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11. WITNESSES AND PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF MISSING PERSONS OR AIRCRAFT	ATTACH PERTINENT STATEMENTS FROM SAID	
LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL	GRADE	SOCIAL SECURITY NO. AND SERVICE NUMBER
GOTTSCHANG JOHN C.	1st Lt	

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12. DETAILED CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DISAPPEARANCE (Duration, extent and results of search; life-saving equipment available and/or used; if applicable, peculiarities of tides, terrain, etc., and any other details pertinent to a determination of status not included elsewhere in this report.)

Capt Shine was the pilot of an A-7D aircraft, call sign Hobo 01 that departed Korat RTAFB at 0827 hours local 2 December 1972 on an Airborne Alert mission over Laos. After aerial refueling he was orbiting awaiting target clearance. He descended below the cloud cover to perform visual reconnaissance. HOBO 02 saw him intermittently during the next few minutes. At approximately 0950 hours he failed to respond to attempts at radio contact by HOBO 02. HOBO 01 was last seen in the vicinity of 1930N 10410E. SAR efforts were initiated immediately and continued until 4 December 1972. Extensive search efforts were made to establish electronic, voice or visual contact with negative results. Weather in the area was broken clouds, terrain in the area is mountainous and is sparsely populated. Capt Shine's physical condition is unknown; however, he has had extensive jungle survival training and his ability to survive in his present environment is presumed fair. Capt Shine carried standard jungle survival equipment including .38 caliber Smith-Wesson revolver, serial number K880832.

*Boeing*

13. OPINION OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A. CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT CONTINUATION IN A MISSING STATUS	<input type="checkbox"/> B. CHANGE FROM MISSING TO DEAD
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C. REASONS

Recommend Capt Shine be continued missing in action. He is an experienced crewmember who is well trained in the appropriate survival techniques. Although no contact has been made with Capt Shine the possibility exists that he did land safely on the ground and is presently evading capture or has been captured by hostile forces.

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TYPED NAME AND GRADE OF COMMANDING OFFICER JOHN F. RHEEMAN, Colonel, USAF Commander	AFSN AND SSAN	SIGNATURE <i>John F. Rheeman</i>
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