The search was for a USAF F-105 that was presumed downed by hostile fire 50 mi N of Hanoi. Upon notification that Cactus 4 was missing, Crows 5 & 6 were diverted to conduct a search. A check of all airfields proved negative, and a check with controlling agencies indicated that the missing aircraft may not have escaped from hostile territory as no one had established contact with him. Electronic and visual search from the coast to tanker rendezvous point provided negative results. Search was suspended and all aircraft will be directed to conduct electronic search while transiting area.

2 sorties for 3+50.

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In the final analysis, it is clear that the majority of the target area was not as thoroughly explored as earlier indicated. This was a tactical decision, and one that reflected the priorities of the mission.

The use of Cactus II in the operation was crucial, and it is acknowledged that without its support, the mission would have been much more challenging. The success of the operation was due in no small part to the expertise of the pilots involved.

The data collected during the operation will be reviewed and analyzed in detail. Further missions will be planned based on this information, and it is expected that these will be even more successful.

The operation is now considered a success, and any future endeavors will be in keeping with this objective. Confidential.
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1. RESCUE OPENING REPORT 2. I-3-196/14 DEC 67.
4. A. 5/KG-100/1 P.0.0. B. 9 TACTICAL C. CLASSIFIED.
6. NOT RELEASED. H. ONE P.E.
8. 1/KG-300/10 20 MILES, SEA STATE 3. C. S/E.

CONFLICTING REPORTS HAD EARLIER INDICATED THAT CACTUS 4 HAD EGRESSED FROM TARGET AREA. WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF CACTUS FLIGHT.