

Transcript of Tapes provided by Al Dykes (navigator of Spooky 41 Victor) to CPT William L. Albracht:

1. Dates of tapes are 31 Oct 69, 1 Nov 69 and 2 Nov 69 (30 Nov 69 transcript not included in this transcription).
2. Location FSB Kate(YU581548), Republic of Vietnam.

Transcriber's Notes:

1. No effort was made to notate the time of the transmissions with the elapsed time on the tape/disk nor to account for pauses between transmissions.
2. Though the stations identified themselves phonetically in the audio, phonetic pronunciations were not used throughout to condense the transcript as much as possible.
3. Wherever possible, internal conversations (i.e. Spooky 41) were shown by including those conversations within parentheses.
4. The device of three periods separated by spaces was used to denote pauses or portions of the tape that were not decipherable or intelligible due to multiple or faulty transmissions.
5. Wherever multiple stations were transmitting simultaneously, only the first intelligible transmission was transcribed in its entirety or if unintelligible, noted as **MULTIPLE TRANSMISSIONS** (also, see note 8 below).
6. Due to static, atmospheric conditions, individual personnel speech patterns, multiple simultaneous transmissions on the same frequency or other, there are portions that are identified as "Unintelligible". The original recording from which the electronic disk was created is almost 42 years old, thus the quality of the transmissions were not always distinct and intelligible. It would take very expensive and sophisticated audio equipment to recover all the audio.
7. Whenever a station came on line, the identity of the station is fully set out in the first transmission, thereafter only by its number or one word identifier or initials, i.e. Chickenhawk is CH, Spooky 41 Victor is 41, etc. depending on the character of the station.
8. To the extent possible all transmissions are set out, however, if any interfered with direct communications between Chickenhawk and Spooky 41, those transmissions were not included.
9. Below is a table of stations and individual/unit identification:

Station	Individual/Unit	Location/Notes
Chickenhawk Hawk	CPT William L. Albracht	FSB Kate Bu Prang
Spooky 41Victor Crew 1 - Vin Crew 2	Al Dykes	Phan Rang Al Dykes is the navigator of Spooky 41. Spooky Squadron Shadow Squadron

Spooky 41	CPT Wells	CPT Wells was follow-on navigator of Spooky 41. http://www.theaviationzone.com/factsheets/ac47.asp
Unjust Chaser		
Juliet BMT Division control		
Peeper 38	Arty SMAJ? Clearance for Hawk?	
Carbon Outlaw 25		Clearance for overall and scheduling replacement Spookys Gives Peeper 38, 60 and Chowder 60 authorization for firing clearance
Peeper 60		
Peeper Delta		
Peeper 62		
Grand Palette Juliet		
Shadow 48	Replacement for Spooky 41 on 31 Oct 69	
Ragged Scooper		Control element for Spookys and Shadows
Chickenhawk's Buddy Beak	Maurice Zollner	Changed his call sign to Beak due to shrapnel thru the nose
Chowder 60		
Spad Zero Two		Skyraider flying ground support over Kate
Kangaroo Control		No flares until clearance due to 4 different elements Any Viking call sign
Lima Salines	Mike Force	
Cab Zero Seven		
Mike Eight Zero		
Roadrunner	Oscar 3	
Main Tripod		
Prybar	Fast movers controlled by Tripod.	
Gib	Fast movers controlled by Tripod	
Papa 43	Team on ground in Tape 3.	

Begin Tape 1:

Al Dykes: Hello Hawk, this is the Alabama Spooky 41, buddy. Thought I would make you a tape here of some of the missions we recorded. We recorded all our missions that we fly. I have a couple of 3 tapes here that's got some conversations that might interest you.

The first tape I've got is one on the 31st of October and the 1st of November. Then I've got another one that was recorded on the 2nd of November, I wasn't on the mission 'bout the time you pulled out of that firebase station with your troops and when you fell into that bomb crater.

Then I've got the last mission we flew over there on the 30th of November. I guess you know by now that the Spookys are no more. We kind of hate to see. And we enjoyed coming over there this last month and helping you boys out even though the situation was kind of bad with those guys kicking that stuff in on you. I guess I'll quit shooting the bull. By the way my real name is Al Dykes and I'm hoping that sometime we can run into each other. I'll quit shooting the bull right now and see if I can't make some recordings here for you. Hopefully you can get a cassette to play these things on. So stand by old buddy:

Spooky 41 Victor (41): Shadow 61 Spooky 41 Victor.

Unknown Station: Unintelligible.

41: Roger be advised we are at 9 decimal 5 at the present time.

Unknown Station: Roger sir thank you much.

Chickenhawk (CH): Spooky41 this is Chickenhawk.

41: Roger Chickenhawk, this is 41, go.

41: Chickenhawk are you on Victor, over?

CH: 41 this is Chickenhawk.

Shadow 61: 41, Shadow 61, Chickenhawk is on Fox Mike

41: Roger.

CH: Ok buddy is he in our area.

41: We heard him talk to you once, tried to call him back and couldn't get an answer.

41: Chickenhawk, chickenhawk Fox Mike.

CH: Aww, Roger Spooky 41, are you picking me up?

41: Roger, loud and clear.

Unknown Station: Unintelligible . . . did you hear 61?

CH: . . . about how far are you from my location?

41: Stand by one. (41: Turn the Fox Mike back up, please. And what is36BME on Channel 117 good lock on)

41: OK Chickenhawk we're about 15 minutes out, over.

41: Chickenhawk, chickenhawk, Spooky 41.

41: Chickenhawk, chickenhawk, Spooky 41.

Unknown Station: . . . Can you turn your lights down please? . . .

Unknown Station: . . . Roger . . .

41: Unintelligible . . . Shadow 61 do you read?

61: Roger, read you loud and clear.

41: Unintelligible Shadow 61 do you read?

41: Roger read you loud and clear.

61: Unintelligible . . . I don't know if they advised you but we left a Lulu for you to help mark the camp. It's about 200 meters 080 bearing from his camp.

41: Roger, sir, appreciate that much.

41: Sir, do you have contact with Chickenhawk at this time?

61: Roger, we do.

41: OK he's talking to me and he comes in sometimes, sometimes he don't. Uhh, can you ask him if he reads me please?

61: Unintelligible radio OK. Chickenhawk you reading Spooky aren't you?

CH: Yeah this is the Hawk at this end, I can read him loud and clear, loud and clear.

61: Roger Unintelligible . . . reading you loud and clear 41.

41: Roger, I read you that time Chickenhawk. How do you read me now, over?

CH: Lo. . . .

41: OK, Chickenhawk you were broken, I'll give you a call back in a few minutes.

Unknown Station: Ask Shadow if he's above a flare right now, we have a plane at 11 o'clock.

41: He's at 95

Unknown Station: Ok, wondered if that's him or a different aircraft

41: Above a plane, above a flare?

Unknown Station: Right

41: Shadow 61, Spooky 41 Victor.

41: Shadow 61, Spooky 41 Victor, Fox Mike.

61: Unintelligible 61.

41: Roger, we see a plane out here that seems to be above a flare, would that be you?

61: Unintelligible . . . we're on our way home at this point.

41: Roger.

61: Can you flash a landing light?

41: Roger we just flashed landing light.

61: Roger we're almost due west of your position.

41: Roger we have you in sight.

CH: I'll be putting out a strobe for you, a strobe, right on our firebase here. We've only got one, ahh, and its low on batteries, so I'm going to put it in and let's get a real good adjustment and then I gotta turn it off. Is this OK with you?

41: Roger that and Chickenhawk Outlaw 25 said that he'd kind of like us to just fly around a little bit before we start expending or dropping too many flares so we can, ahh, so we can extend our time with you, over.

CH: That's a roger roger roger on that buddy. Like I was telling the 61, I've worked him before, real good people there, and ahh, as long as they hear you up there, you put out a little bit here and a little bit there, they're not going to try a hell of a lot because they know what you people can do, they know you can shoot up every time they move with you people up there.

41: Roger that and ahh, by the way Chickenhawk, Happy Halloween, the Spookys are out.

CH: (Laughing) Roger that. Listen, have I ever worked you before?

41: I was over here the other night buddy.

CH: OK, real fine, real fine, I'm glad your familiar with the area. Give you a little update, this is. . . has been heaviest yet, we took all kinds of shit today. I ain't kidding you, every time we turned around we were getting it. So that's why when I'm directing you all around the perimeter, believe me it's all there.

41: Roger buddy, and I got a question to ask you. Is your position on top of a scraped off hill with about 50 meters from your position a tree line starts and just north of your position another bald hill with a clump of trees right in the center of it?

CH: That's us baby, you been here before.

41: Roger, I know where you're at.

CH: Ahh, also, OK, ahh, to our November Whisky, to our November Whisky, we have friendlies, we have friendlies out there, so ahh, I won't be working you too much in that area, not maybe over 2, 200 meters out, over.

41: Roger, ahh, how far out from your November Whisky are the friendlies?

CH: No sweat on that buddy, I got that down pat here, I don't want to put that kind of information out, but no problem there, I got them, ahh, real good safe distance in between them.

41: Ok, we'll be staying with you. (Internal: So say again, he was talking to us on Fox Mike? **41:** Roger, he was talking to us on Fox Mike. **41:** What'd you want? Internal: Sorry, thought I had my switch open. Just wondered what the name of that place was, what's the name of our location? **41:** Bu Prang. Roughly, roughly Bu Prang. Internal: We're coming up to 240, roughly 53 miles, right? **41:** Can you see anything yet? Internal: Looks like some lights down about 11 o'clock, I think they might be bad guy land, they look pretty far away. **41:** Well, ahh they got a couple of compounds over here to the west of us. [Unintelligible] the outpost out of Bu Prang. Internal: OK).

CH: Unjust Chaser, Unjust Chaser, Unjust Chaser, this is Chickenhawk, Chickenhawk, over.

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Unjust Chaser: Chickenhawk, Chickenhawk, Unjust Chaser, Unjust Chaser.

41: Outlaw 25 are you calling Spooky 41?

