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History of Flight:

Uniform Hotel Zero Two (F-106A, 57-2457) departed Oxnard Air Force Base, California, at 1454 PST on 22 April 1969 in compliance with a practice scramble directed by 27th Air Division. The aircrew consisted of Major James E. Hayes, FV3035134, 460th FIS.

Briefing, pre-flight, post-engine start, taxi, engine run up and takeoff phases were conducted in a normal manner and no unusual occurrences or conditions were noted.

After completion of the practice scramble, UHO2 completed two intercepts against UHO1, at flight level 410. At 1519 PST, UH02 joined up with UH01, who was encountering UHF difficulty, to escort him back to Oxnard. After join up, UHO2 requested a fuel check; UHO1 had 8400# and UHO2 had 8300#; also at this time it was noted that UHO2 had started first 'F' tank feeding. 40 NM from OAF a let down was initiated from flight level 370 to 1700 feet which left the flight of two 18 NM on the 2550 radial from the Oxnard TACAN. At 1523, UH02 flight checked in with Oxnard tower for landing instructions. Landing instructions included Runway 08, wind 210 at 10 and altimeter 29.96. A normal left hand entry was made, 1533 PST, short initial, traffic pattern altitude of 1600 feet, 325 knots. UHO2 started his pitch out over the approach end of the runway. down wind, 250 KIAS, the gear handle was placed in the down position. At this time, there was a grinding sound followed immediately by the warning light panel illuminating, AC and DC generator failure, oil pressure and hydraulic pressure. There was a rapid decay in RPM and EGT. From pitchout to flameout the engine RPM had been 89%. The aircraft was in a left bank, towards the runway, emergency fuel was selected and airstart ignition depressed. There was no indication of an airstart. Flight controls became inoperative and the RAT (Ram Air Turbine) had to be put down. A second airstart was attempted with no results. As the aircraft passed through 800 feet indicated, the decision was made to eject. The pilot pointed the aircraft towards an open field and ejected, 1535 PST, at approximately 300' or lower and 210 KIAS. The aircraft, on a southerly heading, hit two trees about 70' above the ground and impacted the plowed field in about a 35° dive angle. At impact point, the aircraft exploded and dug a crater 10 feet deep, 42' long and 24' wide. Wreckage was strewn about 200 yards forward in the direction of flight.

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