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TO: 1-400/0 *JSARC*  
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IN TURN

1. (U) This report is submitted INW ABRSM 55-2/3ABRGp Sup 1, dtd 15 Jun 67.
2. (S) At 0841Z Jolly Greens 15 (Low) and 16 (high) were put on cockpit alert for a possible SAR effort on Panda lead down at IE 373 442. COMGRESS ordered launch of the SAR forces at 0845Z. At 0932Z, the Sandys and Jollys arrived in the holding area (0900/89/Ch 89). Weather in the area was high overcast with isolated patches of ground fog and haze. Sandys 1 and 2 proceeded into the survivor's area at 1104Z to evaluate the environment for hostility. Receiving none, Sandy 1 cleared Jolly Green 15 in for pickup at 1117Z. Jolly Green 15 entered the pickup area low along riddgelines and as he was vectored into the survivor, a barrage of AAA and automatic weapons fire was directed at him. Jolly Green 16 also was fired upon while holding in the "safer" area. Both Jolly Green 15 and 16 drew fire until out of range. Departure from the hostile area was at 1130Z and all SAR forces were shortly RTB'd by COMGRESS. Jolly Green 15 and 16 recovered to Ch 89 at 1230Z and subsequent maintenance inspection revealed no battle damage. Coordination and radio discipline was good.
3. (S) A first light effort was initiated with Jolly Green 37 (Low) and 19 (High) departing Ch 89 at 2210Z accompanied by Sandys 1 thru 4. SAR forces arrived in the holding area 0800/70/Ch 89 at 2300Z. Takeoff weather was VFR and enroute was 3/8 to 5/8 cloud cover layered between 3000 and 12000 feet with isolated thunder-showers. Weather in the pickup area was VFR with high overcast and patches of light haze in the lower valleys. During the night, fighter-bomber aircraft had bombarded the AAA sites and concentrations of automatic weapons. Between 2200Z and 0130Z numerous flights of fast movers continued to suppress the opposition. At 0100Z Sandys 1 and 2 were called into the area by Misty (FAC) to evaluate the area around the survivor and lay down covering fire. At 0110Z Jolly Green 37 and Sandys 3 and 4 were cleared into the area. The Sandys vectored Jolly Green 37 through the valleys and karst and at 0120Z Jolly Green 37 was in a hover over the survivor. The survivor was on board at 0123Z and exit was over the route of entry with Sandys providing cover. The pickup was made from a hover using the jungle penetrator. The survivor's actions were SAR briefed and he greatly aided his own rescue. He was handicapped by a painful compound fracture of the right ankle and was dehydrated. All SAR forces were RTB'd to Ch 89 at 0125Z and terminated landing at 0225Z. Radio discipline and coordination of SAR forces were excellent. The success of this pickup was greatly enhanced by 2 factors: The Sandys provided immediate suppression close in to the Jolly Green and the presence of the fast movers continuing their support during the pickup. By having the Sandys vector the Jolly in very low and pressing the attack it is doubtful if the enemy even was aware of the pickup.

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4. (C) The name of the survivor was: Major Robert K. Hanna, FMH9592, 33rd TFS, Takhli RTAFB, Thailand.

5. (U) The Jolly Green crews were:

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JOLLY GREEN 15 (LOW)

RCC Lt Col Royal A. Brown, Jr.  
RCCP Maj Dale W. Weeden.  
FE SSgt Raymond J. Price  
RS Sgt Clifton L. Caffall

JOLLY GREEN 16 (HIGH)

RCC Capt James H. Platt  
RCCP Capt Ronald McKinley  
FE Sgt Micky D. Berry  
RS Sgt Thomas A. Newman

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JOLLY GREEN 37 (LOW)

RCC Capt Edward L. Heft  
RCCP Capt Roger C. Gibson  
FE TSgt Jarvis E. Peele  
RS Sgt J. T. Lombard

JOLLY GREEN 19 (HIGH)

RCC James E. Oliver, Capt  
RCCP Capt Samuel P. Wheate  
FE SSgt William J. Jordan  
RS AIC Ember A. Curry

*Edward L. Heft*  
EDWARD L. HEFT, Captain, USAF  
Rescue Crew Commander

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