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ACTION	<i>DPMSC</i>	
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PRIORITY

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PTTUZYUW RUMORUA5241 0560705-UUUU--RUWTFJA.

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P 250700Z FEB 73

FM 8CSGP UBON AFLD THAI

TO RUWTFJA/AFMPC RANDOLPH AFB TX/DPMSCB2

INFO RUMHABA/CINCPACAF HICKAM AFB HI/DPSP

RUMMRGA/COMUSMACV NKP AFLD THAILAND/DP

RHMIAAAA/13AF CLARK AB PI/DPSP

RHMIAAAA/405 CSGP CLARK AB PI/DPMS

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SUBJECT: CAPT HARRY R. LAGERWALL AND AC-130A CREW OF TEN,  
MIA 21 DEC 72.

REF A. YOUR 222000Z FEB 73, SAME SUBJECT AND B. MY 211740Z  
DEC 72 SUBJECT, CASUALTY REPORT.

1. IN REPLY TO REF A THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS FURNISHED:

A. AIRCRAFT ALTITUDE ESTIMATED AT 7,000 TO 7,800 FEET.

B. FUSELAGE SEARCHED BY GROUND QART.

C. PLANF TO FURTHER INVESTIGATE CRASH SITE UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.

2. STATEMENT FROM TSGT WILLIAMS AND SGT STEVENS FOLLOWS:

A. ALL CREW MEMBERS IN ASSIGNED CREW POSTIONS AS INDICATED  
IN REF B ABOVE EXCEPT FOR MAJ MEDER, TSGT WILLIAMS, AIC FENTER,

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AND AIC REAID WHO WERE ALL AT THE REAR OF THE AIRCRAFT.

B. EXPLOSION WAS CAUSED BY IGNITION XX FUEL IN CARGO COMPART-  
MENT OR POSSIBLY BY NUMBER 2 ENGINE SINCE FUEL WAS OBSERVED  
INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE AIRCRAFT ON LEFT SIDE.

C. COMPLETE INSIDE OF CARGO COMPARTMENT WAS ON FIRE. FIRE  
WAS IMMEDIATE AND HEAT WAS INTENSE.

D. NO CREW MEMBERS WERE OBSERVED AS WOUNDED OR INCAPACTITATED.

E. NO PARACHUTES WERE SEEN. SGT STEVENS STATED HE THOUGHT  
HE WAS THE ONLY SURVIVOR UNTIL HE HEARD TSGT WILLIAMS ON THE  
RADIO. SINCE INCIDENT OCCURRED AT NIGHT AND NEITHER TSGT  
WILLIAMS NOR SGT STEVENS SAW EACH OTHER IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY  
THAT OTHER PARACHUTES COULD BE SEEN.

F. TSGT WILLIAMS' OPINION IS THAT SGT ELLIOT AS RIGHT  
SCANNER AND TSGT WINNINGTON AS ILLUMINATOR COULD POSSIBLY  
HAVE GOTTEN OUT DUE TO THEIR POSITIONS NEXT TO THE EXITS.  
THE REST OF THE CREW HAD NO CHANGE. SGT STEVENS' OPINION  
IS THAT NOT ANY OF THE OTHER CREW MEMBERS HAD A CHANCE TO GET  
OUT.

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*Cy to Elliott  
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