Carbon Outlaw 25: Negative on that sir, someone was calling 25. Go ahead this is 25.

CH: Mine's on the way

61: Roger 25, this is Shadow 61. You ready to copy mission report?

25: Roger . . .

Unjust Chaser: OK, ahh, this is Unjust Chaser, we requested 'em, when we get 'em, they'll be right out to you . . .

CH: OK, I guess I can't ask for anything more, ahh, thank you much then. And I'll be waiting for them. And I sure you got them in, get them in here tomorrow, I'll gonna need them tomorrow night.

Unjust Chaser: Roger, Unjust Chaser will be standing by.

41: (41: . . . in all this stuff got the makings of another Duc Lap. Internal: OK we're 50 GME. 41: Roger. Internal: And coming up shortly on 240.)

CH: Spooky 41 this the Hawk.

41: Go ahead Hawk, the 41.

CH: OK buddy, I hear ya.

41: Just direct us in, we'll save all the light we can, yours and ours.

CH: Ok buddy. I'm going put on my strobe here in about Zero Two.

41: OK we'll be looking for it. (Internal: OK the guy on the ground is going put his strobe up in about 1 minute 30 seconds so be looking right off our nose I'll try to roll in so we can see it. 41: See if you can get a good DME lock when we do. Internal: We're 51 and a half right now. 41: OK.

41: Hawk, Spooky 41.

CH: This the bad Hawk, go ahead buddy.

41: Roger you ahh (Unintelligible) Firebase Kate?

CH: Ahh, that's affirmative.

41: OK, Juliet wants to know if resupply has been accomplished. What's going on so far?

CH: Wait one.

41: Roger

CH: Ahh, hey Spook, do you know who the Juliet character is?

41: Negative, I don't. Break, break. Juliet can you identify yourself? Go ahead please.

Juliet: Brave Mike Tango Division Control, over.

41: Roger, Juliet, copy. Break, break, Kate that's Bravo Mike Tango Division Control.

CH: Wait one.

CH: Ok, this the Hawk. OK, on the resupply status we got in, ahh, everything they sent us today, except the one, I say again, except the one, it cut loose and its setting in the wood line right now.

41: OK and ahh, what was that?

CH: That was the last one, the last one, I'm pretty sure it was from Unjust Chaser's location.

41: Roger, stand by. Juliet, Spooky 41.

Unknown station to unknown station: RTB, RTB and regenerate, over.

Juliet: Over.

41: He relays that they got them all except the last one and it was cut loose and its in the woods somewhere. Over.

Juliet: Roger, thank you very much. Out.

41: Roger, roger, 41 out.

41: Go ahead Hawk, its your radio, babe.

CH: Thanks a lot buddy. Hey, listen I'm going to go down (unintelligible) but I'll be monitoring you here. So if it takes me a couple of minutes to get back to you, no sweat.

41: OK and ahh, we'll probably be hanging about another 10 minutes before we get ready to start shooting.

CH: Roger that.

Peeper 38: 41 this is 38 over.

41: Roger, Zero Six wants to know if you have a copy of CAC code Two Two Three Alpha Lima or Two Two Three Alpha Kilo over.

38: Roger 41, Alpha Lima Two Two Three and what was the other one?

41: Or Alpha Kilo Two Two Three, either one of those?

38: 41, 38, wait one, I check over.

41: Roger, we'll stand by.

38: 41, this is 38, that's affirmative, we have Alpha Lima Two Two Three, over.

41: Roger, stand by. Break, break. Zero Six, Spooky 41.

Zero Six: Zero Six, go ahead.

41: Ahh, he has Two Two Three Alpha Lima.

Zero Six: Roger, thank you much.

41: Roger.

38: I've got Alpha Kilo Two Two Three, over.

41: Roger. Break, break, Zero Six, Spooky 41 over.

41: Zero Six, Zero Six, Spooky 41.

Zero Six: Spooky 41, Zero Six, go ahead.

41: Roger, sir, he advises me that he has both of them over.

Zero Six: Zero Six, thank you much

41: Roger, 41.

25: Roger, roger 41, 25, go ahead.

41: Roger, sir, would like to re-confirm that we have clearance to fire with Chickenhawk, clearance to fire with Chickenhawk. Over.

25: Spooky 41, this is Carbon Outlaw 25, negative on that, I do not know about the Chickenhawk. You do have clearance to fire for Peeper 60, Peeper 38 . . . Chowder 60. Did you copy over?

41: Roger, I copy. I'll find out about Chickenhawk.

25: Roger, roger sir, be advised that Peeper 38 has delegated Chickenhawk to you for, if, an ahh, if Chickenhawk requests clearance, it's OK.

41: Roger that, good copy. 41.

41: Peeper 38, this is Spooky 41.

38: 41, this is 38, go ahead, over.

41: Roger, sir, I just talked to Carbon Outlaw 25 and he advises I am clear to work with you and 60 and Chowder 60. He says that you have delegated the authority to Chickenhawk and I'm clear to expend with Chickenhawk, over.

38: 41, this is 38, Chickenhawk sure does have the authority and we'll sure use you over.

41: Roger that, just wanted to make sure for my records, ahh, that I was cleared with everybody. I was sure I was cleared with Chickenhawk, but I wanted to make sure it was official. (Internal: Man how would you like to be stationed out here? . . . it's a bitch about not having any water half the day. 41: I'll go along with that. Internal: Sure as hell wouldn't get bored though.)

CH: Hey Spook, this the Hawk.

41: Go Hawk.

CH: OK, buddy, what's it like upstairs there, ahh, how's the temperature doing?

41: Ahh, the temperature's a little cool out there we had to cut on some heaters.

CH: Roger, roger, that's affirmative, reminds me of kind of like Pearl Harbor, you know, ahh, a nip in the air, huh?

41: Roger that.

CH: Roger its getting a little nippy down here, so, ahh, I'm going to stay inside here until you're ready to start expending a little bit more, be about another Zero Five, or Zero Ten, huh?

41: Ahh, roger on that and ahh, I hope it stays cool down there for you.

CH: Hey buddy, ahh, another day like today and ahh, I tell you, I don't know.

41: What all did they hit you with today, over.

CH: Everything from 57 recoilless to 82 mortars to small arms and ahh, what the hell did I leave out, oh yeah, how the hell could forget the good old B 40 rockets.

41: Roger, I've ahh, seen a few of those in my time too.

CH: Roger, I know you have, buddy I know you have.

41: (Internal: . . . left out the kitchen sink -unintelligible).

41: Go ahead Hawk.

CH: You're up in ahh world news a little bit, who's ahh, who's in the limelight here in country, who's catching the most shit right about now ?

41: You boys are catching it , believe me.

CH: Is that right, ahh, we're the ones that are catching the most right now in country?

41: That's a roger on that old buddy.

CH: I don't know if that makes me feel good or not.

41: Yeah, I just hope this doesn't turn into another Duc Lap like last year.

CH: Old buddy, I'm with you on that.

41: Roger, they, ahh, had a big arms cache, ahh, rice cache down here on the border of II and III Corps on one of the in route things, I forgot, it was something like 9 tons of rice that they had brought in there.

CH: Roger that, roger that, ahh, I know that area. Ahh, I'm from Unjust Chaser's location which is not too far from here, ahh, I think you boys know it by a different name or something but this ahh (unintelligible) . . . I'm in now. And its been quiet and all of a sudden, my God, overnight it just turned into ahh, well what it is now.

41: Roger that, we were talking about before we got over here that it kind of reminded us of Duc Lap last year when we had 4 Spookys overhead all the time.

CH: Roger that, hey listen, I heard Duc Lap caught a little bit the other day.

41: Yeah, they took a little bit, seems like, ahh, from our intel reports they were kinda coming in between you there down here and they're kinda spreading out. It's hard to tell what they're gonna do.

CH: Yeah, it sure is, it sure is. I don't know what it is they want with this firebase but, ahh, we'd better get some stuff in here tomorrow or they just might get it.

41: Roger, it ahh, suits all the Spooky boys if we could get to stay over here in the day time too, but they just won't let us.

CH: Roger, I understand that, ahh, I do understand that. But I tell you one thing, the most important thing we got going for us at night is you guys upstairs. Let me tell you . . . and they know you're up there like I said and they're going to stay down and they're not going to mess with us too much, well its good to get some sleep now and again and have some peaceful time. We got a lot of wear and tear here on the boys, ahh, they all holding up pretty good but ahh, I don't know, ahh, that battle fatigue gonna get to a lot of people here pretty soon if ahh, this shit don't slack off.

41: Roger that, I know what you mean and you tell all those guys down there we're pulling for you and we're going do what we can from up here.

CH: I don't have to tell them, they already know it. They already know it. Ahh, oh shit ever since the first night and it really didn't take no building up because you've been living here with me like I said and more.

41: We're gonna try. We were just talking saying we wish we had everything in the book that we could stay here and drop on those guys, but all we got is beaucoup miniguns, so we're gonna use what we got.

CH: Roger that buddy, as long as you got those, we'll keep their heads down and we'll keep this area safe tonight.

41: OK and we'll be calling you back here in about 5 minutes and let you start directing us in and we'll see if we can't take care a few of them for you.

CH: OK buddy, roger that.

41: 41. (41: Man those guys got it rough down there.)

Peeper 8 Alpha: Peeper Zero Six, Peeper Zero Six, Peeper 8 Alpha, Peeper 8 Alpha.

41: Carbon Outlaw 25, this is Spooky 41 Victor (Internal: . . . take a leak real quick before we start here.)

25: This is Carbon Outlaw 25, go ahead.

41: Roger, Carbon, you gonna have a replacement for us when we start to pull out of target? We'd like to keep something over these boys maybe all night if we can.

25: Roger, we've got you scheduled for a 15 minute overlap.

41: Sounds good, these guys been taking it, as soon as we pull off target and get home we'll be ready to go again.

25: Roger, roger, thank you very much.

41: Roger that.

Peeper 8 Alpha: Peeper 60, Peeper 8 Alpha.

41: (41: OK then we got about an hour and 40 minutes before the time I gave him at 30 so you wanna start now? Internal: OK, see where I am. 41: Roger.)

