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RECORDED COMMUNICATION

The following is true transcript of pertinent taped interphone conversations in Gold 3, the third aircraft in Gold Wave. This aircraft was scheduled to follow 55-103 at one minute interval for take off on 19 November 1968. The crew consists of:

Pilot	Captain Goffin, Glen P.	FR67271
Co-pilot	1st Lt Racki, Henry C.	FV31783776
Rad Nav	Major Scaggs, Delmer (NMI)	FV2224642
Nav	Captain Weiss, Vernon L.	FV3025179
EWO	Captain Scott, Norman W.	FV3161858
Gun	MSGt. Milch, Robert (NMI)	AF16443739

Nav - Scheduled time. (0409I)

P - Roger.

CP - Roger, we've got several seconds to go before we get out there.

P - 'Kay start your roll now.

CP - Once we get rolling, you take the aircraft and I'll get the starters.

P - Roger.

P - OK I've got it.

CP - You take it.

G - You're cleared on the right.

Gold 3 - ABORT. ABORT. ABORT. (0409:38I)
ABORT. ABORT. ABORT.

TWR - KADENA ABORT. ABORT. ABORT. KADENA ABORT. ABORT. ABORT.

P - Nav I'd like to talk to you a minute here, got a second?
(0422:02I)

N - Nav, Roger.

P - Okay, can you, before we forget it here, time is sorta going to be a little bit delayed; you said it was our time to take off and I think it was about 20 seconds later that I went ahead and started rolling. And then cou'd you tell approximately how long it was after I started rolling that he called ABORT?

N - No, I didn't notice.

CP - It was about 10 seconds because I called it at 20 and it was, he was out on the runway 30 seconds when he called ABORT. I hit him as soon as he put power to it. I hit that stop watch - when he called ABORT, he was 30 seconds after.

P - OK.

CP - We're too late to take off now.

P - Well, don't worry about that.

CP - If he had 30 seconds-----.

P - About halfway down the runway huh?

CP - If he was 30 seconds out.

P - Have you got any idea?

CP - Nah.

P - Whatever it was had to be very, very serious.

P - Co-pilot, before it gets too late---too late, I want to check for something. When he brought his power up, could you see a spark come off one of the wings?

CP - No sir, I didn't.

P - OK, I think I did. When I say spark----it looked like an engine----it looked like there was some carbon coming out of an engine.

CP - I didn't notice that sir-----I hit the---I hit the---.

CP - On what side Pilot? Right side?

P - I would think so---yes, I would make a guess that it was the right side.

G - I would make a guess that that's where that flash, the first flash, came from.

P - OK. I am not sure but, uh.

G - Well, this is a long way to tell which side of the airplane-----

P - Well, I couldn't tell, I was just looking there quickly and I just saw this spark hit the runway and I thought, well it's probably just some carbon coming off the engine from the power acceleration. But, that might be very important here. I don't want to taxi out there. There may be something on that runway that they might be able to use. (0424:24I)

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