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HAI DUONG RAIL YARD

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BOOMER-1 (Lt. Cmdr. Jack Cartright, VA-165, A-6A) - BOOMERS
(VA-165) SAM strobe (scan mode) at, ahh...7 O'Clock.

SAM high strobe (launch mode) at 7 O'Clock.

KITES-1 (SILVER KITE-212, Cmdr. Harry Blackburn/Lt. Steve
Rudluff) at 12 O'Clock.

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E) - Let's go BOOMERS
(VA-165)...

JASON-1 (Cmdr. Bill Smith, XO/VA-147, A-7E) - JASON-1
(VA-147), SHOTGUN (AGM-45 SHRIKE ARM launch)...

POUNCERS (VA-147 A-7E SHRIKER) Departing.

JASON-1 (Cmdr. Bill Smith, XO/VA-147, A-7E) - Go
ahead...JASON-2 (VA-147, A-7E), you have it, I'll follow...

BOOMER-1 (Lt. Cmdr. Jack Cartright, VA-165, A-6A) - Let's go
BOOMERS (VA-165).

HONEYBEE-3 (?, VA-146 A-7E) - BEE-3 triple-A (FIRE CAN AAA
RADAR?) at 10 O'Clock.

JASON-2 (VA-147 A-7E) - JASON-2 (VA-147, A-7E), SHOTGUN
(AGM-45 SHRIKE ARM launch), ahh...let's come right...

Target at 11:30 now.

POUNCER-1 (VA-147 A-7E SHRIKER), SHOTGUN (AGM-45 SHRIKE ARM
launch)...

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9) - Play ball...play
ball...(Command releasing TARCAP and Flak Suppression
aircraft to stations)

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E) - You tally the
target BOOMER (BOOMER-1, Cmdr. Jack Cartright, XO/VA-165, A-
6A)?

BOOMER-1 (Lt. Cmdr. Jack Cartright, VA-165, A-6A) - Negative
the target yet.

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E) - Roger..aah, you'll
have to follow us, we're going to roll in...

BOOMER-3 (?) (Lt. Bob Wilkes, VA-165, A-6A) - BOOMER (BOOMER-1, Lt. Cmdr. Jack Cartright, VA-165, A-6A), the target's at your 2 O'Clock, behind you now...

BOOMER-1 (Lt. Cmdr. Jack Cartright, VA-165, A-6A) - Ahh... roger, understand...by...

BOOMER-3 (?) (Lt. Bob Wilkes, VA-165, A-6A) - Roger you passed right over it.

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9) - Roger, the BOOMERS (VA-165)...it's over at your...ahh... 10 O'Clock, and the...ahh... HONEYBEES (Actually BUSYBEES, VA-146) are rolling in.

BOOMER-3 (Lt. Bob Wilkes, VA-165, A-6A) - And the BOOMERS (VA-165) are go'in in too HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9).

BOOMER-4 (?, VA-165, A-6A) - BOOMER-4 in...

BOOMER-5 (?, VA-165, A-6A) - BOOMER-5 in...

BOOMER-1 (Lt. Cmdr. Jack Cartright, VA-165, A-6A) - Go BOOMERS (VA-165).

(Garbled Transmission)

BOOMER-1 (Lt. Cmdr. Jack Cartright, VA-165, A-6A) - OK BOOMERS (VA-165)...go ahead and roll in.

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E) - OK, HONEYBEES (Actually, BUSYBEES, VA-146) holding off.

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E) - Get in there BOOMERS (VA-165).

SILVER KITE-212 (Cmdr. Harry Blackburn, XO/VF-92, F-4J) - KITES are behind BOOMERS (VA-165).

Part of the BOOMERS (VA-165) are in, BOOMER-1 (VA-165 A-6A) is not in...

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9) - OK...Good hits...good place...aah...HONEYBEES (Actually BUSYBEES, VA-146) ready to roll. How you do'in BOOMERS (VA-165)?

SHOWTIME-112 (Cmdr. Dwight Timm, XO/VF-96) - One-one-two (SHOWTIME-112, VF-96 F-4J, Cmdr. Dwight Timm/Lt. Jim Fox) SINGER (FAN SONG SAM radar) high (launch mode).

Rog...I got it...

I'll wait for the JASONS (VA-147) to go in...

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E) - OK...the HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9), and his group (4 A-7E's from VA-146), are in.

Take one...

Let's go...

BUSYBEE-3 (? , VA-146, A-7E) - Three's (BUSYBEE-3 ?) off...

SHOWTIME-106 (Lt. Matt Connelly, VF-96) - Come to starboard (right) Arron (Lt. Campbell, VF-96).

SHOWTIME-110 (?) (Lt. Arron Campbell, VF-96) - Gotcha.

Gotcha two o'clock Bill (JASON-1, Cmdr. Bill Smith, XO/VA-147, A-7E)...

And...there go the JASONS (VA-147) in...

in...

(Garbled callsign) I gotcha.

Rog...

SHOWTIME-100 (Lt. Randy Cunningham, VF-96, F-4J) - OK Brian (SHOWTIME-1XX, Lt. Brian Grant, VF-96, F-4J) standby...I'm going to take the orange buildings.

SHOWTIME-1XX (Lt. Brian Grant, VF-96, F-4J) - Roger...got it, got it...

BOOMER-1 (Lt. Cmdr. Jack Cartright, VA-165, A-6A) - BOOMER-2 (VA-165 A-6A)...give me a percent (reduce throttle slightly (?)).