??62: Zero Six this is 62 over.

41: (Internal: . . . left wing I believe.)

60: Six Two this Six Zero.

62: Six Zero, ahh, there's no flares going up there at this time, over.

60: 62, 60, do you see any flares around you, over?

62: This is 62, wait one, I'll go out and check.

41: (41: . . . moon's coming up. Internal: Roger that. 41: Little bit high . . .)

41: Chickenhawk, Spooky 41.

CH: Spooky 41, this the Hawk.

41: Roger buddy, old lady up here is ready to clear us to do a little talking for you:

CH: OK real fine. Tell you what, let's put it to the Echo, the Echo of our location. . . . Sierra Echo and work it on up to the November Echo. How's that sound to ya?

41: Roger that sounds good, we're gonna come in right now and drop a flare and ahh, we'll start working on the Echo, the Sierra Echo and bring it up to the November Echo.

CH: Roger, roger on that, OK, ahh, walk it right into the wood line there, right in the wood line if you can.

41: OK now, all your friendlies are inside your perimeter there, except the ones to the November Whisky, is that Charlie?

CH: That is a definite affirmative.

41: OK and how far to the edge of the wood line, how close to the edge of the wood line do you want us to bring it, over?

CH: I tell you what you bring it in as close as your little heart desires right in there because we get probes during the night and they kinda sneak up there when nobody's watching and I'd like to surprise them.

41: Roger. We've also found out that if we shoot out a couple of hundred meters, it drives them into the perimeter, also, so we'll try to drive them out a little bit.

CH: That's fine buddy, that's fine. Use every trick you got.

41: Roger, stand by. (41: OK, they're ready to go babe. Internal: . . . ready to drop the flare . . .)

60: 62, 60.

62: 60, this is 62, about those flares going off, I don't see any right in my area

41: (Internal: . . . from north to south . . . 41: Roger that. Internal: OK. OK, flare will be lighting just a second, we'll take a look at . . . Internal: The flare should be . . . position . . . fairly strong wind from the east

8A: 60, 8A.

60: 8A, 60, over.

8A: 8A, do you have an Echo on those Xray Alphas (that) 06 sent you?

41: (41: OK, there's his position right there brother by the pipper. Internal: Roger . . . 41: OK, now see that bald spot to the east side over by that little bitty knob? Internal: OK, where the ahh ground marker is? 41: Yeah, OK, let's start up close to his perimeter where those tree lines on the southern edge of it and work north. Internal: Close to his perimeter? 41: Right, let's start right along the tree lines and work out. Internal: . . . right in this valley. 41: OK.)

41: Hawk, we're coming in hot. 41. (Internal: OK, guns on the line . . . Internal: What about this valley, right in here? 41: Looks good.

41: Hawk, this is 41.

CH: Ok 41, this the Hawk, go buddy.

41: OK, we're coming in hot

CH: OK, I'm going out and observe.

41: (41: Looks good, OK bring it in a little closer. Internal: Miniguns on line, sir. 41: You got his position well marked, that right? Internal: Roger, got it. 41: OK. 41: Just keep to the tree line out. Internal: How's that? 41: OK, let's . . . shoot over their head. Internal: OK. 41: OK, you can shoot right in there. Internal: OK, bring it up closer to him? 41: Yeah. Internal: That OK? Internal: How's that? 41: That looks good. Internal: OK 41: You're still looking good. 41: OK, you can come a little closer right on to this side here in front of the piper now. 41: OK now bring it up the east side here. Internal: OK.)

8A: 62, Alpha.

62: Alpha

8A: Do you have an Echo Alpha Mike for Xray Oscar in One Five Zero?

62: This is 62, wait one on that.

41: (Internal: OK 41: All along that tree line. 41: OK, I'll let you bring it a little closer to him next time on that pass. . . . We got plenty of time. Internal: I'll just fire on the ahh . . . south thru the north on the east side there firing over their heads. 41: Right. 41: You can put fire on southern perimeter of them. Internal: Right there where the piper is? 41: Yeah right back by the edge. There you go.)

62: 8A, 62, negative on Oscar increment.

41: (41: OK) Hey Hawk, how we looking baby?

CH: Hey, this the Hawk, this the Hawk. Hey buddy you're looking real fine. I was out there watching you and you're putting it dead in on them. Dead in on them, I tell you that right now. I'd like you to put a few rounds in on the other side of the slopes as you, ahh OK, ahh I'll explain myself here. As our camp sits here on this hill, alright then you down to the east side, you go down the hill past the wires and you hit the ahh, bottom of the hill then you hit the dense vegetation and then you start going on up the other side up the other slopes. OK, during the daytime they're rocketing us from all points around the camp, so at night time they might just figure its safe to pull back to the other side of the hill, you know, so ahh, put a few rounds on the other side of the ridge lines here and maybe we can shake them up a little bit.

41: Ahh, roger that, we'll do it. (Internal: . . . mean this ridge line up to the east?
41: Roger, you got it good, right in there. Internal: . . . how's that look? **41:** Looks good. **41:** Just kind work all the way around them Vin.)

CH: Hey 41, this is the Hawk. Are you talking to one of your people? Over.

41: Ahh, sorry about that Hawk, I was talking to him, I'm giving him good clearance here.

CH: OK, go ahead buddy, ahh that's OK, ahh thought somebody else down here directing you and if somebody else was directing you I was gonna say who.

41: Ahh, just forgot to switch back, just get too excited sometimes.

CH: OK, roger that good buddy, go ahead.

41: Okeydoke, we're gonna drop another flare. (41: Oh shoot . . . Internal: Roger, we'll get another flare out here

8A: 62, 8A, go up another . . .

41: (41: Just on the other side of first little valley is where they been taking it . . . and we can just move on around the southern edge around to the western edge of him there within about 200 meters of the camp. Internal: Roger. Internal: That last flare was a little too far out. **41:** Roger that. Internal: Unintelligible . . . **41:** Alright go ahead. **41:** Ok, now you mark on this side too, see the hill out there above the pippier? Right pretty close to him? Internal: Unintelligible. **41:** OK, you mark from there right on around to the south and right up that other ridge line up there. Internal: OK. **41:** That little valley of green trees right now between us and that little patch and the bald spot is ahh, they were taking some probes in there too. We can work all that area. Internal: OK. **41:** Right go past that other bald spot to the north west, that little tiny one. Internal: Unintelligible. OK, I'll get out here and rolling: **41:** Roger.)

41: Hawk, this is 41. We're just gonna start working all around you babe.

CH: OK buddy that sounds real good, real good. Go ahead.

41: (41: Look good. **41:** Looks good. **41:** Should come over to this side, you see this other clump of trees you can hit ahh, , , , Internal: Unintelligible. **41:** Yeah on this side and the other side. Internal: OK. **41:** You're looking good on both places. **41:** OK. **41:** You see above the pippier over there? Internal: Unintelligible. **41:** There's another ridge line over there. Internal: Roger that. Look good? **41:** Yeah and work that one too. Internal: OK. Internal: Still looking fairly well? Internal: OK, I'll work this ridge line up here. **41:** Yeah, why don't you fly right over them to work it then shoot back at it. Internal: OK, over their heads? **41:** Yeah, if you go right over top of them its not going to hurt. Internal: OK. Internal: OK, we fire to this side too? **41:** Yeah, fine. Internal: How's that look? **41:** Good. **41:** OK, right up there where this light is, that's the part of the ridge, work north and south . . .

Internal: OK, and ahh, gunner, let me know when half our ammo is gone. Gunner: Roger, sir.)

41: Carbon Outlaw 25, this is Spooky 41, we're expending at this time.

25: Roger 41, this is 25, we copy.

41: Roger 25, we'll give you a call when we're half expended.

25: That's a roger, thank you sir.

41: (Internal: Unintelligible . . . another flare out. 41: No I don't see it. Internal: Unintelligible.)

CH: Hey Spook, this the Hawk.

41: Go ahead Hawk.

CH: Hey buddy, have you got anybody in to replace you, ahh when your time on target is over?

41: You better believe that, we're gonna have a 15 minute overlap. (Internal: OK Unintelligible).

CH: Ahh, that's what I wanted to hear, that's real fine.

41: Roger and if they'll let us we'll come back up here tonight as soon we can go and regenerate.

CH: Hey, that's real good, that's real good. You're gonna get some long hours in aren't you?

41: Ahh, we don't mind as long as its helping you boys out.

CH: That's really good. Ok buddy that's real fine.

41: Roger. (41: That was a (Unintelligible))

CH: Unintelligible . . . all you boys that fly the big birds up here, your Spookys and your Shadows and everything, what do you guys get together someplace and have a drink together now and again?

41: Ahh, occasionally we do, occasionally, some of us drink, some of us don't drink but we usually get together and shoot over the bull.

CH: OK, listen when you guys get together I want it to be known that Chickenwolf, as I was known then or the Chickenhawk or the Hawk or whatever and everybody here just ahh man, without you guys . . . I tell you we would just admire it if you guys came down here for autographs.

41: I'll tell you something old buddy if you ever get over to Phan Rang area, you better come in to see the Spooks and the Shadows cause we'll ahh the drinks on us.

CH: I sure will bud but I think I might be buying a bunch of them too. I, ahh, I don't know, what do you guys have kind of a squadron or one unit there at your (unintelligible)?

41: We got 2 different squadrons, a Spooky squadron and a Shadow squadron.

CH: Oh, ahh, understand. Ahh, I, ahh, I think I've worked a bunch of you now. I've worked 61s and of course the 401s and the 21 and a couple of others off and on and ahh, a lot of other people here have. Ahh, isn't that right?

41: Ahh, roger that, ahh most of the Shadow 6 numbers are, ahh, out of Phan Rang and ahh, all of the Spooky 4 numbers are out of Phan Rang.

CH: Ahh, Ok buddy, hey ahh, listen, ahh, when I get out of this stuff I got a little vacation coming to me anyway and if I get that way I'll definitely stop in and see you boys.

41: Roger that and if you miss us, stop in Alabama there and I'll still buy you a drink.

