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DATE: 3 Feb 71

9 Feb 71

MISSION NUMBER: B-3-004-3 Feb 71

AIRCRAFT DESIGNATION: King 21

DISTRESSED AIRCRAFT: Rigit 02 Bravo

LOCATION: 17-18-30N 106-09-30E

SAVES: None

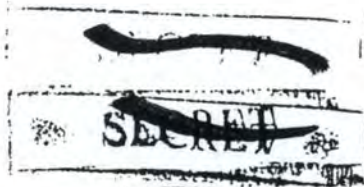
(S) King 21 Airborne from CN 70 at 2210Z — on scene at 2240Z. King 21 orbit 120/16-40/CH 89. At 2240Z I contacted Mail 68 who was orbiting over the reported survivors position but did not have voice contact. He reported several clicks (carrier waves) on Guard in response to his calls but no pattern, words or hooper. The weather in the area was reported as overcast, tops 4000 to 4500 with a broken layer 7000 to 8000 MSL. At 2330Z Mail 63 arrived and relieved Mail 68. Numerous attempts were made to contact Rigit 02-B on Guard and Emergency Delta Frequencies. Several times during the morning clicks could be heard on Guard and at one time a 15 second hold down was heard. Sandy 1 and 2 arrived at 0040Z and Sandy 1 was appointed on scene commander. At 0130Z Rigit 02 was advised to turn off his radio for 3 hours to conserve the battery. At 0430Z further attempts to make contact were futile with the exception of a few mike clicks. The weather in the area remained the same throughout the day — bases of 2000 to 2500 ft MSL with clouds touching treetops and rain in the area of the survivor. All SAR forces remained on the ground and a radio watch was maintained but no positive response. King 21 departed the orbit at 1100Z, landing at CH 70 at 1140Z.

Night coverage had been arranged for by Jack and instructions were relayed to Mail 33 to maintain listening watch — if contact was established, have survivor attempt to move Northwest and conserve his radio until the weather improved.

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KING 21 Crewmembers

AC/ANC Major Delorenzo
P Major Benson
CP Capt Gealta
N Major McGill
PC Sgt Schantz
FE Tsgt Wigginton
LM Mgt Patterson

Resources

Nail 68 (OSC until 0040Z)
Sandy 1 (OSC 0040Z until 0435Z)
Nail 23 (OSC 0435Z until 0535Z)
Nail 41 (OSC 0535Z until 0840Z)
Nail 33 (OSC 0840Z until relieved)
Sandy 01, 02 (A-1)
Nail 68, 63, 23, 41, 33 (OV-10)
Wolf 05 (RF-4)

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