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OK 1-3-196 / 14 DEC 67

OPEN/SUSPENDING

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The search was for a USAF (F-105) that was presumed downed by hostile fire 50 mi N of Hanoi. Upon notification that Cactus 4 was missing, (Crown 5) & (JL 10) were diverted to conduct a search. A check of all airfields proved negative and a check with controlling agencies indicated that the missing aircraft may not have crossed from hostile territory as no one had established contact with him. Electronic and visual search from the coast to tanker rendezvous point provided negative results. Search was suspended and all aircraft will be briefed to conduct electronic search while transiting area.

2 sorties for 3+50

(SLIDE)

Classified by
SUBJECT TO GENERAL DECLASSIFICATION
SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652
AUTOMATICALLY DOWNGRADED AT TWO
YEAR INTERVALS. 9 FEB 1977
DECLASSIFIED ON

Briefed 15 Dec 67

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DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 18 YEARS
DOD DIR 5200.10

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PAGE 2 RUMHPD 145 C O N F I D E N T I A L
RUMTFJA/HQ USAFPC/AFPMSC/RANDOLPH AFB TEX
RUMHASA/PACARRC/PROCP/HICKAM AFB, HAWAII
RUMBEDD/388 TFW KORAT RTAFB THAILAND
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C O N F I D E N T I A L/JOPREP JIFFY/OL-1 3ARRGP/DEC 67. FOR 7AF
(DOCO, DO, DI); 3ARRGP (3J5ARC); THIS MESSAGE IN TWO PARTS: PART I.
1. RESCUE OPENING REPORT.; 2. 1-3-196/14 DEC 67.
4. A. F-105/1 P.O.B.; B. TACTICAL; C. CLASSIFIED;
D. USAF/CACTUS 4/59-1750; E. USA; F. 388TFW, KORAT RTAFB, THAI.;
G. NOT RELEASED; H. ONE POB.
5. CROWN 5 AT 14/0655Z DEC 67.; G. S/E.
7. 1/HQ-130/39ARRS/0655Z; 1/MH-32/37ARRS/0655Z;
8. DIVERTED CROWN 5 AND JOLLY GREEN 10 AT 0655Z.
9. 21-50N 105-50E. 50 N N HAND
10. A. 2500 SCID, 20 MILES, SEA STATE 3.; G. S/E.
11. OL-1 3ARRGP/MAJ DDOWD; 12. USN, 39ARRS/37ARRS.
20. C.D. SEE ITEM 20 H PART II THIS MSG.
H. AT 0655Z CROWN 5 REPORTED THAT CACTUS 4 WAS MISSING.
CONFLICTING REPORTS HAD EARLIER INDICATED THAT CACTUS 4 HAD
EGRESSED FROM TARGET AREA. WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF CACTUS FLIGHT.

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DEBRIEF OF VINSMAN INDICATED HPMKIBPKS
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ES FFWUSNIJQ #34) VWSOXWOB WITH CACTUS 4 AFTER CACTUS FLIGHT EGRES
SSED. CACTUS 4
PRESUMED LOST TO HOSTILE ACTION.
PART II:

1. RESCUE SUSPENDING REPORT, 2. 1-3-196/14 DEC 67.; 3. 14 DEC 67.
10. B. 2500 SCID, 20 MILES, SEA STATE 3.; 13. NOT LOCATED;
14. S/E; 15. A. 1/0/0/0/1/0. B. 1/0/0/0/1/0.; 16. S/E;
17. 1/1:55/39ARRS/MC-130P; 1/1:55/37ARRS/MH-3E; 2/TIME NOT AVAILA-
BLE/USN/A-1H; 2/TIME NOT AVAILABLE/USN/S-2E.
18. 0/0/NOT AVAILABLE/0/NOT AVAILABLE/0/12/5.
19. A. S/E; B. S/E.
20. A. ROUTE SEARCH ALONG PROPOSED OVERWATER ROUTE OF CACTUS 4
B. NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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2 3+50

H. UPON NOTIFICATION THAT CACTUS 4 WAS MISSING, CROWN 5 AND JOLLY
REEN 10 WERE DIVERTED TO CONDUCT SEARCH. CHECK OF ALL AIRFIELDS
RE NEGATIVE. CHECK OF CONTROLLING AGENCIES INDICATED THAT CACTUS 4
NOT HAVE EGRESSED FROM HOSTILE TERRITORY, AS NO ONE HAD ANY
CONTACT WITH HIM. ELECTRONIC AND VISUAL SEARCH FROM COAST OUT POINT
TO TANKER RENDEVOUS POINT PROVIDED NEGATIVE RESULTS. SEARCH
SUSPENDED AT 0850Z. ALL AIRCRAFT WILL BE BRIEFED TO CONDUCT

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ELECTRONIC SEARCH WHILE TRANSITING AREA.
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