CH: (Laughing) Ok there buddy, roger that and if you get up north, Illinois way, you gotta stop in my place too.

41: Ok (41: You're clear. 41: Hey Vin, let's go on over the west side and hit that hill over there a little bit too. Internal: To the west? 41: Roger. Internal: OK. 41: It's the first hill over yonder there's two (unintelligible) looks like a pussy, right in the middle of them. Internal: OK. Let me work this one on this side, then we'll work them over there. 41: Roger. Internal: How we looking? 41: Looking good. 41: That's the side, that's the side, there you go. 41: Look good. 41: Now you see these hills over there in that pussy right in the center? Internal: Roger)

CH: You're chewing up some stuff out there, you really are.

41: OK, Hawk, we're fixing to move over on the other side of you and ahh, work around on those hills a little bit.

CH: OK buddy, drive on.

41: (41: Looks good. 41: Fine, fine. 41: You're still good, any of that area is a good area.)

Grand Palette Juliet: 41, Grand Palette Juliet over. 37:15

41: Roger, Juliet, this is 41. Go ahead, over.

Juliet: 41, Juliet, I understand you're very busy, sorry to bother you, ahh, higher, ahh higher request to know, ahh if Kate is in contact with Mike Strike Force element that is northwest of location, over.

41: Roger, stand by.

41: Kate, Kate, Spooky 41.

CH: Spooky 41, Spooky 41, this the Hawk. I'm taking stuff, what do you need?

41: OK, ahh, Juliet wants to know if you're in contact with Mike Strike Force to the north, over.

CH: Roger.

41: OK, break, break, Juliet, that's a roger.

Juliet: This is Juliet, roger, thank you much. No further. Out.

41: Roger, 41. (41: Roger that.)

CH: 41, this is the Hawk.

41: (41: Looks good). Go ahead Hawk, 41 over.

CH: Hey, ahh, are you hearing those explosions, explosions, they sound like they're coming from the Whiskey, the Sierra Whisky, over?

41: Negative, I haven't heard a thing. What's it sound like, ahh, ahh, gunfire?

CH: No buddy, it sounds like an Arclight, it sounds like a distant Arclight.

41: Ahh, OK roger, you got one down here about 10 miles from you.

CH: Roger, that's probably what it was then.

41: Roger, if they get to firing on us, we'll shoot at them.

CH: (Laughing) OK.

41: (41: You're still looking good. Internal: OK, let me get a . . . 41: You're bringing it a little closer to them on that hill there, ah Vin. You're coming up on it real pretty right now. Internal: OK. Internal: How's that? 41: Yeah, that there, there you go.

41: That's where I was wanting it. Now there's one on the other side, just (unintelligible) that one, a little one that we need to hit too. Internal: OK, ahh, where all these fires are burning on the ground? 41: Yeah, just a little bit north of it. They're kind of right in the valley. Internal: OK. 41: It's only about 75 meters north of it, I'll show it to you in a minute. 41: Let's make sure we spread this thing out.

41: We can shoot half a load and then hold off for while and then come back and shoot the other half. Internal: OK. Roger that. And load, let me know when half the flares are gone. Loader: Say again sir. Internal: Will you let me know when half the

flares are gone? Loader: Roger. 41: Unintelligible. Internal: Unintelligible . . . I got another flare . . .)

25: Spooky 41 this is Carbon Outlaw 25.

41: Carbon Outlaw 25, are you calling Spooky 41.

25: That's a roger, sir. How much moonlight do you have down in the area, where you are? Over

41: Ahh, we have a fair amount of moonlight, but not enough yet to really see the ground yet. We're still having to use flares.

25: OK, sir, thank you very much.

41: Roger. (41: OK, its above the pippier now. Internal: Unintelligible. 41: It's about due north of that light there on the ground. (Unintelligible). 41: Yeah that's it. 41: Bring it up a little bit, bring it up a little bit, there you go. 41: OK, now you see ahh, to the right of that where the trees go up in the behind them in the valley? Internal: OK, toward us right now? 41: Ahh, yeah its going in the same direction, it's a valley just northeast of them. Up there by their position, it kind of cuts off those two peaks: Internal: OK. 41: We might put some up in there. Internal: OK. 41: Hellfire. Internal: Negative. 41: Do you see what I'm talking about Vin? Internal: Roger. 41: Its in front of the pippier right now. Internal: Roger that, just between him and the cup of the brassiere? 41: That's right. Internal: OK. 41: Work it all along those tree lines there.)

25: Carbon Outlaw 25, Victor.

41: You calling, ahh, Spooky 41, 25.

25: That's a roger, sir. What've you got, you got a quarter moon, ahh, or half moon, ahh, or a full moon?

41: Ahh, roger, stand by just a second.

25: Unintelligible.

41: We got about a half moon.

25: Roger, thank you sir.

41: And be advised, that the ground, ahh, you can start to see some mountains, but not real well yet.

25: OK, sir, thank you.

41: Roger.

41: Hawk, this is 41.

CH: 41, this the Hawk, go.

41: Roger, old buddy, you know how the trees come up to the north and then kinda cut off these two little bald mountains, just north of your position?

41: OK, Hawk, Spook 41, babe.

CH: OK, 41, this the, this the Hawk. Listen, can you wait one minute?

41: Roger, we'll wait. (41: Hold up firing anything. Internal: OK.)

CH: Spook 41, this the Hawk, go ahead.

41: Roger Hawk you know how the trees come up behind your position in there to the north kinda cut off those two little bald hills, the one your on and the one just north of you?

CH: Roger, roger, only too well.

41: OK, we're gonna work that over a little bit if that's alright with you.

CH: Fine, fine, go ahead.

41: OK, and where else would you like for us to move? We're trying to work over all the little peaks and ridgelines around you.

CH: Listen, if you hit the peaks and ridgelines around here and that'll be fine.

41: OK and ahh, we're going to try to stay out about 200 or 300 meters from your November Whisky, we're not going to get much past that.

CH: Roger, roger, roger.

41: (Internal: How's that? 41: Looks good. 41: Looking good. You can work all that tree line then.)

41: Hey Hawk, this is 41.

CH: 41, this the Hawk, go buddy.

41: Roger, can you tell me if my bullets are hitting the ground?

CH: Roger, roger, wait one.

41: Hey Hawk, I'm just kidding you.

CH: God damnit buddy, you had me going on that one, I'll say that.

41: I figured I would. (41: OK, Vin let's see how much ammo we got roughly left. Internal: OK. Gunner: Approximately 9000 left sir, half a load. 41: OK, stand by: Internal: Unintelligible. 41: OK, we got about an hour and ten minutes. Why don't we hold off for a while. Internal: Go 41: Why don't we hold off for a while.

Internal: Roger . . . We can hold off until about one o'clock (NOTE: Time indicated as 0100 on 1 Nov 69) and then fire out 30 minutes and ahh, hope to stay with them another 15 to 20 minutes. Internal: OK.)

41: Hawk, this is 41. (Loader: . . . 14 flares . . .)

CH: 41, this the Hawk, go buddy.

41: Roger, ahh, we're down to about half a load right now. What we're gonna do is that we're gonna stay up here for about ahh, 40 minutes and just orbit the area and then we'll come back in and work off the other half of our load and stay with you up to about, ahh, pretty close to one o'clock, ahh, pretty close to 2 o'clock.

CH: Ahh, roger, roger that buddy, Ok, when you come back in to work off that other half, ahh, don't work it all off, in case they, ahh, something happens.

41: Ahh, you know it, we're gonna save some.

CH: Roger, roger, on that buddy, ahh, sounds real fine. I'll let you know if something happens here, we get a target here and I'll bring you right back down.

41: Ahh, OK, and if you want to rest a little bit, we're watching up for any muzzle flashes or anything else, so we'll keep you posted if we see anything.

CH: OK, certainly appreciate that.

41: Roger, and I'll leave you alone for about 20 or 30 minutes and then I'll have a little commo check with you.

CH: Roger, roger, if you don't get me the first time, give me a couple of calls, OK.

41: Roger, and if I don't get you then, I know what your coordinates are, we'll wake you up.

CH: (Laughing) Ahh, I'll tell you what, I think I better stay awake for this.

41: That's OK.

CH: Ok buddy, ahh, I'll be waiting to hear from you.

41: Roger, 41. (Internal: Unintelligible . . . the bomb crater on the hill to the north there. 41: Yeah, just looking at those. Internal: This is pretty good wind, I have to tell you.) Carbon Outlaw 25, Spooky 41 Victor.

25: Spooky 41, this is Outlaw 25, go ahead.

41: Unintelligible . . . half a load at this time and we plan to hold off until about Zero One Hundred come in at that time and expend ahh, a few more and then hold off with a few thousand rounds left, ahh, 'til somebody gets over here close to relieve us and then expend the rest of it and RTB and regenerate, over.

25: Roger, roger that sir, I copy that. Be advised Shadow 48 will be ahh, relieving you and ahh, he should be up here around Zero Zero Four Zero, they are launching him at 15 past, over.

41: Okay, and ahh, is he coming out of Phan Rang?

25: Roger, I imagine so, sir.

41: OK, ahh, when you get an ETA of about 15 or 20 minutes on him that seems pretty fast right now if he launched at 15 to get here in 25 minutes, but ahh, when he gets about 15 or 20 minutes out give us a call and we'll go ahead and expend and get back and regenerate.

25: Roger, roger that, I copy that sir.

41: Roger.

41: Chickenhawk, Spooky 41.

CH: 41, this the Hawk, go.

41: Roger, was just talking to 25 and ahh, he says that there's a Shadow 64, I believe it is, that's coming in here in about 20 or 30 minutes, so he's going to give us a call when he's about 20 minutes out and we'll come back in and expend all of ours and let him, ahh relieve us, we'll go back home and regenerate, probably launch and come on back up.

CH: Ok buddy, that sounds, ahh, real good, real good. We'll work on that schedule then.

41: OK, roger, I'll give you a call when we're ready to go again.

CH: Roger, roger.

CH: Roger, that's fine buddy, I'm breaking a message right now, breaking an operations media message now and I'll keep up with you though.

