

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 432ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE WING (PACAF)
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96237



Base Manager
Air America Inc
Udon RTAFB, Thailand

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SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

On 19 Dec 1970 two of your helicopters, commanded by Capt K. E. Wood and Capt W. R. Hutchison respectively, successfully rescued the crew of Laredo 14 which had ejected over Barrel Roll. Displaying considerable initiative and aggressiveness, and with no apparent concern for their personal safety, they executed the pick up in an unbelievably short period of time.

The responsiveness and competence of these two crews are exemplary and the humanitarian concern shown for their fellow aviators is deeply appreciated by this entire wing. On my behalf please extend a profound thanks to each participating crew member.

Lloyd R. Leavitt Jr
LLOYD R. LEAVITT, JR., Colonel, USAF
Commander

MGDR

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HPZ/Pres
4 Jan '71

CREW LIST

Capt	K. E. Wood
Capt	J. R. Gram
Capt	W. R. Hutchison
Capt	E. Reid
Flt Mech	L. D. Bevan
Flt Mech	R. S. Casio.