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 C O N F I D E N T I A L  
 ITEM ONE: RESCUE OPENING/CLOSING REPORT:  
 ITEM TWO: MISSION NUMBER 13-38-006-70304  
 ITEM THREE: A. DESCRIPTION ON SAR OBJECTIVE

Classified by *Ad B 382*  
 31 OCT 70 GENERAL DECLASSIF  
 SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER  
 AUTOMATICALLY DOWNGRADED AT  
 YEAR INTERVALS.  
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1. ARMY CONVOY TRUCK

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2. TRAVELING HIGHWAY ONE NORTH TO SOUTH
3. 15 PERSONNEL ON BOARD
4. AREA FLOODED BY HEAVY RAINS, WATER DEPTH FOUR TO

TWENTY FEET.

5. NO SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT CARRIED.

B. ACTIONS TAKEN

1. CONTROLLING SAR AGENCY-DET 13, NOTIFIED AT 0145Z.
2. SAR FORCE ALERTED AT 0145Z.
3. SAR FORCE LAUNCHED AT 0150Z.

C. PERSONNEL INFORMATION

1. 15 PERSONNEL INVOLVED, LOCATION OF ACCIDENT 13 DEGREES 52' N, 109 DEGREES 07' E. RECOVERED TEN, SAVED THREE, FIVE MISSING.
2. DET 13, 38 ARRSQ. LOCATED THE SITE 13 DEGREES 52' N, 109 DEGREES 07' E, AT 0155Z.
3. DET 13, 38 ARRSQ RECOVERING AGENCY USING HOIST AND FOREST PENETRATOR.
4. TEN RECOVERED, FIVE MISSING.
- D. DET 13, 38 ARRSQ FLEW TWO SORTIES FOR 1.2 HOURS.
- E. HH-43F, PEDRO 33, CREDITED WITH TREE COMBAT SAVES.

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NAMES: E-2 BENSON,  
 E-3 SMITH,  
 E-3 STAR,

F. SUMMARY OF SAR ACTIONS

1. A US ARMY CONVOY TRUCK WITH 15 PERSONNEL

MISSION NOTIFICATION

Individual Contacted: *29*

Local Date: *31 Oct 70*

and Date: *3600z*

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ON BOARD WAS TRAVELING SOUTH ON HIGHWAY ONE ABOUT 3 MILES SOUTHEAST OF PHU CAT AB. THE HIGHWAY IS COVERED BY WATER IN MANY PLACES DUE TO FLOODING. THE TRUCK OVERTURNED ATTEMPTING TO CROSS A FLOODED STRETCH OF THE HIGHWAY. THE PERSONNEL WERE THROWN INTO THE WATER AND HAD TO SWIM TO SAFE GROUND. SEVEN PERSONNEL RECOVERED THEMSELVES TO HIGH GROUND AND WERE PICKED UP BY A US ARMY U-H1 GUNSHIP, CALL SIGN LUCKY 12. THREE OTHER PERSONNEL WERE SWEEP AWAY BY THE WATER AND MANAGED TO FIND TEMPORARY RELIEF IN A GROUP OF TREES AND HUTS. THE AREA WAS HOSTILE AND THE SECURITY OF THE AREA DOUBTFUL. LUCKY 12 & 10 PROVIDED GUNSHIP COVER FOR PEDRO 33 DURING THE RECOVERY. THE THREE SURVIVORS HAD TRIED TO SWIM FROM THEIR LOCATION BUT NEARLY DROWNED IN THE SWIFT CURRENT. PEDRO 33 LOCATED THE SURVIVORS AND LOWERED THE FORREST PENETRATOR TO THEM. THEY DID NOT KNOW HOW TO USE THE PENETRATOR SO THE MED TECH WAS LOWERED INTO THE WATER, WHICH WAS FOUR FEET DEEP. THE TREES IN THE AREA REQUIRED A HOVER ALTITUDE OF APPROXIMATELY 30

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FEET. THE HOVER WAS HAMPERED BY RAIN AND WINDS WHICH WERE GUSTING IN EXCESS OF 16 KNOTS. WITH THE AID OF THE MED TECH THE THREE SURVIVORS WERE SUCCESSFULLY EXTRACTED. PEDRO 33 THEN RETURNED THE SURVIVORS TO THE 12TH USAF DISPENSARY AT PHU CAT FOR TREATMENT. AFTER REFUELING PEDRO 33 RETURNED TO THE AREA IN AN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE THE FIVE MISSING PERSONNEL. WHILE PEDRO 33 WAS REFUELING LUCKY 12 ATTEMPTED TO EXTRACT ANOTHER INJURED SURVIVOR USING A ROPE. THE ROPE BROKE AND THE SURVIVOR FELL INTO THE WATER AND WAS NOT OBSERVED AGAIN. PEDRO 33 AND LUCKY 12 SEARCHED THE AREA ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE THE REMAINING PERSONNEL. THE FATE OF THE MISSING PERSONNEL IS UNKNOWN. IT IS SUSPECTED SOME MAY BE INSIDE OF THE OVERTURNED VEHICLE WHICH IS RESTING IN WATER APPROXIMATELY 20 FEET DEEP. THE FATE OF THE PERSON DROPPED IN THE WATER REMAINS UNKNOWN. PEDRO 33 RETURNED TO PHU CAT AND TERMINATED THE MISSION AT 0322.

2. THE AREA SEARCHED WAS APPROXIMATELY 3 SQUARE

MILES.

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