

approx 4 miles at sea S of the North Vietnam Coastal town

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OPEN/SUSPENDING

The search objective is for the pilot of an E-105, who was downed due to SWANSON hostile action, approximately 4 miles at sea S. of the North Vietnam Coastal village of Dong Xuan, 145 miles north of the DMZ.

An HC-130 of the 39 Sq was alerted at 0053Z by the F-105 flight leader to co-ordinate with Navy SAR. A parachute and helmet liner was sighted. Navy helicopter lowered a swimmer into the water, but the chute sank prior to the swimmer being able to determine if the pilot had gotten out of the chute. Search suspended at 0245Z by the Navy. Negative sighting of pilot, negative leads. There were several boats in the area which a Navy helicopter looked over. Pilot not believed to be aboard small craft. Hostile mortar fire from shore hampered search.

39 Sq flew 1 sortie for 1450; USN A-1H's flew 6 sorties for 400 and SH-3's flew 2 sorties for 1430; F-105's flew 6 sorties for 4 hours. A total of 11+20 was flown.

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FM OL-1 3ARRGP SON TRA RVN

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INFO RUEDHQA/CSAF

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RUHLKN/PARRC HICKAM AFB HAWAII

RUMSAL/7AF TAN SON NHUT AB RVN

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RUMSBB/MACV SAIGON RVN

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RUHNBRA/CINCPACFLT PEARL HARBOR HAWAII

RUMGUL/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUMFCR/ALL SEVENTH FLT CAV TG CRDS

RUMFCR/CTE 77.0.1.2

RUMFCR/CTE 70.2.1.1

RUMFCR/CTU 77.0.1

RUMFCR/CTD 77.0.2

RUMBDI/OL-2 3ARRGP UDORN RTAB THAILAND

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ASST DCS/PERS RANDOLPH AFB TEXAS

RUMNAF/39ARRS TUY HOA AB RVN

RUOLBMA/48ARRS EGLIN AFB FLA

RUMKAH/388 TFW KORAT RTAB THAILAND

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C O N F I D E N T I A L /OL-1 3ARRGP 50126 JUN 67, CSAF FOR (AFXOPFH
AFCP); MAC (MAOCCA, MCP); CINCPACAF (DOCC-R); TAC (DOOS-LR); PARRC
(PRCOP); 7AF PERS (ARPMSC); 7AF (DOCO, DO, DI); 3ARRGP (RGRC). SUBJ:
(U) RESCUE INFORMATION REPO

EZLY THIS MESSAGE TWO PARTS.

PART 1.

1. RESCUE OPENING REPORT./

2. 1-3-89, 15 JUN 67.

4. A. F-105, IP.O.B. B. TACTICAL. C. CLASSIFIED. D. USAF, GOOSE 4, TA

NR. 61-0213. E. USA, F. 388 TFW KORAT RTAB, THAILAND. G. PILOTS NAME,

SWANSON, JOHN V, JR. H. ONE. I. STANDARD USAF SURVIVAL GEAR.

5. USAF HC-130P, 15/10537

6. NOT REQUIRED

7. HC-130P (CROWN 49, 39 ARRS AT 15/00532.

8. REQUEST CR-4 CO-ORDINATE NAVY SAR 15/00532.

9. 1902N 10545E. *Support of 49 miles at sea S of the North Viet Nam coastal
village of Xuan Xuan.*

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12. A. NOT A FACTOR. C. NOT REQUIRED, SEE PART II, THIS MSG.

11. OL-1 3ARRGP, MAJ J. R. ODOWD.

12. USN, USAF, TACC-NS.

22. C. / 1-3-89, 15 JUN 67, 1902N 10545E. D. NOT REQUIRED

20. H. CROWN-4 RECEIVED INITIAL NOTIFICATION FROM GOOSE LEAD. ACFT WAS DOWNED DUE TO HOSTIL ACTION. ACFT A COMBAT LOSS.
PART II.
1. RESCUE SUSPENDING REPORT,
2. 1-3-89, 15 JUN 67.
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10. E. NOT A FACTOR
13. S/E.
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15. A. 1/0/0/0/1/0. B. 1/0/0/0/1/0.
16. S/E.
17. 1/1850/39ARRS, TUY HOA AB, RVN/HC-130A; 4/6440/USN/A-1H9; 6/4400/USAF/ F-105S; 2/1430/USN/SH-35.
18. 0/0/2/0/NOT AVAILABLE/0/28/2.
19. A. S/E. B. S/E.
20. U. VICINITY OF 1902N 10545E/ 100 PERCENT. B. SIGHTED PARACHUTE AND

SWANSON

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REMENT LITER

USN LOWERED SWIMMER FROM CLEMENTINE 2 TO INVESTAGATE CHUTE BUT CHUTE SANK AS SWIMMER ENTERED WATER AND SWIMMER WAS UNABLE TO DETERMIN IF PILOT HAD GOTTEN OUT OF CHUTE. SEARCH CONTINUTED UNTIL 0245Z, NEGATIVE RESULTS. USN TERMINATED SAR AT 0245Z. F. NEGATIVE SIGHTING OF PILOT. NEGATIVE LEADS. H. ACFT ON SCENE, GOOSE LEAD SAW PILOT IN WATER, HOWEVER WHEN HELICOPTER ARRIVED PARACHUTE WAS SINKING, PILOT WAS NOT VISIBLE SO SWIMMER WAS LOWERED FROM CLEMENTINE HELICOPTER. CHUTE SANK. THERE WERE SEVERAL SMALL BOATS IN THE AREA WHICH NAVY HELICOPTER, BIG MOTHER, LOOKED OVR. PILOT NOT BELIEVED TO BE ABOARD SMALL CRAFT. HOSTILE MORTAR FIRE FROM SHORE HAMPERED SEARCH. ON SCENE COMMANDER, BARN OWL 568 RECOMMENDED TERMINETE SAR. SEARCH SUSPENDED AT 15/0245Z.

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DOWNGRADED AT 5 YEAR INTERVALS
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