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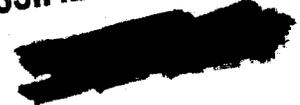
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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

III Marine Amphibious Force

Lieutenant General Keith B. McCUTCHEON  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-23Dec70Lieutenant General Donn J. ROBERTSON  
U. S. Marine Corps  
24-31Dec70DEPUTY COMMANDER (GROUND)Major General Charles F. WIDDECKE  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-31Dec70DEPUTY COMMANDER (AIR)Major General Alan J. ARMSTRONG  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-31Dec70SUBORDINATE UNITS

1st Marine Division

Major General Charles F. WIDDECKE  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-31Dec70

1st Marine Aircraft Wing

Major General Alan J. ARMSTRONG  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-31Dec70

Force Logistic Command

Brigadier General James R. JONES  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-31Dec70

2nd Combined Action Group

Lieutenant Colonel John J. TOLNAY  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-31Dec70Communication Support Company  
7th Communication BattalionMajor Charles R. PORTER  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-31Dec70Commanding Officer  
Headquarters III Marine  
Amphibious Force  
Headquarters CommandantLieutenant Colonel William J. SPIESEL  
U. S. Marine Corps  
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1st Radio Battalion

Lieutenant Colonel Edward D. RESNIK  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-31Dec70

2. LOCATION. 1-31 December 1970, Northwest Danang, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam.

3. STAFF OFFICER

Chief of Staff

Brigadier General Thomas H. MILLER, Jr.  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-9Dec70

Brigadier General William G. JOSLYN  
U. S. Marine Corps  
10-31Dec70

Deputy Chief of Staff

Colonel Eugene H. HAFNEY  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-31Dec70

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1

Colonel Lavern J. OLTMER  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-31Dec70

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

Colonel Forest J. HUNT  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-31Dec70

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3

Colonel Charles H. LUDDEN  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-31Dec70

Deputy G-3

Colonel Leon N. UTTER  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-5Dec70

Colonel Jesse L. GIBNEY  
U. S. Marine Corps  
6-31Dec70

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4

Colonel Kenneth McLENNAN  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-18Dec70

Colonel Warren E. McCAIN  
U. S. Marine Corps  
19-31Dec70

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Major Donald E. SUDDUTH  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-31Dec70

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-6 Colonel Robert L. WILLIS  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-31Dec70

Force Supply Officer Colonel Clarence H. SCHMID  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-31Dec70

Force Staff Judge Advocate Colonel Daniel F. McCONNEL  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-31Dec70

Force Engineer Officer Colonel Fredric O. OLSON  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-31Dec70

Force Adjutant Lieutenant Colonel Carmen P. MOROCCO  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-31Dec70

Officer in Charge, Command Center Major Louis W. SULLIVAN  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-16Dec70

Captain John H. LUSIGNAN  
U. S. Marine Corps  
17-31Dec70

Force Chaplain Captain Glen A. RADEMACHER  
U. S. Navy  
1-31Dec70

Force Surgeon Captain Harold P. PARISER  
U. S. Navy  
1-31Dec70

Force Dental Officer Captain Frank D. GROSSMAN  
U. S. Navy  
1-31Dec70

Staff Secretary Lieutenant Colonel Carlo ROMANO  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-31Dec70

Protocol Officer Major John E. CLEMENTS  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-31Dec70

Force Special Services Officer Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth J. CLIFFORD  
U. S. Marine Corps Reserve  
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Force Public Affairs Officer

Major Phillip T. ARMAN  
U. S. Marine Corps  
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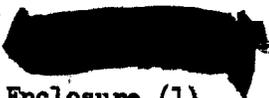
USMC Liaison Officer, ROKMC

Lieutenant Colonel Donald G. ROBINSON  
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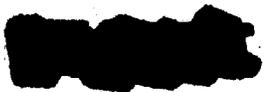
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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

a. III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE HEADQUARTERS

	<u>OFFICERS</u>		<u>ENLISTED</u>	
	USMC	USN	USMC	USN
FORCE HQS, III MAF	102	6	335	7
2D CAG	15	1	589	46
1ST RADIO BN (-)	19	0	310	10

b. III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

<u>OFFICERS</u>		<u>ENLISTED</u>		
USMC	USN	USMC	USN	
1849	149	22866	871	25 735



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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY1. INTRODUCTION

a. GENERAL. On 24 December 1970 Lieutenant General Donn J. ROBERTSON took command of the III Marine Amphibious Force during an Assumption of Command Ceremony conducted at the Force Logistic Command parade field, Camp Books, Danang, Republic of Vietnam. He succeeded Lieutenant General Keith B. McCUTCHEON as Commanding General of the III Marine Amphibious Force. On 24 and 25 December 1970, Admiral John S. McCAIN, Jr., Commander in Chief Pacific, visited III Marine Amphibious Force and was greeted by Lieutenant General ROBERTSON. Admiral McCAIN visited several Marine units and talked extensively with Marine personnel. Other distinguished visitors to III MAF during December included; Doctor Curtis W. TARR, Director of Selective Service; His Eminence, Terence Cardinal COOKE, Military Vicar to Catholic Armed Forces Personnel; and Vice President NGUYEN CAO KY, Vice President Republic of Vietnam. During December 1970, III Marine Amphibious Force was located at Camp Haskins, Northwest Danang, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam. The average Marine/Navy personnel strength in Military Region I was 25,735, an increase of 110 personnel over the previous month.

b. ACTIVITIES. III Marine Amphibious Force activities were guided by COMUSMACV Directive 10-11 dated 5 April 1970 and I ARVN/FWMAF MR 1 Combined Fall-Winter Campaign Plan of 13 December 1969 in pursuit of its objectives for December 1970.