41: Ahh, Ok, we'll give you a call back here in a little bit.

CH: Roger, roger.

STATIC

41: Go ahead, Spooky 41

STATIC, unintelligible. . . Shadow 48 . . . Shadow 48 is going to replace you . . . unintelligible, over.

41: Roger, roger, understand One Zero minutes ago and that's Shadow 48, is that Charlie?

STATIC . . . that is affirm, over.

41: Roger, Scooper be advised that once we get replaced we will RTB to channel Seventy Five and regenerate, we would like to come back to this target to relieve 48 if possible.

STATIC . . . unintelligible.

41: Roger, you might pass on that these people would like to have coverage all night long and we'll be happy to come back.

STATIC . . . understand that you want to relieve 48, is that right.

41: Roger, we would like to relieve 48, that's Spooky 41.

STATIC . . . alright ahh, regenerate and . . . unintelligible . . . later on.

41: Roger, thank you, 41.

STATIC

41: (Internal: Lights down there).

CH: Hawk 41, Ok buddy I gotta go down a push here and ahh, clarify this message, I'll be right with you.

41: No sweat, we're in no hurry. (41: Say again, Vin. Internal: Does Scooper have any answer on whether or not he wants us to regenerate? 41: No, ahh, but I'm sure we're gonna regenerate. He's gonna try to ask the DO to let us replace the other. . .

41: Chickenhawk, chickenhawk, Spooky 41 Fox Mike.

CH: 41, this is Chickenhawk's buddy over.

41: Roger, ahh Chickenhawk buddy, ahh, we're going to be dropping a flare here in about 3 or 4 minutes then I'll find targets again, start expending, then we've got Shadow 48 should be on target in about 15 minutes and we'll point out to him. Also, be advised, we've got another friend up above here, gonna sniff around a little bit and see what he can find for us.

CH: 41, that sounds real good and ahh, we sure appreciate you guys out there and sure appreciate, that, ahh, Shadow's coming in. Give him all the good poop over.

41: Roger that, and ahh, we've already put in a request with our highers and ahh, trying to get permission for us to regenerate and come back over and stay the rest of the night with you.

CH: We sure like having you with us, we like working with you, thanks a lot, over.

41: Roger that, ahh, do you want me to stay on this push or should I take that other push that I was given for after 2400 hours?

CH: OK, 41, the SOI change, ahh, has been indefinitely postponed until further notice so we'll be right where we are right now, that change for 2400 you can forget about it.

41: OK and ahh, one more question, ahh, will I be working Chickenhawk or will I be working you?

CH: You'll be working both of us.

41: OK, is he on another push right now?

CH: Same, same, he's pushing on the floor now.

41: Oh, ahh, roger that.

62: 38, 62 over.

25: (talking to unknown station – maybe Shadow 48), roger, roger sir, you do have permission to fire upon the ground commander's say-so. . . unintelligible.

38: 62, this is 38 over.

62: 38, 62, over.

41: (Internal: Unintelligible . . . 41: Roger, any time you are. Internal: OK, Load, stand by.)

25: (To unknown station) . . . you can fire at their command, over.

Unknown Station: I'd like for your Peeper, I have a Peeper 38 . . .

Unknown Station: Peeper 38, 60 and Chowder 60, over.

Unknown Station: Roger 38, Peeper 60 and Chowder 38. That's a negative 38, Chowder 60.

Unknown Station: Roger, Chowder 60.

Unknown Station: Ok, let me affirm this, Peeper 38, Peeper 60 and Chowder 60?

25: Roger, roger, sir, these are the three people who can ahh, give you permission to fire and they also have permission to delegate this authority, so, there are some sites down in the area and you can talk to ahh, Spooky 41, he has also worked for the other people tonight.

Unknown Station: Roger, understand and I will be coordinating with Spooky 41 and looking for these 3 contacts. Thank you very much.

41: Break, break, calling Outlaw 25, this is Spooky 41.

25: Roger, roger 41, this is 25. Go ahead.

41: OK, we're going to be expending again, here in about 3 minutes. Break, break, ahh, Shadow 48, this is Spooky 41.

Shadow 48: Roger, Spooky 41 this is Shadow 48. Go ahead.

41: Roger, Peeper 38 has ahh, delegated the firing to Chickenhawk, Chickenhawk on the Fox Mike push. If you have that, over?

48: Ahh, roger I have the Fox Mike push with Chickenhawk. Is that the one you're working on right now?

41: Roger, Chickenhawk and he's gotta buddy down there and be advised that that frequency we had for after 2400 hours, disregard that for the present time. You use the one that you had before 2400 hours.

48: Ahh, roger I only have one frequency here and I'll try to contact him on that and if I can't get him I'll get with you to get the frequency.

41: Ahh, roger, I'll give you a push if you can't get him then ahh, we're gonna break away right now and start working some more.

48: Roger, understand, thank you.

Unknown Station: Roger that, I understand and we'll work it up again.

Unjust Chaser: Roger that, I don't, we're not worried particularly in the ones that are light shrapnel and stuff and scratches and stuff, ahh, primarily the ahh, the seriously wounded, the ones that we're medevacing and Kilo India Alpha.

41: (Internal: Alpha Alpha . . . Uniform . . . in picture now. 41: We ready to start working? Internal: Ahh, any time we're ready in a few minutes. Internal: . . . Shadow flight ready in 15 minutes, sir . . . 41: Let me ahh, get in contact with my buddy down there. Internal: OK.)

38: Unjust Chaser, this ahh, 38. Roger, we'll send you that stuff as soon as we can get to it. Right now, I've got to take care of a Shadow and you know how things get, over.

Unjust Chaser: This is Unjust Chaser, affirmative, over. Ahh, I don't know about 06, we'll pass on, ahh, I'll tell you what, if you want to wait until in the morning, you can, if he needs it faster than that, but uhh, I'll be here all night, just throw it me sometime before 6, 7, 8 tomorrow.

41: (41: Hey Vin, you see where that lights burning on the ground? Internal: Which one? 41: Right there in front of the piper low. Internal: Unintelligible. 41: Let's work that whole flat top, ahh area there when we start shooting. Internal: OK. 41: Let me get this guy again.) Break, break, Chickenhawk, Spooky 41, or Chickenhawk's buddy, Spooky 41, over.

CH: Ahh, this is Chickenhawk's buddy.

41: Ok, ahh Chickenhawk's buddy, we're ready to shoot.

CH: Pour it on there buddy.

41: OK, we're gonna work the general areas we were working awhile ago, if you wanna move us, let us know.

CH: We'll give you a skinny as soon as we get any over.

41: Roger. (41: Ok, buddy let's go.

CH: Spooky 41, Spooky 41 this the Hawk, over.

41: Hey Hawk, welcome back.

CH: Hey buddy, I'll be back here only for a little while, I gotta get some shut eye here. Hey listen, ahh, I'll talk you in. And when you come back, I hope you do, with this new guy coming in will you brief him on what you been doing and what you've been shooting, because you're doing an outstanding job there on your own putting it in where you think its good and that's exactly where we need it, ahh, could you brief the new guy coming in to? Over.

41: Roger, I've already given him, ahh, a small run down, but we're gonna wait for him and show him the area and brief him real good and ahh, we've put in a request to turn us around as soon as we get back and we hope our highers will let us come back and spend the night with you.

CH: Well I do to buddy, I do to. OK, buddy, listen, I'll be on the floor here and if you got anything for me, ahh, feel free to ask for me, OK, buddy?

41: OK, and ahh, I'll just call your Chickenhawk buddy, huh?

CH: Roger, roger, that's affirmative.

41: OK.

***Al Dykes:** Hey Hawk, you can take the tape now and run it through all the way to the end and turn it over and we'll finish up this part of the mission on the other side.*

Tape 1, Side 2:

41: (41: Might not hurt to put a little fire around those fires burning down there, they might be cooking up fish heads and rice with them. Internal: OK.)

41: Hey Hawk buddy, Hawk buddy, this is Spook 41. How's things going?

41: Chickenhawk buddy, Chickenhawk buddy, hey, how's things going?

CH: Ahh, 41, this is Hawk's buddy, ahh, really going fine there, really doing an outstanding job, just keep moving it around, ahh, that's all we can ask of you.

41: OK, ahh, if you have no special area, we're gonna work up and down the east side and ahh, the Sierra side and the Whisky side a little bit.

CH: That sounds real fine, ahh, that whole, all the way around us we get shit all day long, over.

41: Roger, ahh, we're also working over these little fires that are burning from nape, I guess, out here, we figure they might be cooking up rice and fish heads and we wanna cut a little of that out.

CH: That's it, we'll starve them so and so's out.

41: I'm with you buddy. Break, break, Shadow 48, this is Spooky 41, you copy on my Fox Mike?

48: Roger, Spooky 41, Shadow 48 here. Break, break, Chickenhawk, Shadow 48.

41: Shadow 48, you'll be working Chickenhawk's buddy, B-U-D-D-Y, Chickenhawk's laying on the floor getting some sleep so we just call him Hawk Buddy.

48: Roger that, Chickenhawk's buddy, Shadow 48.

41: (41: OK, Vin let's go around on the south there a little more. Hey see that little bald spot there, right there in the piper? Internal: Right. 41: Let's get that out of the way.)

CH: 41, this the Hawk's Buddy, over.

41: Go ahead, Hawk Buddy.

CH: This the Hawk Buddy, we decided to change my call sign, here, to ahh, we ahh, call me the Beak, I took a piece of shrapnel through the nose, ahh, we thought you'd get a kick out of that, over.

41: You took a piece of shrapnel through the nose?

CH: That's affirmative, ahh, so from now on you can just call me the Beak.

41: OK, Beak, we'll be calling you that then and ahh, how bad was it?

CH: Oh, it just made a nice little neat hole clean through, over.

41: (Internal: Hey, I got a flash.)

41: Well, maybe the boys can fix you up. Hey and be advised, we just got a flash on the ground.

CH: Unintelligible . . . low one, hey this the Hawk buddy, pour it on, pour it on. Get that son of a bitch.

