTACT WAS MADE WITH SGT JONES. INDIVIDUAL DEBRIEFS BY HC-130 CREWMEMBERS (NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO OFFICIALS AT MCCLELLAN AFB, CA) NOW VERIFY THAT SGT JONES WAS STILL ATTACHED TO HIS SUBMERGED CANOPY ALONG WITH SCUBA AND OTHER EQUIPMENT. SINCE THE CANOPY SHOULD HAVE BEEN RELEASED IMMEDIATELY UPON ENTRY INTO THE WATER, THE ASSUMPTION HAS TO BE MADE THAT SOMETHING HAPPENED TO SGT JONES TO PREVENT HIM FROM DOING SO. PARACHUTE FLOAT TESTS HAVE VERIFIED THAT ONCE THE CANOPY IS RELEASED IT WILL SINK ALMOST IMMEDIATELY FROM THE WEIGHT OF THE RISERS AND ATTACHMENT HARDWARE. HOWEVER, IF THE CANOPY REMAINS ATTACHED TO THE JUMPER, HIS BOUYANCY COULD KEEP IT AFLOAT FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT FACT SINCE THE CHUTE DID FLOAT 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE MA-1 KIT REACHED HIS POSITION. THE MA-1 KIT THEN HELPED SUPPORT THE SINKING CANOPY AND EQUIPMENT. THIS EVIDENCE ELIMINATES THE POSSIBILITY THAT SGT JONES HAD DEPARTED

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THE PARACHUTE (IT WOULD HAVE SUNK IMMEDIATELY) AND BECAME LOST TRYING TO SWIM TO SGT RODMAN'S OR THE INJURED PILOT'S POSITION. THE EVIDENCE IS NOW CONCLUSIVE THAT HE WAS LAST SEEN FLOATING FACE DOWN, PARTIALLY SUBMERGED, ATTACHED TO THE PARACHUTE AND FOR SOME UNDETERMINED REASON COULD NOT RELEASE THE CANOPY. FURTHERMORE, HAD HE BEEN ALIVE WHEN THE MA-1 KIT REACHED HIS POSITION, HE HAD NUMEROUS SIGNALING DEVICES AND RADIOS IN THE KIT WITH WHICH TO CONTACT THE HC-130. NO VISUAL SIGNALS WERE OBSERVED OR RADIO CONTACT MADE WITH SURFACE VESSELS OR SEARCH ACFT IN THE EIGHT DAYS OF SEARCHING OVER SIXTEEN THOUSAND SQUARE MILES. IT IS FACT, NOT PRESUMPTION, THAT SSGT JONES DIED SHORTLY AFTER ENTERING THE WATER ON 11 APR 83. A MISHAP INVESTIGATION BOARD HAS BEEN FORMED TO THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATE THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND CAUSES IN THIS MATTER AND THE FINDINGS OF THAT BOARD WILL BE RELEASED THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS.

I. DELETED.

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- K. REQUEST ASSISTANCE BE PROVIDED BY HQ AFMPC/MPCC TO MAKE PERSONAL NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS.
- L. SINGLE AIRMAN.

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- M. FATHER, ONE HUNDRED PERCENT.
- N. FATHER, ONE HUNDRED PERCENT.
- O. 11 JANUARY 1983.
- P. YES, AF FORM 25 WITH EXHIBITS 5 MAY 83.
- Q. RESERVED.
- R. SAME AS ITEM J.
- S. AFOUA, AFGCM, AFOSTR, AFLSA, SAEMR, AND AF TRAINING RIBBON.
- T. ALL SOURCES OF INFORMATION HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATED; A CONDOLENCE LETTER IS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE.
- U. SGLI-35-LUMP-DEVOLVE.
- V. PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
- W. CAUCASIAN MALE.
- X. DELETED.
- Y. 1. 30 MAR 83, MCCLELLAN AFB, CA, KAILUA, HAWAII.
2. 24 SEP 77.
- Z. 1. 30 MARCH 1957, HONOLULU, HAWAII.

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Air Force rescuer lost in choppy sea

By Associated Press

An Air Force rescue specialist who was dropped into the Pacific Ocean to help save two downed fliers was lost in the choppy sea, the Coast Guard said Tuesday after the pilot and co-pilot of the fighter jet and another rescuer were picked up by a Japanese ship.

Another Air Force plane, a B-52 bomber with a crew of seven aboard, disappeared Monday on a practice bombing run in southern Nevada. Snow in the mountains and clouds in the valleys hampered the Air Force search for the missing bomber and crew.

In the Pacific Ocean, the two rescuers, wearing lifejackets, parachuted into the ocean Monday about 700 miles northeast of Hawaii. The missing rescuer never made it to a life raft he was to share with the

other rescuer, Coast Guard spokesman Keith Spangler said.

He was seen floating in the water and search planes kept him in sight until nightfall.

"WE LOST HIM in the darkness," Spangler said.

The rescue operation began after a Navy A-4 fighter jet crashed in the ocean Monday and the two fliers on board ejected. The fliers and one rescuer spent more than 15 hours in separate life rafts, bobbing in 8- to 18-foot seas before being picked up by a small boat just after dawn Tuesday and taken to a nearby Japanese fishing vessel, which volunteered to help, Spangler said.

Rescue efforts were hampered by the distance from land. Most Navy and Coast Guard search planes can stay aloft for only eight hours, Spangler said.

"It takes three hours to get there (from Oahu) and

three hours to get back," he said. "That gives the planes two hours on the scene."

IN NEVADA, planes began flying over the rugged terrain at dawn, but some had to turn back because of the bad weather, which was expected to continue through late Wednesday.

The missing B-52 disappeared in bad weather Monday in the northern portion of the sprawling Nellis range, a 3 million-acre expanse of desert, mountains and canyons. The range, roughly the size of Switzerland, is a major target area for bombers and fighters from bases across the United States.

The unarmed plane took off Monday morning from Robins Air Force Base in Georgia. It was last heard from at 3 p.m. St. Louis time when it descended to begin a low-level practice bombing run at the Nellis range.