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9) - OK, if you have any bombs left...ahh...hit the Eastern side, Eastern side.

Now the BOOMERS (VA-165) are off the target...

We (Garbled) that.

Mail (?) on 237 (?).

DEEPSEA (ESM Van on an offshore DD?) - Standby...we got a missile (SAM) launch.

Check.

RED CROWN (U.S.S. Chicago, CG-11?) - This is RED CROWN on GUARD...Bandits (MiGs), Bandits, BULLSEYE (Hanoi?) 036 (degrees relative) for 35 (miles), heading 222 (degrees)...altitude unknown, time zero-zero (1400 local?)...RED CROWN out...

BOOMER-1 (Lt. Cmdr. Jack Cartright, VA-165, A-6A) - BOOMER-2 (VA-165 A-6A)...pull me back a percent (reduce throttle slightly).

SHOWTIME 100 (Lt. Randy Cunningham, VF-96, F-4J) - MiG-17!, MiG-17!, MiG-17!, Brian (Lt. Brian Grant, VF-96)...he's on my tail!

SHOWTIME-100 (Lt. Randy Cunningham, VF-96, F-4J) - Brian (Lt. Brian Grant, VF-96), I got a MiG on my tail!

(Badly Garbled Transmission)

SHOWTIME-100 (Lt. Randy Cunningham, VF-96, F-4J) - OK, I'm drag'in him...get him baby!

(Garbled Transmission)

RED CROWN (CG-11?) - This is RED CROWN on GUARD...Bandits (MiGs) BULLSEYE (Hanoi?) 032 (degrees) for 51 (miles)...heading 227 (degrees), altitude unknown...RED CROWN out...

* (Garbled underlapping transmission) OK, bring him back one, you can hide (?)...

* Jump onto a tally-ho...

* (Badly garbled) respond to the RED CROWN calls...

(Unintelligible transmission)

SHOWTIME-100 (Lt. Randy Cunningham, VF-96, F-4J) - He's on my tail...where is he?

BEE-3 (BUSYBEE-3, ?, VA-146, A-7E), you got him, not smoking.

Three of them (MiGs), two of them down low...

OK, BEE-3 (BUSYBEE-3, ?, VA-146, A-7E) says, that's a BOOMER (VA-165 A-6A).

(A garbled series of fast, furious, overlapping break and

warning calls)

(Garbled callsign), break it port (left), port!

He's (a MiG ?) on you JASON (VA-147 A-7E).

RED CROWN (CG-11?) - This is RED CROWN on GUARD. Bandits (MiGs) BULLSEYE (Hanoi?) 037 (degrees relative) for 23 (miles) heading 163 (degrees). Time zero-one (1401 local?). RED CROWN out.

* Take 'em (Garbled callsign?).

* (Garbled transmission) BULLSEYE (Hanoi?)...

* JASON-3 (? , VA-147, A-7E) I got a MiG at my tail, this is JASON-3 (VA-147 A-7E), I got a MiG (17 ?) at my tail!!

* That's a roger, roger...

(Badly garbled transmission)

Mike (Lt. Cmdr. Mike Gravely, VA-147, A-7E) there's two of them (MiGs), right below me...

Come back port (left) there Gravel (Lt. Cmdr. Mike Gravely, VA-147, A-7E), port!

BUSYBEE-5 (Cmdr. Fred Baldwin, XO/VA-146, A-7E) - (Garbled) God-Damned thing!!!

Ahh...roger...

BUSYBEE-6 (Lt. Al Junker, VA-146, A-7E) - BEE-6 (BUSYBEE-6, Lt. Al Junker, VA-146, A-7E)), I got a MiG (17?) at my tail!

JASON-1 (Cmdr. Bill Smith, XO/VA-147 A-7E)...MiG-17! (Probable break call)

(Garbled) Gravel (Lt. Cmdr. Mike Gravely, VA-147) port (left)!

JASON-1 (Cmdr. Bill Smith, XO/VA-147 A-7E), back at your four o'clock... (Probable MiG-17 call)

RED CROWN (CG-11?) - We were off-air...RED CROWN out...

I got'a F-4 on nose...

OK, let's stay close...

OK, I'm (garbled) off to port (left)...

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9) - OK, JASON (VA-147), Bombers...get out of here.

JASON-1 (Cmdr. Bill Smith, VA-147, A-7E) - We're on the way out...

Hut (?)...

BUSYBEE-6 (Lt. Al Junker, VA-146, A-7E) - BEE-6 (BUSYBEE-6, Lt. Al Junker, VA-146, A-7E) going for the deck! I got a MiG (17) on my tail firing!

BUSYBEE-5 (Cmdr. Fred Baldwin, XO/VA-146, A-7E) - Break left...break left!

(Slightly garbled transmission)

BUSYBEE-5 (Cmdr. Fred Baldwin, XO/VA-146, A-7E) - Six (BUSYBEE-6, Lt. Al Junker, VA-146, A-7E) you have a missile (Probable MiG-21 launched ATOLL/K-13 AAM)...

POUNCER-2 (VA-147, A-7E SHRIKER) - SHOTGUN (AGM-45 SHRIKE ARM launch)...POUNCER-2 (VA-147 A-7E), POUNCER-1 (A-7E)...

BUSYBEE-5 (Cmdr. Fred Baldwin, XO/VA-146) - He's coming back in on you Al (Lt. Al Junker, BUSYBEE-6, VA-146, A-7E)...

