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This is an Air Force commendation for  
a successful Search and Rescue operation by Air  
America.

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John W. Coffey

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Base Manager  
Air America Inc  
Udon RTAFB, Thailand

28 DEC 1970

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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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*HRP/Pres*  
4 Jan '71

CREW LIST

Capt K. E. Wood

Capt J. R. Gram

Capt W. R. Hutchison

Capt E. Reid

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