2. OVERALL EVALUATION

a. Incidents of enemy initiated activities throughout the III Marine Amphibious Force TAOI for the month of December remained at a comparative level with the preceding month and continued to be characterized by widely scattered harassing fires. Enemy activity included two ground attacks against Marine units, several light attacks by fire (rocket and mortar), and nine terrorist incidents which were directed against the civilian populace and which resulted in 21 civilian casualties. In addition, there were three incidents of enemy initiated propaganda activity reported.

b. In addition to normal small unit activities, there were two major named operations continued or initiated during December 1970. Operation "IMPERIAL LAKE" continued from the previous month and remained under the operational control of 5th Marines (-) (REIN). During December this operation accounted for 49 enemy KIA and 51 weapons captured. Marine casualties in this operation were significantly reduced from the previous month; there were no Marines killed and 19 wounded. Operation "HOANG DIEU 101", a saturation operation involving all ARVN units in Quang Nam province, as well as all Marine units not involved in Operation "IMPERIAL LAKE", began on 17 December. Enemy casualties for December in operation "HOANG DIEU 101" were 69 KIA and 22 weapons captured. Marine casualties

were 3 KIA and 49 wounded. Throughout the month, Marine units accounted for a total of 135 enemy killed and 92 weapons captured. Marine activities also included a broad range of Psychological Operations, Civic Action Programs and training of Vietnamese personnel.

c. The number of mine and surprise firing device incidents decreased slightly during December from 31 to 30. These incidents caused 5 Marine deaths and 45 wounded and represent 32% of the total casualties suffered by Marine units during the month of December.

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a. GENERAL. During the month of December 1970, one Marine operation was continued from the preceding month and one major named operation was commenced in Quang Nam Province of Military Region 1 by Marine units. Operation HOANG DIEU 101, which commenced during the month, is a saturation operation involving Marine and ARVN units. Results of the operation for the month are listed below:

<u>MAJOR OPERATION</u>	<u>FND CAS</u>		<u>EN CAS</u>		<u>PERIOD</u>
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WC</u>	
IMPERIAL LAKE	0	19	49	51	1-31Dec70
HOANG DIEU 101	3	49	69	22	17-31Dec70

SMALL UNIT ACTIVITY

1ST MARINE DIVISION	10	133	124	82	1-31Dec70
2ND COMBINED ACTION GROUP	0	12	11	10	1-31Dec70
TOTAL	10	145	135	92	1-31Dec70

b. EVENTS. During the month of December 1970, the following significant contacts were reported:

AT 010945H, Recon Team CAYENNE, 3 1/2 Kms southwest of FSB RAINBOW, engaged 1 enemy with small arms fire. Continuing to search the area, they engaged another 3 enemy with small arms fire. Enemy returned fire and then broke contact. A sweep of the area disclosed 2 NVA killed. 1 AK-47, 1 pack containing 50 lbs of rice, medical supplies and assorted documents were captured. There were no friendly casualties.

At 030245H, CUPP Team #3 from Company "G", 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 6 Kms southwest of BALDY Combat Base, while set in a night defensive position, received 25 to 30 rounds of M-79 fire and an undetermined number of chicom grenades from approximately 6 enemy. The team employed 60mm mortars and returned fire with small arms, M-79 and LAAW. A subsequent search of the area disclosed 1 VC killed and 9 chicom grenades captured. During the contact, 1 PF was killed and 2 USMC were wounded and required evacuation.

At 041525H, a CUPP Team from Company "M", 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, 800 meters northeast of Hill 52, while conducting a search operation received machine gun and small arms fire from an unknown size enemy force located in a treeline northwest of their position. The unit returned fire and requested an AO on station who employed on board ordnance and fixed wing air strikes. During the contact 1 USMC was killed and 1 USMC wounded. Once reinforced by a platoon from Company "A", a search of the

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area was conducted with negative results.

At 071145H, 5 Kms north of BALDY Combat Base, the Battalion Commander from 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, while conducting a visual reconnaissance mission, observed 3 enemy crossing the Ba Ren River. The enemy were taken under small arms fire and accompanying Cobra gunships employed on board ordnance. Results were 3 VC killed. There were no friendly casualties.

At 081615H, 3½ Kms northeast of Hill 52, an FO, while on patrol with a platoon from Company "M", 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, detonated an unknown type surprise firing device rigged with a trip wire. 5 USMC were wounded, all of whom required evacuation.

At 082025H, an ambush from Company "L", 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 4 Kms northeast of FSB RYDER, observed 4 VC carrying packs and weapons moving toward their position. The enemy were engaged with claymore mines and small arms fire. A search of the area disclosed 3 VC killed, 1 AK-47 and 3 packs containing clothing and personal gear. There were no friendly casualties.

At 090500H, CUPP Team #3 from Company "G", 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 6½ Kms southwest of BALDY Combat Base, while set in a night defensive position received five 82mm mortar rounds, ten B-40 rounds, approximately 50 chicom grenades and a heavy volume of small arms fire. This attack by fire was immediately followed by a ground attack from 60 to 80 VC who reached the perimeter wire. The unit returned small arms, M-79 and 60mm mortar fire causing the enemy to break contact. Then an artillery fire mission was called against suspected enemy escape routes. A subsequent sweep of the area disclosed 11 VC killed, 4 individual weapons, 1 crew served weapon, ten B-40 rounds and 25 chicom grenades captured. During the contact there were 5 USMC wounded, 2 of whom required evacuation.

At 111155H, an FO with 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 4 Kms north of ROSS Combat Base, observed 4 VC carrying packs and weapons. An artillery fire mission was called, resulting in 2 VC killed.

At 140845H, an OP manned by CUPP Team #6 of Company "G", 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1 Km northwest of BALDY Combat Base, received small arms fire from approximately 10 enemy. The unit returned small arms fire and requested gunships which came on station and employed on board ordnance. A subsequent sweep of the area disclosed 3 VC killed and 2 individual weapons captured. There were no friendly casualties.

At 122205H, 4 Kms southeast of FSB RAINBOW, an element of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Battalion Control Point (forward), while sitting in a night defensive position, observed approximately 18 enemy. An artillery fire mission was called which employed 81mm mortar fire, resulting in 4 VC killed.

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At 140815H, an AO from the 11th Marines, 3 Kms southeast of Hill 65, while conducting a visual reconnaissance mission, observed several dwellings and approximately 1 squad of well armed enemy. The aircraft received a heavy volume of small arms fire. Gunships were called on station and employed on board ordnance, resulting in 2 VC killed and 1 secondary explosion observed.

At 161210H, 4 Kms east of FSB RAINBOW, a platoon from Company "F", 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines while on a patrol found an enemy base camp. Approaching the camp, the unit received 3 rounds of RPG and small arms fire. Returning small arms fire, they requested gunships on station which employed on board ordnance and fixed wing air strikes. A subsequent search of the camp disclosed 4 VC killed and 2 AK-47's captured. Also 2 packs, small amounts of foodstuffs, clothing and assorted documents were found. During the contact 1 USMC was wounded.