RED CROWN (CG-11?) - This is RED CROWN on GUARD. Bandits (MiGs) BULLSEYE (Hanoi?) 052 (degrees relative) for 19 (miles). Altitude unknown. Heading 183 (degrees). RED CROWN out...

* SHOWTIME-1XX (Lt. Brian Grant, VF-96) - Keep it turning Duke (SHOWTIME-100, Lt. Randy Cunningham)...keep it turning!

* BUSYBEE-5 (Cmdr. Fred Baldwin, XO/VA-146, A-7E) - Get him Al (BUSYBEE-6, Lt. Al Junker, VA-146, A-7E)...get him!

* OK SHOWTIME (SHOWTIME-100?, VF-96)...you got one (MiG-17?) at your six (o'clock position - directly behind)

* SHOWTIME-100 (Lt. J.G. Willie Driscoll) - (Garbled)...OK, Duke (Lt. Randy Cunningham, VF-96) got to him! (Possible "Splash" call for MiG-17 Kill #1, SHOWTIME-100, VF-96)

BUSYBEE-5 (Cmdr. Fred Baldwin, XO/VA-146, A-7E) - Break it left Al (BUSYBEE-6, Lt. Al Junker, VA-146, A-7E), break it!

SHOWTIME 100 (Lt. Randy Cunningham, VF-96) - Reverse starboard (right)!

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Move!!

SHOWTIME 100 (Lt. Randy Cunningham, VF-96) - Alright SHOWTIME (Cmdr. Dwight Timm/Lt. Jim Fox, VF-96, A/C #112), reverse starboard (right) GOD DAMMIT!!

(Garbled Transmission)

SHOWTIME 100 (Lt. Randy Cunningham, VF-96) - STARBOARD (Right)!!

OK, (Garbled) now...

SHOWTIME-106 (Lt. Matt Connelly, VF-96) - OK, splash one (MiG-17)!

Reverse port (left) SHOWTIME (SHOWTIME-112, Cmdr. Dwight Timm/Lt. Jim Fox, VF-96)!

(Badly Garbled Transmission)

OK George (Lt. Cmdr. George Gorianick, VA-146, A-7E) turn and break it right...

(Badly garbled transmission) sixty-nine (69 miles) off twenty (BUTTON-20, U.S.S. CHICAGO) !

OK, I got it!

BUSYBEE-5 (Cmdr. Fred Baldwin, XO/VA-146, A-7E) - Break it left Al (BUSYBEE-6, Lt. Al Junker, VA-146, A-7E)...break it left!

DEEP SEA (Offshore Destroyer with ESM Van) - SAM... SAM...SAM...vicinity of BULLSEYE (Hanoi?). DEEP SEA (Garbled) six on GUARD, out...

BUSYBEE-5 (Cmdr. Fred Baldwin, XO/VA-146) - Pull it baby, pull it!

(Garbled)

SHOWTIME-10X (Lt. Brian Grant, VF-96) - Alright Duke, (SHOWTIME-100, Lt. Randy Cunningham, VF-96) you got him on the left now (Garbled)...

BUSYBEE-5 (Cmdr. Fred Baldwin, XO/VA-146, A-7E) - Still with you Al (BUSYBEE-5, Lt. Al Junker, VA-146, A-7E) baby...

BUSYBEE-6 (Lt. Al Junker, VA-146, A-7E) - Keep talking, I can't see him (MiG-17)...

BUSYBEE-5 (Cmdr. Fred Baldwin, XO/VA-146, A-7E) - OK...

BUSYBEE-5 (Cmdr. Fred Baldwin, XO/VA-146, A-7E) - He's (MiG-17) heading back in at your four o'clock, stand by...stand by...stand by...

BUSYBEE-5 (Cmdr. Fred Baldwin, XO/VA-146, A-7E) - Not yet...not yet...

OK, were taking some flak (AAA) over here Billy (?), check it...

BUSYBEE-5 (Cmdr. Fred Baldwin, XO/VA-146, A-7E) - OK, turn hard right now...he's (MiG-17) starting to pull lead on you again...

SHOWTIME-106 (Lt. Matt Connelly, VF-96) - Arron (SHOWTIME-110 (?), Lt. Arron Campbell, VF-96), are you OK?

RED CROWN (U.S.S. Chicago, CG-11) - This is RED CROWN on GUARD. Bandits (MiGs) BULLSEYE (Hanoi?) 096 (degrees relative) for 19 (miles)...heading 173 (degrees)...time zero-four (1404 local?)...RED CROWN out.

* (A series of excited overlapping warning and break calls between SHOWTIME-1XX, Lt. Brian Grant, and SHOWTIME-100, Lt. Randy Cunningham)

SHOWTIME-100 (Lt. Randy Cunningham, VF-96) - I don't know how to shoot at this fucking airplane (MiG-17)!!!

SHOWTIME-10X (Lt. Brian Grant, VF-96) - I don't either, but (Garbled) you got him!

BUSYBEE-6 (Lt. Al Junker, VA-146, A-7E) - Keep calling my tails...

BUSYBEE-5 (Cmdr. Fred Baldwin, XO/VA-146, A-7E) - OK, he's off...

BUSYBEE-5 (Cmdr. Fred Baldwin, XO/VA-146, A-7E) - Doing good...keep coming on baby!

(Garbled transmission)

BUSYBEE-6 (Lt. Al Junker, VA-146, A-7E) - Tell me (Garbled) left or right...tell me...

