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 (d) VMCJ-1 Det Cubi Command Chronology 16 August 1972
 (e) VMCJ-1 Det Cubi Command Chronology 8 September 1972
 (f) VMCJ-1 Det Cubi Command Chronology 8 October 1972
 (g) VMCJ-1 Det Cubi Command Chronology 9 November 1972
 (h) VMCJ-1 Det Cubi Command Chronology 5 December 1972
 (i) VMCJ-1 Det Cubi Command Chronology 6 January 1973

Encl: (1) VMCJ-1 Det Cubi Semi-Annual Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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PART INARRATIVE SUMMARY

Through October CTU 77.0.6 was assigned to provide active ECM coverage for all Navy Alpha strikes. With the promise of peace and a reduction of bombing in the latter part of October, tasking was shifted to support photo reconnaissance missions. On 18 December, however, resumption of large scale bombing of North Vietnam saw VMCF EA-6A's employed for virtual round-the-clock operations supporting Navy Alpha and Delta strikes and Air Force B-52 strikes. During this period the aircraft availability and full systems status reached an all time high. The total assets were committed to the support role and resulted in seven EA-6A's being airborne on combat missions at the same time. This is a record that has never been equalled with the EA-6A and particularly impressive when considering there were only eight aircraft on hand at the time. General MEYER, CINCSAC, commended CTU 77.0.6 for their "outstanding SAM suppression" in support of B-52 Arcflight operations; reference (c) refers.

During the intense bombing in the last half of December the North Vietnamese largely abandoned the use of the Fansong radar as active guidance for the Guideline missile and began employing new techniques.

One of the new radars, designated the T8209, is a high frequency India band emitter. The EA-6A was employed against the T8209 and is the only ECM aircraft capable of jamming this new threat.

VMGR-152 continued to provide invaluable assistance with daily logistics flights, allowing on the spot maintenance to be performed in Danang. Their KC-130 was also used numerous times for inflight refueling, extending EA-6A on station time to meet combat commitments.

References (d) through (i) provide detailed explanation of VMCF-1 Det Cubi operations conducted during the past six months.

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PART IISTATISTICAL RECAPITULATION

	<u>COMBAT SORTIES/HOURS</u>	<u>COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES/HOURS</u>	<u>OTHER SORTIES/HOURS</u>
VMCJ-1	346/708.8	538/975.5	128/212.1
VMCJ-2	317/657.0	439/805.3	60/ 92.7

	<u>MISSIONS TASKED</u>	<u>MISSIONS FLOWN</u>	<u>TOTAL HOURS</u>
July	69	66	554.1
August	61	60	534.2
September	66	66	566.2
October	35	35	489.5
November	96	95	629.6
December	<u>77</u> 404	<u>77*</u> 399	<u>677.8</u> 3451.4

*NOTE: Includes 12 missions flown in support of B-52 Arclight strikes.

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