At 161752H, an FO on Hill 65 with the use of an IOD observed 3 VC carrying packs. An artillery fire mission was called, resulting in 3 VC killed.

At 180700H, CUPP Teams #5, 6, and 7 from Company "G", 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1 Km west of BALDY Combat Base, while on a sweep operation observed approximately 30 enemy carrying packs and weapons. The enemy was engaged with 106 recoilless rifle fire, gunships were called on station and employed on board ordnance which resulted in 5 secondary explosions. At 0845H, a platoon size quick reaction force from Company "H", 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines was inserted and conducted a search. During the search they received small arms fire which resulted in 1 USMC wounded. They returned fire and caused the enemy to break contact. A continued search disclosed 5 VC killed and 2 VC wounded. Total friendly casualties were 1 USMC wounded.

At 190115H, 2 Kms west of FSB ROUNDUP, a UH-1E flying a Black Hammer Operation observed 2 VC. Gunships were directed on target and killed both enemy. Then at 0350H, 6 more VC were observed moving along a trail. Gunships again were directed on target and employed on board ordnance, resulting in 4 VC killed. Six VC were killed, and no friendly casualties.

At 191905H, a squad from Company "M", 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, 3 Kms southeast of Hill 37, while enroute to its ambush site was engaged by an unknown size enemy force which employed small arms fire and a suspected 105mm command detonated mine. The unit returned small arms fire causing the enemy to break contact. An 81mm illumination fire mission was called and a sweep of the area was non-productive. During the contact 6 USMC were wounded, all of whom required evacuation.

At 200245H, a UH-1E flying a Black Hammer Operation in support of CUPP Team #3 of Company "G", 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 3 1/2 Kms south of BALDY Combat Base, received small arms fire from an unknown size force. Gunships were directed on station and employed on board ordnance which resulted in 4 VC killed and 2 secondary explosions. There were no friendly casualties.

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At 200545H, 4 Kms south of BALDY Combat Base, CUPP Teams #4 and 5 from Company "G", 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, while in a night defensive position, observed approximately 8 enemy south of their position. An artillery fire mission was called and a subsequent sweep of the area disclosed 4 VC killed. During the sweep, the unit received small arms fire from an unknown size enemy force located to their west. The CUPPS returned small arms fire, killing 3 VC and wounding 1 other who was apprehended. Total enemy casualties were 7 VC killed and 1 wounded. During the contact 2 USMC received minor wounds.

At 201715H, an FO located on Hill 218, through the use of an IOD, observed 6 enemy carrying packs and weapons moving supplies into a bunker. An artillery fire mission was called, resulting in 2 VC killed.

At 210010H, BALDY Combat Base received 2 incoming rounds which did not detonate. The rounds buried 8 to 10 feet but were believed to be either 102mm or 107mm rockets. There were no casualties or material damage.

At 210106H, the Danang Air Base received one 140mm rocket which impacted at the south end of the airfield. There were no casualties or material damage reported.

At 220800H, 2 Kms west of FSB RAINBOW, a platoon from Company "C", 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, while on a patrol found a company size enemy base camp which consisted of 10 bunkers built under a natural rock formation. A search of the camp produced two M-60 machine guns, 1 RPG launcher, 7 AK-47 rifles, 6 NVA bangalore torpedoes, 40 chicom grenades, 3 NVA entrenching tools, and 4 NVA uniforms.

At 260740H, 7 Kms northeast of Dien Ban, an AO from the 11th Marines while flying a visual reconnaissance mission observed 2 VC setting up 6 unknown type rockets. Gunships were called on station and they employed on board ordnance which resulted in 2 VC killed and 6 rockets scattered about the area and possibly destroyed. Then at 1800H in approximately the same area an AO observed 4 rockets set in firing position. Gunships were directed on the target resulting in 4 rockets destroyed.

At 261230H, CUPP Teams 6 and 7 from Company "G", 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 3 1/2 Kms west of BALDY Combat Base while conducting a sweep operation observed an unknown size enemy force carrying packs and weapons. The team initiated small arms fire and requested an AO on station who fired on board ordnance. A subsequent sweep of the area disclosed 6 VC killed and 4 packs containing cleaning gear and food.

At 271110H, 5 1/2 Kms east of Hill 37, a 5 ton truck from the 11th Motor Transport Battalion traveling along LTL-4 to Hill 37 detonated a 90 pound box mine. Total casualties were 1 USMC killed. The vehicle sustained major damage.

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At 272245H, CAP 2-3-3 while set in an ambush position 2 Kms west of Dien Ban initiated small arms fire on an unknown size enemy force. The enemy returned small arms fire, broke contact and fled in unknown directions. A subsequent sweep of the area revealed 3 VC killed. In addition, 2 AK-47's, 1 B-40 launcher and several documents were captured.

2. CASUALTIES INFLECTED ON THE ENEMY. See page 21.

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## a. Special Services Activities

(1) Freedom Hill Recreation Center

(a) Theater: The 35mm Indoor Theater was operational 28 days during the month of December with an average daily attendance of 369.

(b) Bowling Center: The Bowling Center was operational 24 days during the month with an average of 358 games bowled daily.

(c) Library: The Library was operational for 28 days during the month with a total attendance of 304.

The usage of the Freedom Hill Recreation Center, listed by branch of service, is as shown below:

USMC	26,268	40%
USA	22,531	34%
USN	5,824	9%
USAF	7,749	12%
OTHER	3,039	5%

(2) Stars & Stripes: The corrected figure for the distribution of Stars & Stripes for the month of November was 182,500 free issues. During the month of December, 179,720 issues of Stars and Stripes newspapers were distributed to III MAF personnel.

(3) R&R Activities (Out-of-Country): The total number of seats allotted to III MAF for the month of December 1970 was 1813. The number allotted for Okinawa R&R was 340. The MACV percentage of aircraft utilization for the month of November was 100.8%; the utilization figure for December is not available at this time.

(4) In-Country R&R: The total China Beach In-Country R&R allocation for the month was 11 officer quotas and 160 enlisted quotas, of which were used 5 officer quotas and all of the enlisted quotas.

(5) Special Services Hong Kong flight: Two round-trip Special Services Hong Kong flights were made utilizing 88 spaces.

