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Det 2-3-65-31 May

*EKMAN*

(U) An F-105 pilot was recovered from 2139N 10440E (NVN) by HH-3E helicopter using the hoist method. Attempts to locate another F-105 pilot call sign Cactus 2, who had ejected in the same area were unsuccessful. *STEEN*

Det 2-3-66-31 May

(U) Continued search for F-105 pilot, Cactus 2; terminated on 1 June with negative results. *STEEN*

Det 2-3-67-1 June

*PEACOCK*

(U) HH-3E helicopter recovered an F-105 pilot from NVN (1723N 10602E) using the forest penetrator for pickup from a heavy forested area.

Det 2-3-68-2 June

*WHIPPLE*

(U) The pilot of an F-105 was recovered from NVN (1723N 10609E) by an HH-3 using the hoist method. Extremely heavy flak and ground fire had to be suppressed by A-1E's to enable the helicopter to get in position for the recovery.

Det 2-3-69-2 June

(U) Two crewmembers of an OLE were recovered from Laos (1705N 10538E) by landing an HH-3E in an open area and boarding the survivors.

Det 2-3-70-3 June

(U) SAR objective was to locate the crewmembers of a crashed AC-47 in Laos (1703N 10559E). Search suspended on 6 June due to negative leads of contact with survivors.

Det 2-3-72-9 June

*HOLLEY*

(U) An HH-3 made a hoist recovery of an injured F-105 pilot from NVN (1715N 10626E). The paramedic was lowered through dense foliage to help the pilot get on the penetrator seat.

Det 2-3-73-9 June

*HOLLEY*

(U) A SAR force of 4 A1E's and 2 HH-3's, had just completed the recovery of an F-105 pilot. During the withdrawal from the area two of the A1E's ran together at low altitude and crashed into heavily foliated and wooded terrain. In the opinion of observers there was little possibility of any survivors and after two hours of search the mission was terminated.

Det 2-3-74-9 June

*2 A1E's  
SAR*

(U) An A1E pilot was recovered from Laos (1935N 10307E) by an Air America H-34 who was in the vicinity and had monitored the distress call.

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