SHOWTIME-106 (Lt. Matt Connelly, VF-96) - SPLASH TWO, SPLASH TWO!!! (MiG-17 kill #2)

SHOWTIME-100 (Lt. J.G. Willie Driscoll, VF-96) - Alright, Duke (Lt. Randy Cunningham, VF-96) got two! (MiG-17 kill #2)

BUSYBEE-5 (Cmdr. Fred Baldwin, XO/VA-146, A-7E) - OK Al (BUSYBEE-6, Lt. Al Junker, VA-146, A-7E), where are you?

(Series of badly garble, overlapping transmissions)

Let's get the hell out of here!

BUSYBEE-5 (Cmdr. Fred Baldwin, XO/VA-146, A-7E) - OK, level out...level out...stay ahead now.

BEE-3 (?) say again...say again.

BUSYBEE-5 (Cmdr. Fred Baldwin, XO/VA-146, A-7E) - Straight ahead Al (BUSYBEE-6, Lt. Al Junker, VA-146, A-7E), straight ahead.

Splash two (?)...

Alright SHOWTIME (VF-96 F-4J), you got another one (MiG) behind you.

(Garbled, low amplitude transmission)

JASON-1 (Cmdr. Bill Smith, XO/VA-147, A-7E) - JASON-1, I'm over with the two BEES (BUSYBEE-5 and BUSYBEE-6, VA-146 A-7Es) that are in trouble.

BUSYBEE-5 (Cmdr. Fred Baldwin, XO/VA-146, A-7E) - OK you got him (MiG-17) reversing on you, get out of there.

Four more (MiGs?)...

BUSYBEE-5 (Cmdr. Fred Baldwin, XO/VA-146, A-7E) - Beautiful Al (BUSYBEE-6, Lt. Al Junker, VA-146, A-7E), your OK. Your tail's clean. This is BEE-five (VA-146 Acft.# 30X).

BUSYBEE-6 (Lt. Al Junker, VA-146, A-7E) - OK, keep talking...

BUSYBEE-5 (Cmdr. Fred Baldwin, XO/VA-146, A-7E) - I got ya baby...I got ya...

SHOWTIME-100 (Lt. J.G. Willie Driscoll, VF-96) - Alright, Splash one bandit (MiG-17)! Duke (Lt. Randy Cunningham, VF-96) ya got another one!

BUSYBEE-5 (Cmdr. Fred Baldwin, XO/VA-147, A-7E) - Keep her going Al baby, I got ya...

OK, nice show guys!

Let's get out of here, we're running outa ammo (AIM-9 missiles)...

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9) - OK...ahh...let get all the SHOWTIMES (VF-96 F-4Js) and KITES (VF-92 F-4Js) out of there and disengage...and get out of there if you can...

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9) - And...ahh...lets get the POUNCERS (A-7E SHRIKER aircraft) out...

OK, POUNCER-1 is feet wet (outbound, just crossing the coast near Phuong Ha)...

SHOWTIME-111 (Lt. Steve Shoemaker, VF-96) - SHOWTIME (VF-96 F-4J, probably SHOWTIME-100-Lt. Randy Cunningham/Lt. J.G. Willie Driscoll) low about two-one-zero (course) you got'a MiG at your six (rear), he's (MiG?) coming up after you...look out.

OK, fifty-seven (?)

(Garbled transmission)

Has the tanker (VAQ-130, Det.1 EKA-3B or VA-165 KA-6D tanker aircraft) come up yet?

(Garbled underlapping transmission)

JASON-1 (Cmdr. Bill Smith, XO/VA-147, A-7E) - BUSYBEE'S (BUSYBEE-5 - Cmdr. Fred Baldwin/BUSYBEE-6 - Lt. Al Junker,

VA-146, A-7Es), your clean...you don't have anyone (MiGs) on you.

BUSYBEE-5 (Cmdr. Fred Baldwin, XO/VA-146, A-7E) - Roger, thank you, thank you...

The following aircraft is a JASON (VA-147 A-7E).

What...

JASON-1 (Cmdr. Bill Smith, XO/VA-147, A-7E) - JASON-1 (VA-147, Acft. #4XX) feet wet, JASON-2 (VA-147, Acft. #5XX)...

JASON-2 (VA-147, A-7E) - JASON-2 (VA-147, A-7E Acft. #4XX) is

feet wet...

Roger, that's 410 (VA-147, A-7E, Acft. #410), 413 (VA-147, A-7E, Acft. #413) feet wet...

BOOMER-511 (VA-165 A-6A) - BOOMER-511 (VA-165, A-6A, Acft. #511) feet wet...

JASON-404 (VA-147, A-7E, Acft. #404) feet wet...

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9) - Roger, 511 and 505 (VA-165 A-6As, Acft. #511 and #505), is that CHARLIE (Affirmative)?

407 (VA-147, A-7E, Acft. #407), say your posit (position)...

That's CHARLIE (Affirmative)...

JASON-X (VA-147, A-7E) - 407 (VA-147, A-7E, Acft. #407) is three (3) miles from feet wet.

How far?

BUSYBEE-301 (VA-146 A-7E) - HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9), 301 (VA-146, Acft #301)...305 (VA-146, Acft. #305), feet wet...

Yea...

BUSYBEE-6 (Lt. Al Junker, VA-146, A-7E) - BEE-6 (VA-146, A-7E, Acft. #3XX) is up and I'm feet wet...

