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2. IN COLLECTING THIS LAST MINUTE SAFETY VERIFICATION PILOTS ARE BRIEFED TO MAKE [ ] RUNS AT MAXIMUM POSSIBLE ALTITUDE ABOVE GROUND LEVEL. HOWEVER, IT NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE MAINTAIN 10,000 FEET AGL [ ] DUE HIGH TERRAIN OR WEATHER CONDITIONS AND FLIGHT TIME ABOVE 10,000 FEET MSL RESTRICTED WITHOUT OXYGEN.

3. MISSIONS ARE BRIEFED TO AVOID 37MM/57MM POSITIONS BASED ON MOST CURRENT INTELLIGENCE AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, AAA IN LAOS IN QUITE MOBILE AND ACCESS TO CERTAIN VITAL INFILTRATION

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AREA CARRIES SOME ATTENDANT RISK WHICH STATION BELIEVES SHOULD BE REWARDED. THIS DOES NOT MEAN STATION WOULD WILLINGLY HAZZARD PLANE OR  CREW TO UNACCEPTABLE RISK; HOWEVER, CREWS ARE AWARE OF INCREASING AAA DENSITY IN CERTAIN OPERATING AREAS WHICH MUST BE TRAVERSED. OVERFLIGHT OF SUCH ACTIVE AREAS IS LIMITED TO A SINGLE PASS AND ALWAYS RESTRICTED ABOVE MAX EFFECTIVE RANGE OF AW; I.E., 4,000 FEET AGL. ALTHOUGH EVEN 10,000 FEET AGL IS WELL WITHIN RANGE 37MM AAA, AREAS ROUGHLY BETWEEN 4,000 AND 14,000 FEET AGL POSSESS ESSENTIALLY SAME SAFETY ENVIRONMENT. EXPERINCE OVER PAST TWO YEARS HAS INDICATED THAT GUNNERS, BOTH AAA AND AW, SELDOM EVER FIRE AT HIGH SRAIGHT FLYING COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT.

4. BELIEVE SAFETY RECORD ACHIEVED IN LARGE NUMBER RECONNAISSANCE SORTIES PERFORMED PAST TWO YEARS INDICATES OUR METHOD OF OPERATION HAS BEEN SOUND.

5. RE PARA 4 REF C, REF B STATES CORRECT FINAL POSITION. BE ASSURED NO COMMITMENT HAS BEEN MADE TO CREWS FOR EXTRA HAZZARD PAY . REQUEST EXPEDITIOUS APPROVAL.

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