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27 May 1966

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To: Commander
U. S. Naval Aviation Safety Center

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Subj: Report of Aircraft Mishap (Accident)

A. OPNAVINST B3750.6E

1. F4B, 152268, VMFA-115
2. 25 May 1966, 1620H, 115 degrees 12 NM Da Nang AB, RVN
3. Day, Air to Ground
4. Alfa
5. Upon completion of a practice run against Hawk missiles at approximately 100' altitude and 450 KCAS, the flight leader commenced a climbing starboard turn. The flight climbed to approximately 6000 feet in a spread V formation, continued the right turn and began descending to enter the 10 mile initial for landing. The number 2 aircraft on the starboard side was observed to descend from the flight and strike the water in a 15° port wing down 30° dive. The aircraft exploded upon impact with the water. The horizon was visible, sea state calm, airborne visibility 14 miles with haze and fair WX cumulus. There were no indications of difficulty with no radio transmissions, erratic movements of aircraft, or apparent attempts to eject. Cause of accident unknown.
6. RICHARD HOWARD ROYER, 1stLt, (b) (6) 7307 USMCR, Active, Parachute not used, Fatal.
7. JOHN DAVID KRAMER, 2ndLt, (b) (6) 7352 USMC, Active, Parachute not used, Fatal (NFO).
8. [redacted] (b) (6) Father, [redacted] (b) (6) Father,
9. None
10. Direct enemy action (cause unknown in a hostile area).

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Commanding Officer
MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-115
FPO, San Francisco, Calif. 96602

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The Medical Officer's Reports were withheld entirely under exemptions (b)(5) and/or (b)(6) of the FOIA.

All statements withheld under exemption (b)(5).