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**PRISONER** *MS*

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- 1. DATE: 17 May 1967
- 2. BASE: Hancock (CVA-19)
- 3. UNIT & TYPE A/C: VF-51/F8E
- 4. A/C BUREAU NO: 149138
- 5. MISSION: Rolling Thunder
- 6. TYPE MISSION: Flak Suppression
- 7. LOCATION:  
(a) COUNTRY: DRV  
(b) COORDINATES: 18-48/105-24
- 8. A/C LOSS CODE: Possibly AA
- 9. NAME: DODGE, Ronald Wayne  
*DOB: 17 June 1936*
- 10. RANK/SER/DESIG: LT/637455/1310
- 11. VOICE CALL: Batter Up 101
- 12. EVIDENCE OF SURVIVAL: Good chute
- 13. EVIDENCE OF PRISONER STATUS: Radio communications, FBIS
- 14. REPORTS RECEIVED:  
OPREP 3 OPREP 4 OPREP 5  
PERSONAL AUTHENTICATOR  
PERSONNEL CASUALTY REPORT  
AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT REPORT
- 15. BLOOD CHIT NO: None

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**CHRONOLOGICAL SYNOPSIS OF REPORTS**

FBIS [ ] 171447Z May (U): Report of Hanoi broadcast stating that U.S. pilot who had ejected from his plane was captured as soon as he reached the ground.

Hancock PERSONNEL CASUALTY REPORT 171508Z May (U): Non return from combat flight. Aircraft in starboard turn at 12,000 feet, wingman 2 miles north of target. For no apparent reason, pilot ceased radio transmission and aircraft made a descending nose down steep starboard turn. After 90 degrees of turn aircraft leveled wings followed immediately by violent nose down maneuver and ejection by pilot at an estimated 7000 feet. Light 85 MM bursts observed in target area. Chute seen nearby and survival radio communications established between wingman and pilot. Pilot told rescue operations underway. Pilot reported: "I'm moving up the hill...being surrounded and breaking up my radio". Pilot never observed on ground. Six to seven minutes after ejection a group of people gathered on hillside adjacent to crash site seen by wingman on final pass. SAR effort cancelled upon capture of pilot. Consider pilot alive and in POW status.

~~Disturbed / Damaged~~ *Chalas*  
~~File~~ *Decoms EO 12958*  
~~Date~~ *7 May 68* *NOIS-0028*

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