SHOWTIME-106 (Lt. Matt Connelly, VF-96, F-4J) - SHOWTIME (VF-96, F-4J, Acft. # 100, Lt. Randy Cunningham/Lt. J.G. Willie Driscoll) headed about...180 (degrees). Heads up...you got a MiG (17) behind you...

SHOWTIME-100 (Lt. Randy Cunningham, VF-96, F-4J) - Where is he (MiG-17)?

SHOWTIME-106 (Lt. Matt Connelly, VF-96, F-4J) - OK, he's right on your tail...just don't let him get guns (range?). It's a 17 (MiG-17), you can outrun him.

SHOWTIME-100 (Lt. Randy Cunningham, VF-96, F-4J) - OK, we're alert...

SHOWTIME-106 (Lt. Matt Connelly, VF-96, F-4J) - OK, if your just crossing over the river, you can pick up at one-eight-zero (course 180 degrees)...

BUSYBEE-5 (Cmdr. Fred Baldwin, XO/VA-147, A-7E) - BEE-6

(BUSYBEE-6, Lt. Al Junker, VA-146, A-7E), your OK...you got me down there?

(Garbled overlapping transmission)

RED CROWN (U.S.S. Chicago, CG-11) - This is RED CROWN on GUARD... Multiple bandits (MiGs)...BULLSEYE (Hanoi?) 081 (degrees relative) for 25 (miles)...time zero-seven (1407 local?)...RED CROWN out...

RED CROWN (U.S.S. Chicago, CG-11) - This is RED CROWN on GUARD... Multiple bandits (MiGs)...BULLSEYE (Hanoi?) 081 (degrees relative) for 25 (miles)...time zero-seven (1407 local?)...RED CROWN out...

POUNCERS (VA-147 A-7E Shrikers) are OK, (Garbled) are you feet wet?

* BOOMER-3 (?) (Lt. Bob Wilkes, VA-165, A-6A) - BOOMER-506 (Acft. #506, A-6A, VA-165) -506 (VA-165, A-6A, Acft. # 506) is feet wet...

SILVER KITE-207 - BUSYBEE-1 (VA-146, A-7E), this is KITE-207 (VF-92, Acft. # 207), I've taken a hit, and shut down my starboard engine...and I've...

HONEYBEE-301 (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9) - RED CROWN (U.S.S. Chicago, CG-11)...this is the...ahh...we're engaged with those bandits (MiGs)...ahh...request that you hold your calls for about five minutes...

RED CROWN (U.S.S. Chicago, CG-11) - RED CROWN roger...

BOOMER-500 (VA-165, A-6A) - 500 (VA-165, A-6A Acft. # 500) is feet wet...

Roger...

SHOWTIME-112 (Cmdr. Dwight Timm) - One-one-two (SHOWTIME-112, Cmdr. Dwight Timm/Lt. Jim Fox, VF-96, F-4J) feet wet...

DEEP SEA (ESM Van on an offshore destroyer) - SAM...SAM... SAM...vicinity of Haiphong...DEEP SEA out...(*NOTE - This SAM call was probably the SAM call for SHOWTIME-100, South of Haiphong)

Triple-one (SHOWTIME-111, Lt. Steve Shoemaker/Lt. J.G. Kieth Crenshaw, VF-96, F-4J) are you feet wet?

SHOWTIME-102 (Lt. Dave Erickson, VF-96, F-4J) - 102 (VF-96, Acft. #102) is feet wet...

SHOWTIME-112 (Lt. Cmdr. Dwight Timm, XO/VF-96) - And 112 (VF-96, Acft. #112) feet wet...

SILVER KITE-207 (VF-92, F-4J) - BUSYBEE-1 (Actually HONEYBEE, Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E), SILVER KITE-207, how do you read?

JASON-1 (Cmdr. Bill Smith, XO/VA-147, A-7E) - 207 (SILVER KITE-207, VF-92, F-4J), you'r loud and clear...This is JASON-1, POUNCER-1 (VA-147 A-7E SHRIKER)...

SILVER KITE-207 (VF-92, F-4J) - I've shut down my starboard engine...I've taken a hit (AAA)...I've got a fire warning light on...

Ahh...roger...POUNCER-1 has started back...en route to the beach...say your posit (position)...

SILVER KITE-207 (VF-92, F-4J) - Yah...I'm on the 340 (Degrees relative from U.S.S. Chicago?)...57 (Miles), off of 20 (BUTTON-20, U.S.S. CHICAGO ?)...

Roger that...

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert - CAG-9) - That's 340 (Degrees relative from U.S.S. CHICAGO ?)?

SILVER KITE-207 (VF-92, F-4J) - That's three...three-two-zero (320 degrees relative from U.S.S. CHICAGO ?)...56 miles now...ahh...my wingman (SILVER KITE-212, Cmdr. Harry Blackburn/Lt. Steve Rudluff, VF-92, F-4J) was hit.

POUNCER-1 (VA-147 A-7E SHRIKER) - Understand your wingman was hit?

Switch to BUTTON-4. (Radio frequency change)...

SILVER KITE-207 (VF-92) - Rog...he was hit by flak (AAA) and he went in...(pause)...two good chutes, two good chutes...

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9) - That's 212 (SILVER KITE-212, Cmdr. Harry Blackburn/Lt. Steve Rudluff, VF-92, F-4J)...

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9) - SILVER KITE-212 (Cmdr. Harry Blackburn/Lt. Steve Rudluff, VF-92, F-4J) went in...two good chutes

Two what!!

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9) - OK, mark the posit (SILVER KITE-212's last know position)...