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## b. Chaplain

- 4 Dec Attended III MAF Staff meeting. Attended reception and dinner in honor of Brigadier General Miller.
- 6 Dec Conducted 4 Sunday services.
- 9 Dec Conducted meeting of all 1st Marine Division Chaplains and representatives from 1st MAW, FLC and III MAF.
- 11 Dec Attended III MAF Staff meeting.
- 13 Dec Conducted 4 Sunday services.
- 16 Dec Conducted meeting of all 1st Marine Division Chaplains and representatives from III MAF and 1st MAW.
- 18 Dec Attended farewell luncheon of XXIV Corps Chaplain. Attended III MAF Staff meeting.
- 19 Dec Luncheon with Bishop of Danang, Most Reverend Chi. Visited Sacred Heart Orphanage and gave contributions.
- 20 Dec Dr Oswald Hoffman conducted 0900 Protestant Services at MAG-16. Conducted 4 Sunday services.
- 21 Dec Escort officer for Dr. Oswald Hoffman and party. Accompanied them to Camp Baldy for informal religious services with 2nd Bn 5th Marines.
- 22 Dec Escort officer for Terrence Cardinal Cooke and party. Accompanied them for visit with personnel of 1st Bn, 11th Marines.
- 23 Dec Visited Phu Thuong Orphanage and made contributions.
- 24 Dec Escort officer for Rear Admiral Francis L. Garrett CHC, USN, Chief of Chaplains. Made 5 Staff calls. Luncheon and meeting with 33 Chaplains.
- 25 Dec Escort officer for Rear Admiral Francis L. Garrett CHC, USN, Chief of Chaplains. Made 9 staff calls in visiting USS Sanctuary, 3rd Bn, 1st Marines, 2nd CAG, 5th Marines, FSB Ross, FSB Ryder, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st MAW. Conducted 3 Christmas services.
- 26 Dec Escort officer for Rear Admiral Francis L. Garrett CHC, USN, Chief of Chaplains.
- 27 Dec Distributed monies collected in "Operation Floodtide" to flood victims in provinces of Hoi An and Que Son.
- 28 Dec Conducted 4 Sunday Services, and visited Sacred Heart Orphanage and made contributions.

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5. Intelligence

a. General Enemy Situation. Enemy operations during the period clearly demonstrated the continued and damaging effects of operation Hoang Dieu, Imperial Lake and the flooding of the lowlands in early November and December. The saturation effects of operation Hoang Dieu in the lowlands disrupted main force units operating in conjunction with local forces. Operation Imperial Lake maintained pressure on the enemy's base areas in the Que Son mountains while the flooding of the lowlands destroyed large quantities of the enemy's reserve rice supply. PW and rallier reports indicated a general decline in the enemy's effectiveness. Most main force units' food rations were reduced to approximately half. Some units were at half strength, and their combat effectiveness was further reduced by illness. The return, or exfiltration, of the R-20th Battalion to its base area in the Que Son mountains during the latter part of December marked the first time this year that no main force units were operating in the lowlands in support of, or in conjunction with, local force units. This development dramatizes the decline in the enemy's ability to maintain an active force operating in support of the VC infrastructure. Thus, main forces units, under the direction of Headquarters Front 4, turned their priorities toward resupply, refitting, recuperation and political reindoctrination. Enemy actions were limited attacks by fire, small unit attacks and mine and booby trapping. Although numerous contacts were reported throughout the area of operation, most were initiated by allied forces. One of the more significant contacts reported was the capture of an enemy communications site on 24 December by the 5th Marines. All information regarding the equipment seized and circumstances of capture indicated that this site serviced a headquarters element of Front 4.

b. Significant Contacts During The Period.

(1) On 3 December Company A, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines received ten rounds of 60mm mortar fire ten kilometers southeast of Liberty Bridge (AT 967439). There were no casualties.

(2) While on a search operation on 5 December, the 6th Company, 2d Battalion, 2d ROKMC Brigade found 16 122mm rocket rounds. They were in an area ten kilometers west northwest of Combat Base Baldy (BT 040480).

(3) On 6 December, during the conduct of a search operation 11 kilometers west northwest of Combat Base Baldy (BT 036478) the 6th Company, 2d Battalion, 2d ROKMC Brigade found four 122mm rockets, one 122mm launcher and three B-40 rounds. A few hours later the same day, this company found ten 122mm rockets with launchers at a point ten kilometers west northwest of Combat Base Baldy (BT 040479).

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(4) On 9 December, seven kilometers southwest of Combat Base Baldy (BT 089403), CUPP 3 of Company G, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines and the 110th RF Company were hit with a mortar and ground attack from an estimated VC platoon. They took five 82mm mortar rounds, ten B-40 rounds and 40 to 50 grenades. When the engagement was over the Marines and RFs killed 11 VC and captured seven individual weapons, one B-40 launcher, 15 B-40 rounds, 25 grenades and 100 homemade flares.

(5) Company E, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines on 14 December, uncovered a weapons and ammunition cache four kilometers north of Fire Support Base Hyder (AT 967398). The cache contained small arms ammunition, three shaped charges, 17 60mm mortar rounds, six 82mm mortar rounds, TNT, Chicom grenades, three RPG rounds, one LAAW, one 30 caliber machinegun, one unidentified radio and several VC flags.

(6) On 18 December, Company G, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines on a sweep one kilometer west of Combat Base Baldy (BT 121454) observed 30 enemy. Gunships were called to assist, and **five** of the enemy were killed and two captured.

(7) On 19 December, elements of the 37th ARVN Ranger Battalion, supported by gunships, engaged an enemy platoon eight kilometers north of An Hoa (BT 838532). The result was 18 of the enemy killed and three AK-47s captured.

(8) Early on the morning of 20 December, Company G, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines called a fire mission on eight enemy three kilometers south of Combat Base Baldy (BT 136417). As they swept through the area, the Marines made contact with four more VC. As a result of the artillery mission and the ground contact, there were seven enemy KIA, one VC detained, and 12 Chicom grenades captured.

(9) On 21 December, one 140mm rocket landed on Danang Airbase (BT 007738) causing no damage or casualties. ~~later, two 122mm rockets landed in the Fifth M~~  
(BT 131454). Both rockets failed to detonate.

