



STATEMENT

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Reported for duty to fly on (A) frag at approximately 1700. Received mission brief. We were scheduled to fly aircraft 570, Spectre #07. Everything was normal until we were to depart the local area, after sensor alignment, to our assigned work area at which time we received notification that Spectre #17 had just taken a hit and was returning to base and requested that we, Spectre #07, provide escort. We departed the local area and headed in a north-east area direction. Approximately 10 minutes later we received word that Spectre #17 was losing fuel at a high rate. Next we received notification he had lost his hydraulic too. Within minutes we received word that control lost Spectre #17 on radar/radio. We continue to fly on the same heading. Control inform us as to the last known location at Spectre #17 and we headed to that point. All personnel on board were scanning with whatever means they had for anything that could be Spectre #17, then the sensor operators picked up a large fire, which turned out to be Spectre #17. The first time I visibly saw the aircraft it was located on the ground in three parts, two small and one large one, all were burning. The pieces were in line with the large piece in the center. We flew over the area looking for any indications of down crew member. At this time I was laying on the rear ramp assisting the IO in scanning for anything that could be of assistance in locating down personnel. After approximately ten minutes in the area we heard a beeper, which we made contact with, it was Spectre #17 India. Approximately three minutes later up came Spectre #17 Juliet. Both individual's were informed that we were there and asked us to their condition, which they stated was A-Okay. They were informed that a Jolly Green was on it's way in for a night time ^{pick-up} all sensors/scanners return to thier duties of locating more down personnel, none were located. We then assisted the Jolly Green in the pick-up of the down crewmembers. After we ensured that both individuals were safe/okay we returned to more hard looking. This was our mission until we were replaced by Spectre #16 and King #22. At this time we RTB to Ubon RTAFB.

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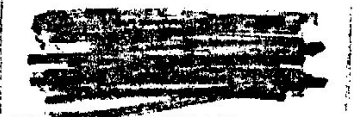
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