BUSYBEE-5 (Cmdr. Fred Baldwin, XO/VA-146, A-7E) - You got a plane on your other wing Al (BUSYBEE-6, Lt. Al Junker, VA-146, A-7E)...

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E) - OK...the posit (position) of...ahh...the downed aircraft was directly over the target area (Hai Duong RR Yard)...

BUSYBEE-5 (Cmdr. Fred Baldwin, XO/VA-146, A-7E) - Al...

JASON-X (Lt. Cmdr. Mike Gravely, VA-147, A-7E) - OK...ahh... I just passed over two Phantoms (F-4's - Actually, two MiG-21's returning to base) headed back inbound...

Ahh...say...I just got through passing them down my left side...

OK, is that you ahh...you with the hit 207 (SILVER KITE-207, VF-92, F-4J)...

SILVER KITE-207 (VF-92, F-4J) - That's affirm (affirmative)...

OK, I'm coming back around...

Roger...

SHOWTIME-106 (Lt. Tom Blonski, VF-96, F-4J) - HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E), SHOWTIME-106...we'll be feet wet in about two minutes...

There's a Phantom (F-4J, this is SHOWTIME-100, Lt. Randy Cunningham/Lt. J.G. Willie Driscoll, VF-96) feet wet (crossing the coast) burning...

Roger, (Garbled Callsign)

Get out, get out, get out!!!

Punch out...punch out!!!

Who's that for!!

DEEP SEA (ESM van on an offshore destroyer) - SAM, SAM, vicinity of Haiphong...DEEP SEA out...

Punch it out...punch it out!!!

Co'mon...get out of that airplane (SHOWTIME-100, VF-96, F-4J)!!

Get out of that airplane!!

Who you talking to!

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9) - F-4 (SHOWTIME-100, Lt. Randy Cunningham/Lt. J.G. Willie Driscoll, VF-96, F-4J) is going down...in a spin, off the beach...

How far...what's the radial?

OK, three...three-two-five (325 degrees relative to U.S.S. CHICAGO?), no DME (Rescue beacons)...about five miles off the beach.

There's two good chutes (Lt. Randy Cunningham and Lt. J.G. Willie Driscoll, VF-96)

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E) - OK, stick with those...stick with those...

Roger...

OK, are they in the water?

Stick with them and give me directions...

POUNCER-1 (VA-147 A-7E SHRIKER) - OK, POUNCER-1 (VA-147, A-7E SHRIKER), headed back in...

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E), BUSYBEE-302 (VA-146, A-7E, Acft. #302),...308 (VA-146, A-7E, Acft. #308) (Garbled)...

...Four miles...

Roger that...

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E) - Say again BEE lead (HONEYBEE leader)...

BUSYBEE-302 (VA-146, A-7E, Acft. # 302) - Roger, BUSYBEE-302 (VA-146, A-7E, Acft. # 302), 300 (VA-146, A-7E, Acft. # 300), and JASON 413 (VA-147, A-7E, Acft. #413)...feet wet.

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E) - Ahh...Roger that...

BOOMER (VA-165), switch button 11 (Radio frequency switch)...

SHOWTIME-106 (Lt. Matt Connelly, VF-96, F-4J) - Send tanker, tanker, for SHOWTIME-106 (VF-96, F-4J, Lt. Matt Connally/Lt. Tom Blonski)...fet wet...requesting gas...

BOOMER-5XX (Cmdr. Jim Seely, XO/VA-165, KA-6D) - Roger, I'm on the 310 (degrees relative from U.S.S. CHICAGO?) 35 (miles from U.S.S. CHICAGO?), coming down to 20 (20,000 feet altitude)...

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E) - How high are those chutes (Lt. Randy Cunningham, VF-96 and Lt. J.G. Willie Driscoll, VF-96)?

OK, their about ten thousand (10,000 feet altitude) now...

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E) - OK, what's...ahh ...what's their (Lt. Randy Cunningham/Lt. J.G. Willie Driscoll, VF-96) posit (position) again?

Five miles (Garbled)...their (Lt. Randy Cunningham/Lt. J.G. Willie Driscoll, VF-96) drifting North...

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E) - Three-two-five (325 degrees relative to the U.S.S. CHICAGO?)...fifty five (55) miles...

POUNCER-2 (VA-147 A-7E SHRIKER) - OK...this is POUNCER-2 (VA-147 A-7E SHRIKER)...I think I saw the chutes a little bit ago (Lt. Randy Cunningham/Lt. J.G. Willie Driscoll in their chutes)...

OK, a plane just (Garbled)...

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E) - Give me a posit (position) off of button twenty (U.S.S. CHICAGO?) again please on the chutes...

Roger, off of twenty (Button 20, U.S.S. CHICAGO?) it's two-one-zero (210 degrees relative) at eighteen (18 miles)...

210 (degrees) at 20 (miles)?

(Garbled) off of what reference?

BUTTON-20 (U.S.S. CHICAGO?), two-one-zero (210 degrees) at eighteen (18 miles)...

Roger that...

SILVER KITE-210 (VF-92, F-4J) - Two-one-zero (VF-92, Acft. # 210) is feet wet...

OK, and there's two (chutes) up at three-two-zero (320 degrees relative to U.S.S. CHICAGO?) at about fifty-five (55 miles)...who's that?

Roger there's two of them (chutes) at two three zero (degrees relative to U.S.S. CHICAGO?), fifty-five (55 miles)...two good chutes...

