

U-2 Believed Found Wrecked in Bolivia

ORURO, Bolivia, July 29 (AP)—Wreckage of a plane believed to be the American U-2 lost yesterday in flight with its pilot disabled was reported found on a hill 52 miles west of here today. Farmers in the area said the reconnaissance plane apparently burned and that the pilot's body appeared to have been dismembered by impact.

The pilot of the U-2 was identified as Capt. Robert D. Hickman, 32, of Alexandria, La.

Witnesses said the plane crashed between 3 and 3:30 p.m. yesterday. Two government parties were reported to have reached the scene of the crash on Pinapinaya Hill to recover the body.

A U.S. Information Service source said the body would be flown back to the United States Saturday.

Oruro is about 140 miles south of La Paz, the Bolivian capital.

In announcing the disappearance of the plane yesterday, the Pentagon said the

pilot apparently lost consciousness from lack of oxygen.

The circumstances of the flight suggest that the Strategic Air Command aircraft was on a photographic mission over Cuba, and actually flew over the Communist island on its automatic pilot system.

Radio contact was lost when the plane was flying on a southerly course off the west coast of Florida. The Pentagon spokesman said the U-2 was scheduled to make a turn between Sarasota and Key West, but a radar control station ashore reported that it failed to do so.