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PRECEDENCE

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IMMEDIATE DIRECTOR INFO []

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1. [] C-123 NBR --555 [] OPERATED.
2. MISSING, PRESUMED CRASHED.
3. APPROX. 1000Z 27 AUGUST '72.
4. LOCATION IS AT PRESENT UNKNOWN.
5. [] ORDNANCE RESUPPLY.
6. PIC W.E. REEVES.

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FO J.M. GUDAH

AFD SATARKIJ PRAVES (THAI)

AFD KHAMMANEPHET THONGKHAM (LAO)

7. C-123K (555) REPORTED DEPARTURE FROM L-16 AT 0945Z WITH ETA LONG

1005Z. AIRCRAFT NEVER HEARD FROM OR SEEN AGAIN. AIRCRAFT WAS CARRYING ORDNANCE AND FIVE LAO IRREGULARS. MECHANICS AT HIGHTOWER REPORTED HEARING WHAT IS DESCRIBED AS A LOUD EXPLOSION NORTH OF THEIR POSITION AT APPROX 1000Z. WEATHER COVERED MOUNTAIN TOPS WITH SCATTERED THUNDER SHOWERS IN THE AREA WHICH PILOTS WERE CIRCUMVENTING. WEATHER IS PROBABLY A FACTOR. CLOUD

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8. NO SECURITY OR PUBLICITY INVOLVED. E2, IMPDET.

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