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Encl: (1) Command Chronology for the period 1 July 1972 through
 31 December 1972

1. In compliance with the instructions in references (a) through (d),
 the Command Chronology for the period 1 July 1972 through 31 December
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COLUMN CHRONOLOGY

1 July 1972 through 31 December 1972

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Marine Composite Reconnaissance Squadron One	LtCol John D. CARLTON 1 July - 31 August
	LtCol J. R. DAILEY 1 Sept - 31 December

2. LOCATION

1 July - 31 December: MCAS Iwakuni, Japan

3. STAFF OFFICERS

DATES

Executive Officer	LtCol J. R. DAILEY Major J. DERMODY	1 Jul - 31 Aug 1 Sep - 31 Dec
Administrative Officer	Capt T. M. CARLIN	1 Jul - 31 Dec
Intelligence Officer	Capt F. R. STEWART 1/Lt. R. C. WAGNER	1 Jul - 7 Jul 8 Jul - 31 Dec
Operations Officer	Major J. DERMODY Major J. W. QUIST	1 Jul - 31 Aug 1 Sep - 31 Dec
Logistics Officer	Capt B. R. RUSTHOVEN	1 Jul - 31 Dec
Maintenance Officer	Major J. A. WILLIAMS	1 Jul - 31 Dec
Sergeant Major	First Sergeant R. L. BOWMAN MSgt M. BRITT	1 Jul - 18 Dec 19 Dec - 31 Dec

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHSECRET

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. (C) During the period of this chronology, VMCI-1's state of readiness declined from C-2 to C-4. This decline is due to the lack of DECM capability for the RF-4B. This situation will continue until the squadron receives the DECM pods and support equipment. Training and proficiency in aerial reconnaissance improved; however, due largely to a large increase of official missions of military installations in Japan and the assignment of photo mission 19-72, consisting of nine different overland low-level photo routes in the Republic of Korea. All of the EA-6A assets of VMCI-1 were deployed to NAS Cubi Point in support of Seventh Fleet Operations in NVN during the entire period of this report and the Detachment will submit a separate report.
2. (U) On 24 August 1972, the last aircraft returned to MCAS Iwakuni from Naha AB, completing the deployment of Detachment "A". The deployment generated 70 hours flight time from 41 sorties as mentioned in paragraph 10, Part II of the previous chronology.
3. (U) The ES-81 color processing van complex was airlifted by three C-130's to Osan, Korea in support of Navy Operation NUGGET RANCH. The operation processed over 9,000 feet of film and returned to MCAS Iwakuni via two C-140 air lifts on 16 November 1972. An after-action report is included under Part IV of this chronology.
4. (U) On 2 October 1972, VMCI-1 was tasked with photo mission 19-72. This mission consists of nine overland low-level photo routes to be flown on a continuing basis and has proved a significant contribution to the training program and proficiency status of both air crew and support personnel. Many of the routes are coastal penetrations, adding to their desirability. This mission as a whole fulfills the need for a day-light, overland low-level training area.
5. (U) The Inspector General and Staff were aboard MCAS Iwakuni 5 thru 13 November 1972. During the inspection, VMCI-1 received an overall rating of "Noteworthy" in the areas of Training, Safety/NATOPS, and Drill. Major General CARL, the Inspector General, piloted an RF-4B

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leading a section from NAS Cubi Point to Naha AB.

6. (U) On 15 November 1972, Lieutenant General WILSON, Commanding General, FMFPac, visited the VMCJ-1 area and was briefed on the squadron's mission and capabilities by Major DERMODY.

7. (U) A section of RF-4B's visited Tai-Pei, Taiwan on 9-10 December 1972, as part of an extended over-water navigation flight. This was the first visit of the RF-4B to the Republic of China and required diplomatic clearance obtained thru the First Marine Aircraft Wing, G-3.

8. (U) VMCJ-1 participated in and took first place in the Wing Holiday Field Meet held on 27 December 1972.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Administration. On 1 September 1972, Lieutenant Colonel J. R. DAILEY assumed command of Marine Composite Reconnaissance Squadron One relieving Lieutenant Colonel John D. CARLTON.
2. Training. Special attention continued to be directed to the weight control, physical fitness, and MCI programs. Instrument Exams for air crew members continue to be scheduled and completed prior to the individuals birthday. The Training Section received a "Noteworthy" during the Inspector General's visit in November, as did the Safety/NATOPS Program and the squadron also received a Noteworthy in Drill.

3. Operations (U) RF-4B

Sorties scheduled 1019 Sorties flown 747

Hours scheduled 1944.0 Hours flown 1341.3

EA-6A operations will be covered in an additional report from VMCJ-1 Detachment Cubi Point.

4. Special Operations (U)

12 July Official Photo mission 12-72 completed.

23 August Official Photo mission 13-72 completed.

24 August RF-4B Detachment returned from Naha AB.

1 September Lieutenant Colonel J. R. DAILEY assumed command of VMCJ-1

24-25 September ES-81 color processing van complex deployed to Osan, Korea to support naval photo operations.

28 September Official Photo mission 15-72 completed.

29 September Official Photo mission 11-72 completed.

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2 October Continuous low-level photo mission 19-72 was received.

5-13 November I. G. inspection conducted.

15 November Lieutenant General L. H. WILSON visited the VMCJ-1 area.

25 November Official Photo mission 18-72 completed.

4 December Official Photo mission 14-72 and 16-72 completed.

8 December Official Photo mission 24-72 completed

9-10 December Two RF-4B aircraft visited Tai-Pei, Taiwan, Republic of China

19 December Official Photo mission 22-72 completed.

5. (C) Readiness. VMCJ-1 is currently rated as C-4 in overall readiness, however, this rating is due to a lack of DECM capability. This deficiency will be remedied when the squadron acquires the requisite DECM pods and support/test equipment. Photo training improved considerably with the assignment of a continuous low-level photo mission in the Republic of Korea. Detachment "A" operated from Naha Air Base during the first six weeks of the reporting period and contributed significantly to the proficiency and readiness of aircrew and support personnel.

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PART IV

Supporting Documents / *NFF w/ L&L*

- (1) Command Chronology
 - a. Iwakuni July 7 pages (Confidential)
Cubi Point July 5 pages (Secret)
 - b. Iwakuni August 7 pages (Confidential)
Cubi Point August 5 pages (Secret)
 - c. Cubi Point September 5 pages (Secret)
 - d. Iwakuni October 7 pages (Secret)
Cubi Point October 5 pages (Secret)
 - e. Iwakuni November 6 pages (Secret)
Cubi Point November 5 pages (Secret)
- (2) After Action Report of Operation NUGGET RANCH
- (3) Morning Reports

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