41: Roger, he's to your Echo on the ridgeline, over there, we're pouring it in on him now.

CH: Roger, roger, Ok, that's a point, where you're putting on there is where we've been receiving a lot of the stuff from today. All over the Echo side is where we're getting the bulk of it.

41: Roger that, we're fixing to put it on him.

CH: Go ahead, bring some smoke on his young ass.

48: 41, Shadow 48.

41: Go ahead.

48: Unintelligible . . . what speed are you?

41: Say again.

48: What is your altitude? We're coming in at Seven Five, will we be clear?

41: Roger, we're at Six Zero.

48: Coming in at Eight Five, Ok, no sweat, ahh, Break, break, Hawk's buddy, Shadow 48.

CH: Shadow 48, this the original Hawk.

48: Roger that, we'll be coming in, we'll get a real good briefing from 41, ahh, then I'll be talking to you on the ground.

CH: Ok, that sounds real fine. You'll either be talking to me or the Beak.

48: Roger that.

41: Shadow 48, Hawk Buddy changed his name to Beak. He gotta piece of shrapnel through the nose.

48: Roger that, I copy.

41: (Internal: Flare on the (unintelligible) spot here. That was a nice little, looked like a mortar tube flash to me. Internal 2: Yes sir, that's what it looked like to me.)

41: Hey, Beak, did you all take any incoming coming in?

41: Hey, Beak, this is 41.

CH: Hey 41, this the Hawk, listen ahh, negative on that, we didn't take anything incoming, so I think you got a secondary.

41: Might have, cause it sure looked like a mortar splash.

CH: That's real fine, I hope so buddy, I hope so, that's one more crew served we won't have to contend with tomorrow.

41: Roger that and ahh, old Shadow's coming along with some equipment on board that he might be able to pick out some of this stuff a little better than we can.

CH: Well, he'll have to show me.

41: He's got, ahh, he's a second generation Spooky.

CH: OK, buddy, OK, I'd say he's got some real fine sophisticated stuff and ahh, the country boys are going to have to take a back seat sometimes, but I don't know, I'm from Missouri, Show Me, right?

41: OK, he's going to do you a fine job, so no sweat. (Internal: We got a flare. . .)

CH: Ahh, I've no doubt of it, no doubt whatsoever.

41: We're all trying to do the same thing.

CH: Roger that. Ok, I'm going to turn you back over to Beak.

41: Roger that.

48: Spook this is 48 how about you being our PR man for a while?

41: Hey ahh, I don't know if I can handle that or not, you know I'm getting short.

48: Doing a pretty good job, babe.

41: Well, I hope you can use that equipment you got down here, these boys need some help.

48: We'll do our best.

41: Ahh, Beak, this is Spooky 41.

CH: 41, this is Beak, over.

41: OK, we're fixing to drop a flare, we got one out right now, ahh, we're going to go ahead and expend our ammo, we're getting pretty short and ahh, we're going to try to get Shadow to come up here in just a minute real quick and show you this and then we're going to have to pull out of the area for just a few minutes, over.

CH: Ahh, roger that 41, ahh, hey, if those guys are going the other way, let them go, over.

41: OK, ahh, they're not going to be able to stay where they're going very long.

48: Ahh, 41, 48, ehh, we're going to hold here north and we will, ahh, we seen the base down there, so we'll be working with you after this other activity is over.

41: OK, we're going to have to be pulling out as soon as we expend because of ahh fuel. Ahh, you say you see the base under our flare?

48: Roger that we got a good copy on the base.

41: OK, this thing looks like a big brassiere down here is ahh, bald area to the north of their camp and we be getting most of the activity of the eastern slope over here and Beak down there can work you after we leave over.

48: Roger that, is this a complete perimeter here on top of the hill?

41: That's a Charlie, and they got about a 50 to 75 meter radius from their perimeter down through the tree line on all sides.

48: Roger that.

41: And they ahh, be advised they do have friendlies to the November Whisky, but they're not going to be able to tell you how far.

48: We'll watch November Whisky, thank you.

41: Roger:

41: Say Beak, Spooky 41, we're gonna finish up here.

CH: Go ahead, pour it on 41.

41: Roger.

41: (41: OK, you ready? Internal: Roger that. 41: Let's work that whole ridgeline over there to our left. Internal: Ok. 41: Then I recommend we go north about ahh, 15, 20 seconds and hang. Internal: Unintelligible . . . they're putting in a Arclight, aren't they? 41: Something, sounds like it. Internal: Unintelligible . . . Shadow and us both.)

41: Beak, this is Spooky 41.

CH: 41, this is Beak, over.

41: Roger Beak, we just expended all our rounds and ahh, and we're gonna move north up here and for a few minutes and ahh, watch the action go on and ahh, when we leave, Shadow will be coming back in here in a little bit.

CH: Roger that, Shadow 48 is going to take your place ahh, it was great having you guys here and that's an outstanding job getting that secondary, ahh, we get all kinds of hell from that area. I heard you inform ahh, Shadow 48 about it, we appreciate . . .when we get over there, over.

41: Roger that and ahh, like I say he's got some pretty cute little things on board there and he might be able to pick up some things that we don't see, so maybe he

can help you out some more and we're gonna go regenerate and try to be back over and relieve him.

CH: 41, it's been outstanding having you here and ahh, welcome mat's always open and we'll be looking for you little later, over.

41: Roger that, keep your nose down there buddy. (Internal??: . . . you're guns are all clear.)

CH: 41, this the Hawk.

41: Go ahead Hawk.

CH: OK, buddy, listen, I hope I see you little later on, you come back in, and when you get back on . . . you say Hi to me, OK?

41: Yeah, roger, we'll do that and hey, you tell your buddy to keep his nose down.

CH: Ahh, his comment was 'No Shit'.

41: (Laughing). I'll bet his comment was that. We're going to move north and get out of the way of some stuff going on, OK?

CH: Roger roger, but if all possible, we'd like to know what's going on if you can. And if not, no sweat.

41: All we know is that we got information to move north of your position, or northeast at least one click, so we're just gonna walk on up here and stand by.

CH: Roger that, roger that, I guess we'll get a little bit from Shadow when he comes back and he can give us a little bit of information.

41: Roger that and ahh, we'll see you later buddy.

CH: OK buddy, take care, see you in about, oh, 2, 2 and a half.

41: Roger, I sure hope so. (Internal: OK, you gonna hold up here for a while, Al? 41: Yeah, I'd like to. Internal: OK, we're gonna be clear of the . . .)

***Al Dykes:** Ok, Hawk, this is Alabama again, that was the first mission over there the night of the 30th (Transcriber Note: Actual date was 31Oct 69), and I'm gonna give you a few excerpts from the second mission we flew over there, the same night, actually it was the morning of the 1st (1Nov 69).*

To give you a little more rundown on how things go up there in the air, I know it probably sounded confusing to you, the pilot has the gunsight up on the left hand side of the aircraft there in his window, and back where I sit on the left hand side I've got a little window that's about 12 inches long and 3 inches wide. And we have got through, practice and all, got where we put a grease (pencil) mark on our window at the navigator's position there we can direct the pilot in to 25 meters of where the bullets

are going to hit just with our little grease mark. All the communications, ahh, as you could probably tell is handled through ahh, the navigator section and we can't fire until the navigator and the pilot agree on the target. And that's when you hear me saying a couple of times in there "You're clear" or "Look good" ahh, he's put the pipper, as we call it, on the target and I agree with him, then he can go ahead and shoot. So that gives you a little bit better rundown on what's happening.

Also, ahh, things can get a little hectic as you probably saw a couple of places there, we got about 4 radios or 5 radios that we monitor and listen to and have to talk on, so ahh, things get a little tight at times.

Ok, I'll, ahh, give you a couple of excerpts out of this second mission we flew over there, we stayed, the second one we stayed til daylight on, so, stand by one, old buddy.

41: (Whispering) Chickenhawk, chickenhawk, do you read?

CH: (Whispering) Roger.

41: (Whispering) This is the Spooky, we're back.

CH: (Whispering) Roger, roger.

41: (Whispering) How's everything down there?

CH: (Out loud). Pretty good buddy, pretty good, ahh, how you doing?

41: Oh, can't complain for an old man.

CH: Real fine, about how many Mikes are you out?

41: Oh about 8 Mikes out.

CH: OK, real fine, not to shake you up or anything, but we're going to be firing some direct, direct artillery, into, from the November, from the November. It's going to be direct fire, you know, like a bullet, so don't worry, no altitude or nothing, its going to go on (unintelligible).

41: Ahh, roger, you got something going on?

CH: Well, ahh, a little preventive medicine you might say.

41: Ahh, I'm with you.

CH: Let me know when you get in a little closer. Ahh, we just had some resupply in, ahh, about 6 choppers came in, and we opened up for them and gave them ground cover and everything. And now ahh, everybody's reloading magazines and cleaning up their weapons (unintelligible).

41: Roger, roger, we'll advise you.

Unknown Station: Unintelligible . . .give me supply info on Fox Mike, please.

Unknown Station: Roger, stand by one and I'll work up that completely and I'll be in touch with you on Victor (unintelligible).

41: (Internal: Unintelligible. 41: I'm off... Uniform.)

41: Carbon Outlaw 25 this is Spooky 41.

25: Roger, roger, Spooky 41 this is 25. Go ahead.

41: Roger sir. Will we be clear to expend with Chickenhawk out here again?

25: You still have the plans set up as you had before.

41: Roger, thank you. 41 out.

41: Chickenhawk, Spooky 41.

CH: 41, this is the Hawk, over.

41: Roger, am I gonna talk to the Hawk tonight or the Beak this time?

CH: While you're up in the area, you'll be talking to both of us.

41: Oh, ahh, roger that, ahh, how would you like to work this target? We plan to stay with you today until daylight.

CH: Hey that's real fine buddy, that's real fine. Wish you could stay with us until, ahh, tomorrow night.

41: Ahh, we'll probably be back tomorrow night.

CH: Roger, wish you could stay with us the whole time through.

41: I do too, we like to shoot in the daytime.

