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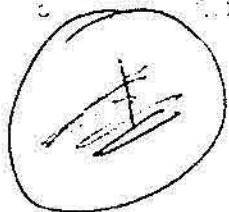
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1. (U) This report is submitted IAW ARRSM 55-2/3rd ARRG Sup 1,
dated 11 July 1968.

2. (S) On 24 December 1968, Jolly Green 17 was flying airborne orbit
in the vicinity of channel 89 when alerted by "Shoestring" for a
possible SAR mission. Jolly Green 17 proceeded to the border of Laos
east of Channel 89 and commenced climb prior to crossing. At 1610L
Compress cleared Jolly Green 17 to proceed to holding area approximately
103°/60/89. Jolly Green 17 was joined by Jolly Green 15 at the orbit
position and Sandies 9 and 10 were flying cover. The weather in the
entire area was clear. Sandies 1 and 2 and a Nail FAC were searching
for the survivor of Panda 01 at 102°/68/89 without success. A chute
was spotted at the approximate location where the survivor went down
but it was thought to be from some other source because the survivor had
been seen to disappear into the trees in a different place. As no
contact was made with the survivor, the SAR forces were returned to base
at 1730L, landing at 1830L. A first light effort was planned for the
following morning and at 0515L, Jolly Green 17 (low) and 09 (high),
departed Channel 89 for the same holding point. The holding area was
reached at 0555L with Sandies 3 and 4 escorting the helicopters. Sandies
1 and 2 and a Nail FAC were conducting the search. Still, no radio
contact with Panda 01 and at approximately 0650L, the decision to send
Jolly Green 17 in for a look at the chute was made to determine from the
air whether anyone was in the harness. Before any action could be
started, Sandy 2 developed trouble with one of his wing ports coming
open causing him to have to RTB to Channel 89. He was escorted by Sandy
1. It was decided to wait until Sandies 7 and 8 arrived to replace 1
and 2. Sandies 7 and 8 arrived on scene and took over for 3 and 4 who
went to the scene with Sandy 1, to be shown the location of the chute.
Everything was set and Jolly Green 17 and 09 moved from the holding point
and crossed route 911 to high karst NE of the scene. Jolly Green 17
dropped tips and commenced descent at approximately 0815L. After arrival
at tree top level, Sandies and the Nail FAC tried to vector Jolly Green
17 to the chute but could not do so as they had lost sight of the
location. After several minutes of tree top flying, Jolly Green 17 was
told to climb back out until the chute could be relocated. As the climb

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