SHOWTIME-106 (Lt. Matt Connelly, VF-96, F-4J) - This is SHOWTIME-106 (Lt. Matt Connelly/Lt. Tom Blonski, VF-96, F-4J) for Button-11 (EKA-3B/KA-6D Tanker?)...

JASON-4XX (VA-147 A-7E) - Two-one-zero (SILVER KITE-210, VF-92) from JASON, do you see the chutes here?

SILVER KITE-210 (VF-92 F-4J) - That's negative, I just see the splash (impact point for SHOWTIME-100)...

JASON-4XX (VA-147 A-7E) - I saw a red chute a little bit ago...

JASON-4XX (VA-147 A-7E) - Ahh...here we are...we're going right by them (Lt. Randy Cunningham/Lt. J.G. Willie Driscoll, VF-96)...right about three-o'clock here...

SHOWTIME-1XX (?, VF-96, F-4J) - Tanker, their posit (position)...

SILVER KITE-210 (VF-92) - Ahh...two-one-zero (SILVER KITE-210, VF-92) out at our three-o'clock here...two good chutes (Lt. Randy Cunningham/Lt. J.G. Willie Driscoll, VF-96)...

(Overlapping Garbled Transmissions)

OK, ahh...two good chutes three-two-five (325 degrees relative to U.S.S. CHICAGO?) at fifty-five (55 miles)...off twenty (BUTTON-20, U.S.S. CHICAGO?)...

Tally at your left, ten...unidentified (aircraft) there POUNCER-2 (VA-147, A-7E SHRIKER)...

POUNCER-2 (VA-147 A-7E SHRIKER) - This is POUNCER-2 (VA-147, A-7E SHRIKER)...say again...

Skip it...

MARTINI-2 (USMC EA-6A) has to break for gas (have to refuel

at an airborne tanker)...

Roger

Right, your going left, right MARTINI-2 (USMC EA-6A)?

That's a affirm (affirmative)...

OK...

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E) - OK...POUNCER-2, what's your posit (position) off twenty (?)...

POUNCER-2 (VA-147, A-7E, SHRIKER) - Three-two-five (325 degrees relative to U.S.S. CHICAGO?), fifty-five (miles), twenty (20,000 feet altitude)...I'm circling two chutes (Lt. Randy Cunningham/Lt. J.G. Willie Driscoll, VF-96)...

POUNCER-2 (VA-147, A-7E SHRIKER) - Their (Lt. Randy Cunningham/Lt. J.G. Willie Driscoll, VF-96) at about eight thousand feet (altitude) right now...

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E) - OK...hold three hundred (feet) over them (Lt. Randy Cunningham/Lt. J.G. Willie Driscoll, VF-96)...

BUSYBEE-301 (VA-146, A-7E, Acft. #301) - HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E), BUSYBEE-301 (VA-146, A-7E, Acft. #301)...

BUSYBEE-301 (VA-146, A-7E, Acft. #301) - HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E); BUSYBEE-301 (VA-146, A-7E, Acft. #301)...

BUSYBEE-301 (VA-146, A-7E, Acft. #301) - HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E), how do you read?

(Garbled Transmission)

(Garbled) the tanker is coming up...

We'll be at Channel-20 (BUTTON-20, U.S.S. CHICAGO?) at Angels-20 (20,000 feet altitude)...

And...ahh...HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E) recommend we get...ahh...RED CROWN (U.S.S. CHICAGO, CG-11)...ahh...HARBOR MASTER (U.S.S. OKINAWA?) to launch...ahh...BIG MOTHER (USMC CH-46 Rescue Helicopter)...

Ahh...roger, out...I'm trying to raise them on the GUARD (frequency)...

JASON-1 (VA-147, A-7E, SHRIKER) - And...ahh...this is
JASON-1 (VA-147, A-7E SHRIKER) over the chutes (Lt. Randy
Cunningham/Lt. J.G. Willie Driscoll, VF-96)...ahh...
recommend that we get a tanker (airborne EKA-3B or KA-6D) up
here...

Roger JASON (JASON-1, Cmdr. Bill Smith, XO/VA-147, A-7E)
...ahh...your over the chutes, ahh...give me a vector off of
twenty (?)...

JASON-1 (Cmdr. Bill Smith, XO/VA-147, A-7E) - Ahh...roger
...this is three-two-seven (327 degrees relative to U.S.S.
CHICAGO?) for five-five (55 miles)...two chutes (Lt. Randy
Cunningham/Lt. J.G. Willie Driscoll, VF-96)... approximately
three thousand feet (altitude)...four thousand feet...

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E) - (Garbled)
three-two-seven (327 degrees relative to the U.S.S.
CHICAGO?)...five-five (55 miles) off of channel-20 (BUTTON-
20, U.S.S. CHICAGO?) is that CHARLIE (OK)...

CHARLIE (OK)

BUSYBEE-301 (VA-146, A-7E, Acft. #301) - HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus
Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E), BUSYBEE-301 (VA-146, A-7E, Acft. #
301)...

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E) - Ahh...roger
BUSYBEE-301 (VA-146, A-7E, Acft. # 301)...

BUSYBEE-301 (VA-146, A-7E, Acft. #301) - Coming over
Channel-20 (BUTTON-20, U.S.S. CHICAGO?) about to hit the
tanker (EKA-3B or KA-6D)...I'll...ahh... pickup fifteen-
hundred (pounds of fuel) apiece (HONEYBEE-301 and HONEYBEE-
302, VA-146, A-7Es, Acft. #301 and #302)) and...ahh...
standing by for RESCAP...

