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Summary of Casualties Due to HOSTILE ACTION in Southeast Asia - continued

N VIETNAM (A4b and A3c. Deleted from A4c): On 27 Oct 67, Capt Jon D. BLACK, FR55413 (pilot) and 1st Lt Lorenza CONNER, FV3157433 (copilot) were reported MIA while on an operational mission as number two in a flight of four F-4Cs. The status of Capt Black was changed to captured and on 16 Feb 68, he was returned to military control after his release by the government of North Vietnam. Their aircraft was struck in the engine area by hostile anti-aircraft fire causing it to begin burning rapidly. The pilot was seen to eject and he was observed descending in a good parachute. Voice contact was established with him on the ground where he stated he was uninjured. It is not known whether the other member was able to eject prior to the aircraft crashing.

VIETNAM (A2b): On 28 Oct 67, Capt Joseph S. ANTONE, FV3145405, was injured as the result of a terrorist explosion at a civilian restaurant at Nha Trang City. He sustained a fractured right knee for which he was treated and hospitalized. H

* N VIETNAM (A4c. Deleted from A3c): On 28 Oct 67, Lt Col Thomas H. KIRK, Jr., FR20794 (pilot) was reported MIA while on an operational mission as lead in a flight of four F-105s. His status has subsequently been changed to captured. His aircraft was struck by heavy hostile fire in the aft section and began burning rapidly. The pilot was seen to eject with a good parachute and a strong beeper was heard. His status was changed to captured.

VIETNAM (A2b): On 8 Sep 67, SSgt Roger M. PRYOR, AF27536049, was injured during a Viet Cong attack on DaNang AB. A mortar round exploded beside the transient barracks in which the member was staying. A piece of shrapnel penetrated the wall and struck him in the right cheek. TR

SEA (A2b): On 27 Oct 67, Capt Richard MULDER, FV3132753 (pilot), 1st Lt Warren E. WALTER, FV3153201 (copilot), SSgt Smith WILLIAMS, Jr., AF18577610 (Flight engineer), and Sgt Michael L. WALKER, AF13996305 (pararescueman) were injured while on a rescue mission when their HH-3E helicopter was struck by hostile fire and crashed. The crew members were picked up by another helicopter and returned for treatment. One member was treated and released while the remaining three were hospitalized. TR-1 H-3

* Changed to captured (Lt Col Kirk)