(10) Also on 21 December, a Vietnamese boy led CAP 2-3-3 to a cache of mortar rounds located near the CAP's position (BT 066546). They found 96 60mm mortar rounds without bore riding safety pins. The rounds were destroyed in place.

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(11) On 22 December Marines of Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines on a search mission one and one half kilometers west of Fire Support Base Rainbow (AT 965432) found ten bunkers. Upon searching the bunkers they discovered seven AK-47s, two damaged M-60 machineguns, one RPG launcher, six bangalore torpedoes, 40 Chicom hand grenades, four NVA uniforms, and 1,000 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition for the AK-47s.

(12) On 23 December, two teams from the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion on a mission seven kilometers northeast of Thuong Duc (ZC 197596) discovered an enemy base camp. Firing into a cave opening, they killed five of the enemy. As the team moved to their extraction area, the extraction helicopter came under intense automatic weapons fire. A fixed wing airstrike and artillery were called on the enemy positions, killing one more of the enemy. Total enemy killed was six.

(13) Company L, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, on 24 December, during a search operation five kilometers northwest of Fire Support Base Ross (AT 979379) observed 20 enemy sitting outside a cave. They engaged the enemy, killing five and capturing two. Also taken in the action were five individual weapons, three Chicom radios, 24 packs, 300 pounds of rice and miscellaneous documents.

(14) On Christmas Day, Marines from Company L, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines discovered a cave complex five kilometers west of Fire Support Base Ranch House (AT 978437). A search of the 20 caves turned up 3,000 rounds of AK-47 ammunition, three 82mm mortar rounds, two 60mm mortar rounds, and miscellaneous small items of equipment.

(15) On 26 December, CUPPs 4 and 5 of company G, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, made contact with an unknown size enemy force 13 kilometers southwest of Hoi An (BT 097446). Three VC were killed, and seven detainees captured. One AK-47 was also taken in the action. A short while later, CUPPs 6 and 7 of Company G, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, contacted an unknown sized enemy force 11 kilometers southwest of Hoi An (BT 099469). Gunships were called for support, and six of the enemy were killed.

(16) On 30 December, five 122mm rockets impacted in the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines area (AT 995715). There were no casualties or damage.

c. Enemy Action Statistics. The following are statistics pertaining to enemy activities in Marine Corps areas for the month of December:

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Enemy Initiated Activities

Attacks	2
Ambushes	00
Assaults by fire	00
Harassing fire	77
Mines/Booby Traps	35
AA Fire/Hits	80/16

d. Enemy Order of Battle. There were no changes in the enemy order of battle holdings during December. There was a slight decline in enemy strength. Administrative strength remains at 3,975. Guerrilla strength decreased to 3,743. Total enemy strength is now 11,665.

e. Counterintelligence.

(1) Counterintelligence Monthly Overview. VC/VCI counterintelligence related activity during the month of December 1970, continued to decline in terrorist incidents. There was a noticeable increase in propaganda activities in comparison to previous months. The general theme of propaganda material called for the removal of U. S. forces, demonstrations to support the struggle for an end to the war, and urged the people to join together and kill all Americans and save Vietnam.

The type and number of incidents during the month of December is indicative of an apparent weakness and diminishing capability to combat the pacification program and gain the popular support of the people.

(2) Terrorism and Propaganda

(a) Terrorist activity within the III MAF AO consisted of nine isolated incidents during the month of December. The number of KIAs and WIAs resulting from terrorist activity was significantly reduced. Enemy infiltration and subsequent terrorist activity in the Binh Giang Refugee Camp (BT 185444) on 25 December 1970 resulted in one PF and one civilian WIA and 20 homes being destroyed by fire. There were three incidents involving the assassination of one GVN official and two VN civilians. The number of victims and structures damaged/destroyed during the month is as follows:

KIA	6 (-4)
WIA	15 (-11)
Abducted	0 (-1)
Structures Dam/Dest	20 (+20)

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(b) Propaganda incidents consisted of leaflets being distributed on three separate occasions, all of which carried a general Anti-US/GVN theme. On two other occasions, a VC Propaganda meeting and a VC Political Propaganda meeting entertained a total of approximately 85 persons, the majority of which were village level cadre. Information and instructions presented encouraged the people to demonstrate against the US/GVN, demand immediate withdrawal of U.S. forces and an immediate end to the war, and called for full support of the NLF/SVN.

(3) Subversion. No incidents of subversion are known to have occurred during the month.

(4) Sabotage. No incidents of sabotage are known to have occurred during the month.

(5) Espionage. There were no reported incidents of espionage during the month. However, it can reasonably be assumed that the VC/VCI maintain a continuing intelligence collection effort within the III MAF AO for the purpose of identifying prospective targets.

f. Enemy Losses. Statistics on enemy losses for the month of December are as follows:

KIAs	135
Detainees	219
PWs VC	0
PWs NVA	6
Innocent Civilians	0
Civil Defendants	0
Individual Weapons	80
Crew Served Weapons	12
Rice Captured	15,190 lbs
Total Hoi Chanh returned to both military and civilian authorities -	81

g. Kit Carson Scout Program

(1) Significant accomplishments of Kit Carson Scouts employed by 1st Marine Division for the period 1 - 31 December were as follows:

Patrols	751
Classes Conducted	27
Psyops Broadcasts	0

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Enemy Captured/Suspects Apprehended	11
Enemy Killed	1
Weapons Recovered	3
Returnees	0
Caves/Tunnels Detected	24
Mines/Booby Traps Detected	0
Caches Discovered	7

(2) The additional statistics on Kit Carson Scouts employed by the 1st Marine Division are:

	No of KCS	No of KCS	No of KCS			
	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Recruited</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
1st MarDiv	95	0	0	1	0	0

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**SECRET**6. LOGISTICS

a. General. During the month of December 1970, the G-4 staff and those special staff sections under its cognizance emphasized redeployment planning of Marine Corps forces from Vietnam. Activity directed to improving the programs of redistribution of assets to other U.S., Korean, and Vietnamese forces was undertaken. Goals were established for the eventual turnover of ground ammunition support to the U.S. Army, and the Real Estate/Base Development Office continued to negotiate for timely transfer of areas to U.S. and Vietnamese forces to coincide with redeployment plans. Important planning conferences during the month established a firm commitment by the U.S. Navy regarding transportation requirements during redeployment Increment VI, Keystone Robin Charlie. In addition, the engineers completed repairs incident to flood and wind damage of the previous month. Colonel Warren E. MCCAIN became the new Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4 on 19 December relieving Colonel Kenneth MCLENNAN who departed III MAF for duty at Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.

b. G-4(1) Redistribution Program

(a) The program for redistribution of excesses continued through December with a total of 5,360 items being distributed during the month. As of 31 December, 126,777 items had been redistributed since inception of the program in May 1970. Total value of items distributed approximates \$70 million.