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E) - Ahh...roger,
roger... ahh...outstanding...and, ahh...and remain at
this frequency for a moment...

Wilco...

SUN KING (VAW-116 E-2B) - This is SUN KING (VAW-116 E-2B),
who took the hit?

JASON-1 (Cmdr. Bill Smith, XO/VA-147 A-7E) - SUN KING (VAW-
116 E-2B), this is JASON...ahh...one (JASON-1, Cmdr. Bill
Smith, XO/VA-147 Acft. # 4XX)...ahh...looks like there's
probably two down...one (SILVER KITE-212) in the target area
(Hai Duong RR Yard), and one (SHOWTIME-100) five miles
offshore...

JASON-1 (Cmdr. Bill Smith, XO/VA-147, A-7E) - I think it's two-one-two (SILVER KITE-212, Cmdr. Harry Blackburn/Lt. Steve Rudluff, VF-92, F-4J), but I can't be sure...

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E) - Ahh...two-one-two (SILVER KITE-212, Cmdr. Harry Blackburn/Lt. Steve Rudluff, VF-92, F-4J) was brought down in the target area (Hai Duong RR Yard)...ahh...any KITES (VF-92 F-4J's) at this frequency, over...

KITE-210 (VF-92 F-4J) - KITE-210 (VF-92, F-4J) is at this freq (frequency)...

(Garbled Transmission)

SILVER KITE-206 (VF-92 F-4J) - Two-zero-six (SILVER KITE-206, VF-92, F-4J, Acft. # 206) and two-zero-one (SILVER KITE-201, VF-92, F-4J, Acft. # 201) are checking in...is that CHARLIE (OK)?

That's affirm (affirmative) we're at (Garbled)...

Ya...roger that...

OK...we're taking SAM (SA-2 GUIDELINE surface-to-air missiles) fire over the chutes (Lt. Randy Cunningham/Lt. J.G. Willie Driscoll, VF-96), their (the missiles) going off very high...ahh...(Garbled) the shots...

Recommend we get everyone out of here we don't need...ahh...like to keep two A-7's and one F-4...

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E) - Ahh...roger ...ahhh... JASON-1, ahh...your over the chutes (Lt. Randy Cunningham/ Lt. J.G. Willie Driscoll, VF-96) now, is that CHARLIE (correct)?

JASON-1 (Cmdr. Bill Smith, XO/VA-147, A-7E) - That's affirm (affirmative)...

POUNCER-1 (VA-147, A-7E SHRIKER) - And, POUNCER-1's (VA-147, A-7E SHRIKER) over the chutes (Lt. Randy Driscoll/Lt. J.G. Willie Driscoll, VF-96)...

(Garbled) BUSYBEE (Garbled)...

Roger that...

BUSYBEE-310 (VA-146 A-7E, Acft. #310) - ...BUSYBEE-310

(VA-146, A-7E, Acft. #310)...we have a couple more missiles (SA-2 GUIDELINE surface-to-air missiles) now...

BUSYBEE-310 (VA-146 A-7E, Acft. #310) - Their (the SA-2 missiles) going off very high...

...I lost it on that...

(Garbled) give me a fix two-zero-six (SILVER KITE-206, VF-92 F-4J, Acft. #206)...

JASON-1 (Cmdr. Bill Smith, XO/VA-147 A-7E) - ...And JASON-1 (Cmdr. Bill Smith, XO/VA-147, Acft. # 4XX) and POUNCER-1 (VA-147, A-7E SHRIKER) and POUNCER-2 (VA-147, A-7E SHRIKER) are with you...

HONEYBEE (Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E) - Ahh...roger ...ahh... let's put up a patrol on the coastline and, ahh...hit anything that comes out from the beach.

JASON-1 (Cmdr. Bill Smith, XO/VA-147 A-7E) - Roger that...

(Garbled Transmission)

Have to look out for, ahh...strike aircraft from the other two strikes too (from CVW-15 and CVW-11)...

They are already inbound...

JASON-407 (VA-147, A-7E, Acft. #407) - Four-zero-four (JASON-407, VA-147, A-7E Acft. # 407), one-one-one (SHOWTIME-111, Lt. Steve Shoemaker/Lt. J.G. Kieth Crenshaw, VF-96, F-4J, Acft. # 111)...

And...POUNCER-2 (VA-147, A-7E SHRIKER) , you still got one...ahh...IRONHAND (AGM-45 SHRIKE)?

POUNCER-2 (VA-147, A-7E SHRIKER) - That's affirm (affirmative)...

Roger...

(Broken Transmission)

Say if your escort (Broken Transmission)...

OK Babes, thanks...

(Garbled) thank yourself (Broken) doing this...

(Broken Transmission)

(Broken Transmission)

POUNCER-1 (VA-147, A-7E, SHRIKER) - OK...and, ahh...HONEYBEE
(Cmdr. Gus Eggert, CAG-9, A-7E), JASON (JASON-1, Cmdr. Bill
Smith, XO/VA-146, A-7E), POUNCER-2 (VA-147, A-7E SHRIKER),
POUNCER-1 (VA-147, A-7E SHRIKER), over...

(Broken callsign)-one is down to state two-point-oh (2.0?),
I'm going to meet a tanker (EKA-3B or KA-6D) overhead...

POUNCER-2 (VA-146, A-7E SHRIKER)...

* NOTE: This transmission underlaps a RED CROWN transmission