CH: Yeah, I bet you would there... Yeah, OK, there, have you got a target for me or am I gonna give it to you?

41: Ahh, we're gonna work for you tonight.

CH: OK buddy, well, what I'm gonna say is ahh, let's dump some of your good ordnance around the perimeter, let's rake it around the perimeter one time and ahh, in case they got any notion to sneaking up here now, it'll discourage them a little of that. And then ahh, let me know if you pick up anything noteworthy as you're going around, Ok, buddy?

41: Ok, ahh, we'll do that and ahh, how about working it about the same way we did before, we'll expend for a little while and then we'll just hang loose for a while?

CH: Roger, roger, that's just the way I'd like it.

41: Roger that.

41: Carbon Outlaw 25, Spooky 41.

25: Roger, roger Spooky 41, this is Carbon Outlaw.

41: Roger, sir, would you call Ragged Scooper and ask if they will extend our crew duty time so that we can stay over here until daylight? We think this target warrants it, over.

25: Roger, roger, copy that sir. What is your bingo time now?

41: OK, ahh, our bingo time is ahh, Zero Eight One Five back over at channel 75 so we'll be leaving here at about Zero Seven Hundred.

25: Roger that sir, I copy and for your information, you ahh, your mission number is Four Eight Two Four.

41: Roger sir, good copy and be advised that ahh, we will leave here between Zero Six Thirty and Zero Seven Hundred, over.

25: Roger that, good copy, stand by one, sir.

41: Roger.

41: Hawk, this is the Spook. (Internal: Unintelligible. 41: No . . .)

41: Hawk, this is the Spook. (41: There's a light in the camp.)

CH: Spook this is the Hawk. Go.

41: Roger, your friendlies still November Whisky from your position?

CH: Roger, roger, they haven't changed at all, they're still in the same position, they'll remain there all night until daybreak.

41: Roger, we're gonna come in here in just a second and start raking around the camp.

CH: Real fine, buddy, real fine, we'll be watching for you.

41: Roger. (Internal: One of the lines slow fire gun fire. 41: Roger. Internal: Guns are hot. Internal: OK we gonna shoot the tree line around his perimeter? 41: Roger. Internal: All the way around? 41: Right. Internal: OK. 41: Hold it there a minute. Internal: OK. 41: OK, Ok, I can see it now. Internal: OK we're gonna start it out here and when I can get a little bit closer . . .)

CH: Hey Spook, this the Hawk.

41: Go Hawk, this the Spook.

CH: OK buddy real fine, ahh, just keep it up right there, in, ahh, excuse me, at the interval at ahh, that you know best at, OK?

41: OK, ahh, we're gonna make it stretch out til daylight.

CH: Roger, roger on that.

25: Roger that sir. What part of Alabama you from?

41: I'm from Gadsden, Alabama.

25: Is that right, I'm from Anniston myself.

41: Good section of the world out there.

25: Roger that.

41: Got some . . .unintelligible . . . good southern boys down there, they won't get rid of us for 3 days.

25: That right?

41: Roger, we'll stay with them.

25: That's a roger on that. Doing a wonderful job, so far.

38: This 38, can you relay a message to Eight Alpha?

Unknown Station: Ahh, Rog.

41: Ahh roger, copy 4825 and crew time to be extended, thank you very much.

25: Roger that.

41: This is Spook.

CH: . . . the Hawk.

41: This is Spook, go Hawk.

CH: OK, listen buddy, I'm going to knock it off for tonight, I'm going to go catch a few Z's, it's been a pleasure working with you and I hope I catch you tomorrow night, OK?

41: Roger that, who'll I be working with now, the Beak?

CH: Ahh, I don't know, I think you'll be working with Peeper 38, Peeper 38.

41: OK, is he down there in the same area you are?

CH: Roger, roger, he's in the same place I am right now.

41: OK, ahh, been nice working for you, you did a real good job down there and hope you get some good sleep.

CH: Yeah, so do I OK buddy, ahh, if all my pilots were like you, I'd have no troubles at all. Vote of thanks to all you guys tonight and ahh, we'll see you tomorrow night, Ok, buddy?

41: Roger, roger.

CH: Take it easy.

41: Roger, good night.

***Al Dykes:** Ok, Hawk, that was the second mission over there that night. We stayed around until daylight, remember? Not much else happened. We came in after the fighter strikes in daylight and Shadow noticed those B-40 rockets being fired right into your camp there. Ahh, I'm gonna put in another tape here now on, oh, I don't remember the date on the thing but CPT Wells was the navigator on this one. And this was the night that you all were, ahh, day and night that you all were pulling out of the area. There's a few flights (?? - parts) on there that I thought you might like, so stand by and I'll put some more of this on.*

Begin Tape 2:

Unknown Station: Tell them we're circling right Eight Thousand Five Hundred right above them. . .

Unknown Station: That's a lot of shit out . . .

Unknown Station: . . . understand we'll be cleared to drop flames right above . . .

CH: Unintelligible . . . we're going out buddy, we're going out

Spad Zero Two: OK, Hawk, this is Spad you're going to have to talk slower if you want these people to talk to you.

41: Hey Spad, 41, stand by just one second.

41: Listen (unintelligible). . . circling at Eight Thousand Five Hundred right above them. . . you can see it out your window they're taking incoming and the (unintelligible) is on the other side. Tell them to move out and we'll go down.

Unknown Station: OK

41: Spad Zero Two, Spooky 41, is in orbit above you now, and if you move out, we'll go down and get the situation under control if we can, over.

Spad: OK Spooky do you have that flare at this time?

CH: OK, Spooky good buddy

41: Hey there Chickenhawk , take it easy there my friend. We're right here, we're coming in right now. What's your sitch(situation)?

CH: Unintelligible . . . the tree line, coming down the valley.

41: Roger, roger, you're down in the tree lines in the valley in the north west of the figure eight down there, is that affirmative?

CH: OK, listen, OK you're going to have to hold up on that ahh, our people are getting a little bit ahead of me.

41: Spooky 41, tell them we are descending to Seven Thousand over the target area

41: OK, Chickenhawk, calm down, get your information down there and just pass that up to me and we'll help you out my friend.

CH: Unintelligible . . . hold your fire, hold your fire.

41: Spad, Spook 41, go.

Spad: Roger, they're moving from the firebase, ahh, to the November about 800 meters and ahh, you can just watch it here about for a few minutes and see where those lume (illumination) mortars are coming from and they're not friendly.

41: OK, understand those Lume mortars are not friendly, right?

Spad: That's affirmative, they're from the bad guys.

41: OK, now, who's moving the 200 meters to the November, the good guys?

Spad: The good guys are to the November, that's affirmative.

41: Thank you much. (Internal: OK Lloyd Unintelligible . . . keep them behind us. Tell them I'm going let down in front of them, keep me in sight, I'm going down to Fifteen hundred . . . Internal 2: . . . unintelligible . . . behind you, right? Internal: Got 2 airplanes behind me . . . too God damn many planes . . . for us to . . .

TRANSCRIBER NOTE: MULTIPLE STATIONS TRANSMITTING AT SAME TIME - TOO NUMEROUS TO DECIPHER INDIVIDUAL STATIONS ACCURATELY. BEST ESTIMATION IS THAT 41 IS TRYING TO GET CONTROL TO CLEAR OUT SOME OF THE STATIONS (A/C).

41: Roger, Spooky 41, we're descending to Seven Thousand

41: 41, go ahead.

Unknown Station: Unintelligible . . . we and a couple of other aircraft out here . . . (unintelligible) and the other is Zero Two. We're going to start dropping down to Fifty Five Hundred here, appreciate it if you'd keep an eye on us so we can both get down there.

Unknown Station: Thank you much.

Control: Five Zero Two this is control over.

41: OK, pilot they're going to clear out for us. (Pilot: OK.)

41: Chickenhawk, 41, go ahead my friend.

CH: Unintelligible . . . one of our people popped a trip flare . . .unintelligible.

41: Chickenhawk, you'll have to talk a little slower, take it easy, work with me up here. Now what's your situation, go ahead.

CH: OK buddy, one of our people unintelligible.

41: (Internal: Roger, roger, have a flare at my 9 o'clock position at this time.)

CH: OK a ground flare, a ground flare to our November our November, over.

41: Roger, flare to your November, we're looking now . . .

CH: It's . . .

41: . . . ground flare there, Chickenhawk?

CH: Ok buddy, why don't we put it to the ahh, November to the tree line, in the tree line . . . move this strobe, over.

41: OK, I understand you want us to start working to the November, with that flare up into the tree line, is that right?

CH: Roger, roger, right to the front, right to the November the tree line, right there in the valley.

41: OK and ahh, Four One Zero to drop its own flares

CH: OK, OK, . . . ahead of me, my people . . . got ahead of me.

Spad: 41, this is Spad, target . . .

CH: Spooky, Spooky this is the Hawk.

41: Roger Hawk, Spook 41.

CH: OK, my people got ahead of me a little bit, they're moving out.

41: OK, real fine, ahh, is 41 cleared to drop light Chickenhawk?

Spad: Negative 41, this is Zero Two, hold the light. Hold the light.

41: Roger Zero Two, 41 to hold.

41: Hey ahh, Hawk, understand you're moving out now, is that affirmative? (41: Pilot do you have that ground flare identified? Pilot: Yep. 41: OK, very fine. Can you take it a hundred meters or 200 meters to the north to the tree line?)

CH: That's affirmative, buddy, that's affirmative.

41: OK, good deal, how about moving on down . . . unintelligible (41: OK, we'll need our own light to get that . . .)

CH: . . . affirmative, affirmative, that's what we're doing.

Unknown Station: Spooky hold on here a minute

41: Roger, roger, we're ready whenever you are. (41: OK, let's let these guys start moving, we don't want . . .)

CH: . . . moving out . . .

41: Alright, we're up here ready when you get your men in position out of the way we're going to roll in and give you a hand.

CH: OK buddy, ahh, we'll keep our heads down, but don't fire to the November, the November, OK.

41: Roger, we understand, ahh, we won't be firing to the November. You want us to stay to the east in that valley down there in the draw down there, right?