(b) A computerized system for redistribution action was implemented on 1 December. This system, using the 1401 computer, will provide a statistical analysis by dollar value and commodity group for items redistributed. The system will not be completely functional, however, until all past history of redistribution transactions have been coded and keypunched. Based on preliminary estimates, the computerized system should be operational sometime during the period 1-15 January 1971.

(c) Project 805, transfer of equipment in support of the Vietnamization program, has continued to be a successful effort by Marine units of III MAF. During December, 390 items of equipment were offered and accepted by the RVNAF. To date 2.47 million dollars worth of equipment has been transferred under Project 805, and the acceptance rate continues to be 92 per cent with 9,308 items offered and 8,576 items accepted.

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**SECRET**(2) Real Estate/Facilities

(a) Transfer of the following real estate/facilities was effected during December:

Hill 10	ARVN
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VMGR-152 Area	USAF
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(b) Elements of the 1st Marine Division redeployed from Hill 52 leaving no Marine units at that location.

(c) Monkey Mountain Air Facility (MACS-4) was offered for transfer during the month.

(d) On 11 December 1970, a Real Property Management Conference was held with Colonel CARSWELL (MACV Real Property Management Division) and two (2) of his action officers attending. The purpose of the conference was to clarify real property transfer under the new MACV directive 735-3 dated 26 November 1970. Colonel MCCAIN, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4 attended.

(3) Airlifts.

(a) Marine INTRA-RVN passenger airlifts declined from 50,007 during November to 48,956 during December, a decrease of 1,051. Marine cargo lifted decreased from 4,863 short tons to 4,022 short tons during December - a reduction of 841 short tons. This includes over 300 short tons of fuel dispensed by Marine Corps KC-130 aircraft during in-flight refueling missions.

(b) Personnel flown out of the Republic of Vietnam in connection with permanent change of station orders totaled 2,067, an increase of 249 from the previous month.

(4) Ordnance. During the reporting period important steps were taken to effect the smooth transfer of class V(W) support for III MAF from the Marine Corps to the U.S. Army. As the result of a conference held at this Headquarters during the first part of the month, which included representation from III MAF, USARV, MACV, and U.S. Army Supply Command, Da-Nang, definite milestones were established and provided to higher headquarters for the transfer of class V(W) support to the U.S. Army. In the latter part of the month USARV hosted a conference which consolidated the decisions made earlier at the III MAF meeting. It was agreed that USARV would assume responsibility for requisitioning III MAF ammunition, providing suspension notification, and replacing suspended unserviceable stocks of ground ammunition during the first part of

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c. Embarkation Summary.

(1) During December planning continued regarding redeployment of the Marine Corps from Vietnam. During the second week of the month preliminary planning relating to Marine Corps redeployments during Keystone Robin Charlie was undertaken at CINCPACFLT Headquarters, Camp Smith, Hawaii in preparation for the CINCPAC Movement Conference scheduled for the first part of January 1971.

(2) Planning in regards to movement of retrograde material throughout the PACOM area was participated in at the USARPAC Headquarters, Fort Shafter, Hawaii. The purpose of the conference was to ascertain total amounts of retrograde in the whole Pacific area in order to estimate MSC and port handling requirements.

d. Engineer Summary.

(1) Typhoon and flood damage repairs were completed and the major effort in December returned to upgrade of roads. LTL-4 upgrade continued through Dia Loc village requiring 6,220 cubic yards of earth products to be hauled. Continued assistance was rendered to MCB-3 by hauling 2,085 cubic yards of rock for shoulder repair of QL-1. The amphitheatre bleachers at Freedom Hill were removed and replaced in preparation for the annual Bob Hope Christmas Show. The decking on Eiffel Bridge was replaced at Kia Loc village and the redecking of Cooper Bridge was completed. Dismantling of Sector A of Hill 327 cantonment was started and material was used for maintenance of other areas.

(2) Major utility projects were started with the purpose of upgrading electrical and water systems at certain cantonments throughout the III MAF area.

(3) In November, III MAF assumed control of all Tactical Support Functional Component material from the 32d Naval Construction Regiment. During the reporting period, considerable effort was undertaken to catalog and store all TSFC materials. This project is continuing to receive emphasis from the Force Engineer.

(4) Plans were initiated to begin dismantling of Butler Buildings that are no longer required and have no projected future use in Vietnam. Pending MACV approval, the program will begin and this project will provide much needed storage at other West Pac Marine installations.

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e. Supply Summary. During December 1970 support of the 2d Brigade, Republic of Korea Marine Corps actively continued. 487 ration supplement sundries packs were issued to the Korean Marines to 15 December. In addition, continued support of the 2d ROKMC Brigade as III MAF units redeploy received considerable attention and plans in this regard were in the process of formulation.

f. Dental Summary.

(1) The total number of military patients treated within dental facilities of this command during December was 5,193 with 12,713 dental procedures completed.

(2) Dental civil action conducted by III Marine Amphibious Force dental units during December resulted in 1,595 dental procedures and treatment of 769 patients.

(3) The following areas were visited on a daily/weekly basis in connection with the 11th Dental Company (-) (Rein) Dentcap Program:

- (a) Thang-Binh Private Primary School (Catholic)
- (b) 5th ARVN Regiment
- (c) Tho Nham (Chinese School)
- (d) MWHG-1 Civic Action Center, Phuoc Fuong Hamlet
- (e) MAG-18 Civic Action Center, Hoa An Hamlet, Hoa Phat Village
- (f) Hoa Khanh Childrens Hospital, FLC
- (g) Co Man Village
- (h) Crescent Beach Leprosarium
- (i) German Hospital Ship, Hoagaland

g. Medical Summary.

(1) During the reporting period, aid stations of the following units were inspected:

- (a) 1st Reconnaissance Battalion
- (b) 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines
- (c) 1st Battalion, 1st Marines

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(d) 1st Battalion, 11th Marines

(e) 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines

(2) The USS Sanctuary operated in Vietnam waters during December.

