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FROM: Det 1, 3 ARGP (Capt. David A. Sisson)

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SUBJECT: Mission Narrative No. 1-3-36 7 June 1966

TO: 3 ARGP APO 96307 U.S. FORCES

1. While flying a precautionary orbit in the Gulf of Tonkin as Crown Bravo, I heard Panama control call "Olds One" who was squawking emergency "Olds One" broadcast on guard that his wingman, "Olds Two" had ejected from his F-105 and was in the water approx. 10 miles off shore. "Speedbird", a Navy destroyer gave us "pegeons" from our orbit position to the downed flyer of 165° and 65 NM.
2. I immediately proceeded to the scene while sending my Rescap A1E's on ahead. Our Rescap was "Barn Owl" 563 and 573. "Speedbird" continued to vector me to the scene and my navigator monitored and heard on the emergency squawk. Approximately 5 NM from the scene I heard the survivor on his URC-11 report that he was in his raft and in good condition with no injuries. My co-pilot and I made a sea evaluation and completed it as we arrived on the scene.
3. The sea condition was as follows: primary swell 140°, two to three feet; wind and wind wave 240°. The Rescap marked the survivor by dipping his wing and as I passed over him the flt mechanic dropped a smoke marker. The flt mechanic reported our weight at 33,000 lbs. So I made the decision to jettison the drop tanks on the downwind leg no problems encountered. I then made a normal open sea landing and completed the runout approximately 100 yards from the survivor. I then taxied to the survivor and made a raft approach. About 25 ft from the raft I deployed the pararescueman with a ring line attached to him and aircraft. When he reached the raft and survivor the radio operator and flight mechanic pulled them both back aboard with no complications.
4. After everyone was strapped in I decided to make a no JATO take-off as time was of essence and the sea conditions favorable. After take-off I advised the Rescap aircraft the Crown Charlie was proceeding as our replacement. We recovered at Da Nang without further incident.
5. All of my crew members performed a outstanding job. Each man remained calm and executed my orders in a professional manner. All supporting aircraft and surface vessels gave me excellent support throughout the mission.
6. The crew members were: ROC Capt. David A. Sisson; P 1Lt. Raymond M. Bauer; H Capt. Joel Ruiz; FM A1C Roy L. McCollough; RO A1C John L. Williams; RJ A1C Michael F. Dean.
7. The survivor was Capt. James E. Bayles, Pekin, Ill. Age 29 of the 333 TFS, 355 TFW Takhli Thailand.

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