CH: (Whispering) Roger.

Unknown Station: Hey Spooky bird this . . . five (very faint transmissions between this station and 41).

CH: Hey, ahh, we're down at the bottom now and our people are moving out real fine, no trouble so far, WHOA . . . operator, no sweat.

41: Take it easy down there Hawk.

CH: No trouble so far, no trouble so far. (Whispering) OK, ahh, I'll keep you posted.

41: OK, Hawk.

Unknown Station: Unintelligible

41: . . . moving north . . . November . . . moving north . . .

Unknown Station: Roger, roger, understand, we'll stay to the Sierra, we'll be working the eastern and southeastern portions.

Unknown Station: Unintelligible . . . Zero Mike

Unknown Station: Roger, roger.

41: (41: Now I think what we'll need to do once we get our light out we won't have any trouble marking the area. Internal: Unintelligible. 41: I'd like to get that light out as soon as possible. . . radio . . . drop our flares.)

CH: ... (Whispering and out of breath) pretty good, hello, Hawk to control, we're moving pretty good.

Kangaroo Control: Roger that, let me know when you come across that first bald hill and starting down this way, over.

CH: ... buddy, ahh, correction, OK, buddy, we're by Ambush Hill, we're by Ambush Hill, we're going up on the left side, the left side.

Kangaroo Control: Roger that, when you come across that hill and start down into this next wood line you'll be coming into me, over.

CH: (Whispering) Roger, roger on that.

41: Chickenhawk, Spooky 41.

CH: Spooky 41, ahh, hey buddy, what's happening?

41: Just want to keep in contact with you down here, ahh, I'm seeing if we can drop our flares, my friend.

41: Chickenhawk, 41, do you read me?

CH: (Whispering) Hey buddy, give me about One Zero minutes.

41: Roger, roger, Chickenhawk.

Kangaroo Control: Hey Spooky 41, this is Kangaroo, ahh, over.

41: Roger, Kangaroo Control, 41, read you Five By.

Kangaroo: Roger, this is Kangaroo, ahh, appreciate it if no flares are dropped on until you ahh, get an all clear from me. I got ahh, four different elements out there . . . enroute . . . get these people in and I'm controlling from here ahh, when they're clear and linked up and on their way to mission, then we'll let it go from there, but let me do it from here and not on the ground, over.

41: Roger, roger, I'll coordinate with you, ahh, Kangaroo Control.

Kangaroo: Fine, I'll be finished with this element here about 500 meters to the November Whisky, 500 meters to the November Whisky . . . runs east west . . . and grab any Viking, any Viking is the next call sign you'll pick up with . . . any Viking . . .

41: That's a roger, that's a roger . . . got 500 November Whisky from the element that he's picking up now . . .

Kangaroo: That's affirmative, that's affirmative . . . on your push.

41: Roger . . . on this push . . .

CH: Lima Salines, Lima Salines, ahh, this is Chickenhawk, Chickenhawk, over.

Lima Salines: This is Lima Salines over.

CH: (Whispering) We got . . . on top of the hill and we'll be coming down the hill into your location.

Shadow 48: 41, Shadow 48

41: Roger, Shadow 48, go.

48: We're going to be coming in over the . . . we're at Eight point Five . . .

41: Roger, roger, 41 is at Five Five now.

Lima: Chickenhawk, this is Lima, roger that. My people have been notified of this type movement . . . over.

CH: (Whispering) OK buddy, right now pushing to top of the hill by the blown out wooded area

Lima: . . . I am not, I repeat, I am not at the location that was given to me, over.

41: Zero Two, Spooky 41.

Spad: 41, Zero Two.

41: Zero Two . . . contact with Carbon Outlaw, they want to know the name of the ground commander that was controlling the air strike, do you know who it was?

Spad: No, I don't think, should be able to get that ahh, . . . It was Chickenhawk that was . . . the airstrike

41: Roger, roger, understand. It was Chickenhawk.

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CH: . . . firebase . . . OK?

41: OK, Chickenhawk, we're going to have to drop light before we can . . . Break, Break, Kangaroo Control, Spooky 41.

CH: OK

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41: Chickenhawk, hold on, hold on, stand by one, let me contact Kangaroo Control down here.

41: Kangaroo Control, Spooky 41.

Kangaroo: Spooky 41, this is Kangaroo Control, . . .negative at this time I'll give you the word from here when we want you to . . .

41: Roger, roger, Kangaroo Control. Break, break Chickenhawk, hold on my friend, ahh, got to get the complete clearance from Kangaroo Control and then we'll hit it.

41: Chickenhawk, 41, you copy?

CH: ... (Loud breathing) ...

Kangaroo: Roger Spooky 41, could you call, ahh, Lima Salines and see if the link up is complete and also have him relay to me ... his location ... over.

41: ... OK ... location again?

Kangaroo: Roger ... his element ... location ... and ... with Chickenhawk, over.

41: Roger, roger. Break, Lima Salines, Lima Salines from 41

Lima: Spooky 41, this is Lima Salines. Be advised, we still haven't linked up here, we'll give you a call when we do, over.

41: Roger, roger. We'd like to know ASAP as soon as you link up so we can get started up here.

Lima: Roger that buddy, I'll let you know as soon as possible.

41: Roger, roger. Break Kangaroo, 41, did you copy?

Kangaroo: This is Kangaroo ...

CH: ... Lima, this is Chickenhawk, this is Chickenhawk,

Lima: Salines, over.

CH: OK, buddy, we're coming into you now. Look, I'm getting them into a single file, it's a long one, but you're only gonna have one entrance into your perimeter, only one entrance into your perimeter, only one people coming in one line, I'm trying to ... hope it don't get screwed up by the time it gets down to you, you roger?

Lima: Roger that, come on in. I'll let my people know.

CH: Roger, roger. OK, we're moving in now. ... they might be hitting your perimeter now, it'll be a big long line, but don't worry buddy (whispering) we only got one line coming in.

41: Kangaroo Control, you copy Lima Salines?

Kangaroo: Negative, I can't read them. ...

41: Roger, roger, Lima Salines, you have to link up on rebounding tone and ahh, Chickenhawk they're just about ready to let us know as soon as they got the link up.

Lima: Roger, I'll be standing by.

41: Roger, roger, I'll let you know.

Lima: . . .Lima Salines, its not complete yet, over.

41: Roger, roger, keep us posted, my friend.

Lima: Roger, will do.

Unknown Station: . . . can you hear Chickenhawk . . .

41: Haven't heard from him in a little while, I've been monitoring.

41: Break, Chickenhawk, Spooky 41.

CH: . . .OK

41: Chickenhawk, Chickenhawk, Spooky 41 over.

CH: . . . Spooky 41, this the Hawk here, ahh, I'd like to contact Lima Salines, over.

41: Lima Salines, this is Spooky 41, Chickenhawk is trying to contact you.

Lima: Roger, roger, Chickenhawk, this is Lima Salines, over.

CH: OK, buddy, listen, here's what we're gonna do, we got in the wrong path here a little bit, ahh, wrong path a little bit, so ahh, . . . pulling back up to the wood line, back up to the wood line, instead of this jungle, I am going to be at the November end, November end, and when I get up there and get my people there, could you send us a small party of two or three people out to the wood line and walk to the November and you can link up with us and lead us back to your perimeter, over.

41: Roger, roger, is this Chickenhawk, calling 41:

CH: Roger, roger, Chickenhawk calling 41, Chickenhawk calling 41.

41: Roger Chickenhawk, calm down my friend, 41, go ahead.

CH: OK, buddy, somebody's firing on us up there.

41: (Internal: OK ask him if he's firing at us and we're clear to fire back at them.)

41: OK, Chickenhawk is this man firing at us or at you, my friend?

CH: OK, buddy, he's firing at me, he's firing at me, what other aircraft is up there?

41: OK, all aircraft, attention all aircraft, cease fire, cease fire, you're firing on Chickenhawk's position.

48: Shadow 48, we are not firing)

41: Spooky 41 is not firing, Chickenhawk, are you sure you took any fire from above?

CH: OK, buddy... down in this hole and it looked like it was firing on my people from above. I'm gonna get a real close look and I'll let you know, OK?

41: OK, Chickenhawk, just take it easy my friend, now.

Lima: ... Hawk to his November ...

41: Roger, roger, Break, Hawk, 41, Lima Salines is calling and wants you to move to your November, move to your November.

41: Chickenhawk, Chickenhawk, Spooky 41, did you copy.

41: Contact with Lima Salines.

Kangaroo: Roger OK, push ... down here ... relay and ... hear Lima Salines, over.

41: Roger, roger, I'll relay anything you need.

Lima: Hawk, this is Lima Salines over.

Spad: ... handle this thing. We'd like to RTB now ... Shadow ... so that we can get back out here early in the morning.

41: Roger, roger, 41, as soon as they can give us clearance to pop flares and stuff we can keep it under control.

Spad: ... we're just kind of spinning our wheels right now staying out of the way and if we can go back right now we can get an early start in the morning.

41: Roger, roger, Zero Two, thanks much for your assistance, go ahead and get some good sleep.

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Kangaroo: Zero Two, Zero Two, this is Kangaroo over.

Spad: Roger ...

41: Kangaroo Control, Spooky 41.

Kangaroo: Spooky 41, Kangaroo Control over.

41: OK, Control ... bit quieter now, how bout giving me a run down and see if we can pinpoint the exact area where you're gonna want us to go in and fire if we can so we can get started as soon after we drop light as possible.

Kangaroo: Wait one.

CH: This is Chickenhawk, this is Chickenhawk, any body want me?

41: Ahh, Chickenhawk, this is 41, I'm talking to Kangaroo Control, how's things going with you my friend?

CH: Ohh, ahh, a little bit rugged, my friend. This . . . I'll tell you right now is hell. (Breathing hard). I'll tell you. But ahh, . . .

Transcriber's Note: This concludes the transcript of the FSB Kate transmissions. The balance of the the transmissions were between CPT Albracht and Al Dykes and others occurring in and around Bu Prang, Republic of Vietnam on 30 November 1969.

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