
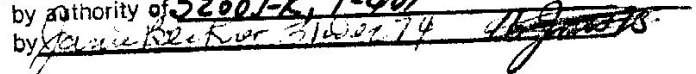


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Statement of Events by Lt Col Howard P. Kraft, ,
Fire Control Officer on Spectre O7.

On the night of 21 Dec 72, I was an additional crew member, (FE-FCO) on Spectre O7. After takeoff and sensor alignment we were diverted to escort Spectre 17 to home base, after he reported battle damage. Around 2045 local time, after we had turned North toward his position, the pilot (left seat) reported seeing a flash or fire ball at twelve o'clock, distance unknown. We arrived over the position of the flash and saw a large sustained fire on the ground. We also received two beepers and identified two voices as Spectre 17, India and Juliet. We identified their positions, assumed ON SCENE COMMANDER, coordinated with "Moonbean". I helped direct the Jolly Green over the two survivors by means of our sensors. (See classified film on the rescue) After the pickups of India and Juliet we searched for more survivors until RTB fuel, at which time we were relieved by a Spectre aircraft and also "King" who assumed ON SCENE COMMANDER. RTB was normal.

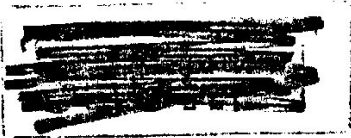

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