(3) The total average patient load for the 1st Medical Battalion during the report period was 117, with a total of 528 admitted and 202 evacuated out of country. Blood expended totalled 344 units.

(4) There were 67 malaria cases during December.

(5) Information concerning III MAF inpatient treatment facilities during December follows:

	<u>AUTH BEDS</u>	<u>ACT BEDS</u>	<u>AVG CENSUS</u>	<u>% OCCUPIED</u>
Medical Battalion	180	180	117	65
USS Sanctuary	560	560	232	41

h. Chronological Listing of Highlights for December 1970

- 1 Dec Institution of a computer program to statistically analyze effectiveness of the III MAF redistribution system.
- 2 Dec Transfer of Hill 10 to ARVN.
- 2 Dec NAVFORV Medical Meeting, Saigon attended by the Force Surgeon.
- 3 Dec Transfer of VMGR-152 area to USAF.
- 3-5 Dec MACV Movement Conference, Saigon attended by the Assistant Force Embarkation Officer.
- 7-11 Dec CINCPACFLT Keystone Robin Charlie Preliminary Planning Conference, Camp Smith, Hawaii attended by G-4 Plans Officer and Force Embarkation Officer.
- 10 Dec Class V(W) Ordnance Conference at III MAF to plan transfer of Class V(W) support from USMC to USARV.
- 11 Dec Real Property Management Conference at III MAF with MACV Real Property Management Division heads and action officers attending.

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- 14 Dec     Redeployment 1st MarDiv elements from Hill 52.
- 15-17 Dec     USARPAC Retrograde Movement Planning Conference, Fort Shafter, Hawaii attended by Force Embarkation Officer.
- 19 Dec     Relief of Colonel K. MCLENNAN as AC/S, G-4, III MAF for duty with FMFPAC Headquarters. Assumption of Colonel W. E. MCCAIN as AC/S, G-4, III MAF.
- 21 Dec     Lieutenant General LAM, CG, Military Region 1, toured 1st Medical Battalion.
- 21 Dec     Monkey Mountain Air Facility (MACS-4) offered for transfer.
- 27-28 Dec     Milestones laid down for transfer of III MAF ground ammunition support to USARV.

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7. COMPTROLLER

a. Significant events for December. There were no significant events for the month of December.

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**SECRET**8. CIVIL AFFAIRS

a. Objectives. The basic objectives of the III Marine Amphibious Force Civil Affairs Program remain the same.

b. Civic Action Statistics

(1) Cost of supplies contributed from military resources for civic action projects (does not include cost of commodities obtained from USAID, CORDS, CRS, and like organizations): \$VN 2,974,954

(2) Expenditures from US/FWMAF Civic Action/PSYWAR Fund:  
\$VN 209,100

(3) Major Civic Action Programs:	<u>Man-days</u> <u>(10-hr days)</u>	<u>\$VN</u>
a. Economic Development	149	191,020
b. Education	202	590,838
c. Social Welfare	519	1,305,504
d. Transportation	163	631,230
e. Refugee Assistance Support	141	164,450

(4) Number of separate institutions supported during the reporting period:

a. Schools	52
b. Orphanages	16
c. Hospitals/Dispensaries	16
d. Others	3

## (5) MEDCAP-DENTAL

(a) Treatments

	<u>Number of</u> <u>Patients</u>
Medical	
Resulting from Hostile Action	521
Not resulting from Hostile Action	32,437
Immunizations	1,156
Dental	608
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Total	34,723

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(b) Number of Vietnamese Health Workers Trained: 55

c. Civic Action Projects. The following are highlights of significant civic action projects conducted during the month of December 1970:

(1) 1st Marine Division reports:

The new school in Tan Luu was completed. The 1st Marines S-5 made materials available to the villagers who had complete independence in the planning and construction of the school. This method develops Vietnamese self-reliance and initiative.

(2) 1st Marine Air Wing reports:

Two compounds were turned over to the Vietnamese in Hoa Phat Village. An inventory before consignment left the installation at 750,000\$VN. This transferral was completed 1 December 1970.

(6) Selected civic action projects having particular human interest appeal. None

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**SECRET**9. PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE OPERATIONSa. Chieu Hoi Program

PROVINCE	TOTAL	NVA	VC	NON-MIL	WPNS
QUANG NAM	83	1	33	49	7
DANANG CITY	3	0	1	2	1
TOTAL	86	1	34	51	8

b. Campaign Support

(1) <u>THEME</u>	<u>LEAFLET</u>		<u>BROADCAST HOURS</u>	
	<u>AIR</u>	<u>GROUND</u>	<u>AIR</u>	<u>GROUND</u>
CHIEU HOI	23,589,000	3,060	16:33	27:30
PRO-GVN	1,320,000	17,300	0	24:00
ANTI-VC/NVA	1,605,000	1250	00:58	10:00
REWARDS	272,000	0	8:29	24:30
RESOURCES DENIAL	484,000	1150	0	0
HEALTH	0	4,775	0	0
CURFEW	0	2,260	0	0

(2) Movie showings/attendance: 16/5950

(3) Culture Drama Team performances/attendance: 11/2600

(4) POLWAR Team - 3 days; Armed Propaganda Team - 10 days.

(5) MEDCAP/DENTCAP: 8,817 treated during December.

c. Narrative Summary. During the reporting period there were significant increases in psychological warfare operations within the III Marine Amphibious Force. Leaflet drops, loudspeaker broadcasts, Armed Propaganda Teams, and Culture Drama Teams were all employed in an intensified and coordinated PsyOps campaign to exploit enemy weaknesses, frustrations and demoralization. Movies with Pro-GVN and anti-VC themes, as well as cultural and general entertainment films were shown to sizable audiences. In addition, MEDCAPS/DENTCAPS provided medical attention to 8,817 people.

