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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

24 MAY TO 30 JUNE 1972

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PART I

1. (U) DESIGNATION

Task Force Delta

COMMANDERLtCol R. E. HAWES
24 May - 9 June 72BGen A. W. O'DONNELL
10 June - 30 June 72SUBORDINATE UNITS

Marine Aircraft Group-15

Colonel K. O'KEEFE
20-30 June 1972

Mobile Construction Battalion 5

Cmdr R. J. MCHUGH JR.
24 May - 30 June 72Marine Air Refueling Squadron 152
DetachmentMajor F. T. O'CONNER
8-30 June 1972Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron
DetachmentMajor D. J. COBB
8-30 June 1972

Logistic Support Group

Major J. G. HOOPER
24 May - 30 June 72

7TH CIT Detachment "E"

Capt S. L. MOYER
24 May - 30 June 722. (S) LOCATION

Nam Phong RTAFB, Thailand

3. (U) STAFF OFFICERS

Chief of Staff

LtCol R. E. HAWES
10-30 June 1972

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1

Capt M. PALLO, JR.
10-30 June 1972

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

Major J. M. BARNHART
10-30 June 1972

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3

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Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4

LtCol V. W. HAZELBAKER
10-30 June 1972

Supply Officer

Major E. S. JACZKO JR.
10-30 June 1972

Engineer Officer

Major L. B. NICE
5-30 June 19724. (S) AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN		USA
<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
208	2194	26	538	0	7
OTHER					
<u>Civilian</u>					
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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

As part of President Nixon's Vietnamization Plan, U.S. Marine Corps and Air Force fighter-bomber squadrons deployed from Danang AB in mid June 1972 to bases in Thailand. In preparation for this redeployment, additional supporting forces deployed to Nam Phong, Thailand. The only facilities at the site were a 10,000 foot runway that had been built in 1967, and seven permanent buildings on the flight line.

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LIST OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

24 May 1972

Elements of MABS-15, H&MS-15, two companies of Third Battalion, Ninth Marines to serve as security forces, MATCU-62, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5, MWCS-18, MAOS-4, and a Logistics Support Group Detachment

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from Third Force Service Regiment
deployed to Nam Phong, Thailand.

8 June 1972

Detachments from VMGR-152 and
H&MS-36 joined Task Force Delta.

10 June 1972

Commanding General, Task Force
Delta, and his staff aboard.

12 June 1972

H&MS-36 detachment commenced CH-46
flight operations.

14 June 1972

VMFA-115 began arriving from
Danang RVN.

17 June 1972

VMFA-115 commenced flying combat
sorties with air refueling support
from VMGR-152.

18 June 1972

VMFA-232 began arrival from Danang.

20 June 1972

VMFA-232 commenced combat operations.

22 June 1972

VMA(AW)-533, formerly of MAG-12,
began arriving from Iwakuni and
Cubi Point NAS.

24 June 1972

VMA(AW)-533 commenced combat op-
erations.

PART IVCHRONOLOGIES OF SUBORDINATE UNITSCOMMANDS & SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. The document listed below is considered significant.

a. MAG-15 Command Chronology.

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