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## 10. Communications

a. Combat Operations Center Communications traffic during the month of December 1970:

<u>Teletype</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Incoming	4889	4071	0	818
Outgoing	530	453	0	77
Total	5419	4524	0	895
<u>Radio</u>	Incoming	4	4	0
<u>Courier</u>	Incoming	25	25	0
	Outgoing	2	2	0
Total		31	31	0

b. Headquarters, III MAF message traffic originated:

November	1382
December	1484
Increase	102

c. On 3 Dec, MSgt BENNETT gave a brief on III MAF communications at the SgtMajors monthly conference.

d. On 8 Dec, Major HILBEY and Major MONTGOMERY from MACV J-6 visited III MAF, FLC and 1st MARDIV concerning III MAF cable systems and AN/TTC-28s.

e. On 10 Dec, Lt R. A. BECK, OIC III MAF COC Comm-Section detached for return to CONUS.

f. On 11 Dec, Colonel LOWERY, Commanding Officer, 12th Signal Group and his (Staff) Sergeant Major O'RIELY visited III MAF and were briefed by the G-6 Office.

g. On 11 Dec, Colonel DUDNEY, I Corps, G-6 and Sergeant First Class HARVEY visited III MAF, and were briefed by the G-6 Office.

h. On 12 Dec, LtCol YOUNG, Operations Officer, LtCol TAYLOR, Plans Officer, LtCol RUDOLF, Assistant Signal

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Officer, all from XXIV Corps Signal Office visited III MAF. They were briefed by the G-6.

i. On 14 Dec, LtCol L. Z. SLAWTER, Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G-6 attended a MACV Senior Communications Officers Conference in Saigon, RVN.

j. On 14 Dec, Cpl B. O'NEAL, Administrative Clerk, returned from emergency leave.

k. On 23 Dec, Major R. T. HIMMERICH joined III MAF G-6 Section to assume duties of CommSuptCo Liaison Officer to replace Major D. S. MCINTYRE.

l. On 24 Dec, III MAF provided Comm Guard for CINCPAC's Christmas visit. Special TS circuit established at MAW along with Helo on stand-by for courier service. Special hotline installed from MACV EAC Switchboard to CINCPAC and Executive Assistant's quarters. III MAF COC Radio Room entered XXIV Corps TAC Net #1 and RWI Nets. The Executive Assistant was provided a mobile FM entry to RWI Net while at III MAF CP. A similar service was provided for CINCPAC while at the Bob Hope show, General LAM's quarters and on two occasions at Danang Air Base Operations.

m. On 30 Dec, 1stLt R. M. SHOEMAKER, OIC, III MAF Control Center detached for return to CONUS.

n. On 31 Dec, MSgt T. H. BENNETT, III MAF AsstCommChief detached for return to CONUS.

o. Work commenced on the installation of a 50 pair cable between FLC and Division frames. This new cable, 057, will relieve the burden on the 008 and 009 cables which require increasing maintenance support. The 057 cable should be completed and in-service by 15 Jan 1971.

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## 11. PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

a. BACKGROUND. During the month of December the PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE in coordination with 1st MarDiv, 1st MAF and FLC PAO's, provided escorts to accompany newsmen in news gathering assignments covering Military Region I ground and air operations, civic action and CAP program.

b. MOTOR TRANSPORT. Only one tactical vehicle is on hand at the Public Affairs Office.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>VEHICLE #</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
M-151	357720	PAO

Another jeep is in use at the Da Nang Press Center by the Marine Liaison Officer.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>VEHICLE #</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
M-151	357146	Da Nang Press Center

c. PRESS. Copies of the December issues of the SEA TIGER are enclosed.

d. STAFF VISITS. The following is a list of Staff Visits made by the Force Public Affairs Officer during the month of December.

- 11 - December - Public Affairs Officers from 1st MarDiv, 1st MAF and FLC attended a weekly meeting at the III MAF Public Affairs Office.
- 13 - December - Force Public Affairs Officer visited the Da Nang Press Center for the purpose of announcing LtGen. McCutcheon's departure to the press.
- 17 - December - Force Public Affairs Officer visited AFVN for the purpose of conducting liaison with the CIC.
- 18 - December - Force Public Affairs Officer visited 1st MAF PAO, AFVN TV and DaNang.
- 21 - December - Force Public Affairs Officer visited FLC PAO.
- 22 - December - Force Public Affairs Officer visited 1st MarDiv PAO.
- 26 - December - Force Public Affairs Officer, III MAF, visited XXIV Corps Public Information Officer, Da Nang Press Center.
- 29-30 Dec - Force Public Affairs Officer visited XXIV Corps Public Information Officer, Da Nang Press Center 30 Dec, along with Public Affairs Officers from FLC, 1st MarDiv, and 1st MAF on the 29th December.

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## 12. CHRONOLOGY OF VIP VISITS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK/SERVICE</u>	<u>BILLET</u>
1Dec70	EMPSON, L. D.	VAdm/British Royal N.	Cmdr Far East Fleet
9Dec70	TARR, C. W.	Dr./Civilian	Director Selective Service
12Dec70	DEANE, JR., J. R.	MGen/USA	Director Defense Comm. Planning Group
12Dec70	RUBEL, D. M.	RAdm/USN	CTF-76
19Dec70	COMACHO, G. G.	Gov/Civilian	Governor of Guam
21Dec70	HOFFMAN, O. C. J.	Dr./Civilian	Lutheran Layman's League Lutheran Hour Preacher
22Dec70	COOKE, T. C.	Cardinal/Civilian	Military Vicar to Catholic Armed Forces Personnel
22Dec70	NGUYEN CAO KY	V/Pres./V/P RVN	Vice President RVN
23Dec70	SUTHERLAND, JR, J.W.	LtGen/USA	CG, XXIV Corps
23Dec70	MILLOY, A. E.	MGen/USA	Dep CG, XXIV Corps
23Dec70	DONG YONG LEE	BGen/ROKMC	CG, 2d ROKMC Bde
23Dec70	LAZAR, D.	Mr./Civilian	DEPCORDS
23Dec70	MEYER, S. C.	BGen/USA	CG, HQ, XXIV Corps Arty
24-25Dec70	MCGAIN, JR., J. S.	Adm/USN	CINCPAC
24Dec70	KOREN	Amb/Civilian	Political Advisor to CINCPAC
24-25Dec70	VORIS, F. B.	RAdm/USN	Medical Corps
24-26Dec70	GARRETT, F. L.	RAdm/USN	Chief of Chaplains USN

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## PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. December 1970 Editions, III Marine Amphibious Force Newspaper, Sea Tiger.  
*Removed. Rec. by in HD Library*
2. Change of Command Program for Assumption of Command Ceremony held 24 December 1970.

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