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1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the MASS-3 command chronology for October 1967 is submitted as enclosure (1).

2. This letter becomes unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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MARINE AIR SUPPORT SQUADRON-THREE

1 - 31 October 1967

Chu Lai, RVN

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| 1. (U) Commanding Officer | LtCol Hugh R. BUMPAS, Jr. |
| Executive Officer | Maj George B. TOWNSEND, Jr. |
| Operations Officer | Maj Charles D. GODDARD |
| Comm-Elect Officer | Capt Thomas O. J. FARR (1-3 Oct 67) |
| | Capt Charlton H. BLANKS (4-31 Oct 67) |
| Services Officer | Capt James A. VOLLENDORF |
| Supply Officer | Capt Otto G. LINDEN |
| Administrative Officer | 2ndLt William R. BURLINGAME (1-15 Oct 67) |
| | 1stLt Charles H. FEASELEMAN (24-31 Oct 67) |
2. (C) Marine Air Support Squadron-Three, Chu Lai, RVN
- a. CP, DASC (Landshark "Alpha") and ASRT (King Lear "Bravo")
Chu Lai, RVN.
- b. ASRT (King Lear "Alpha") Dong Ha, RVN.
- c. DASC (Landshark) Da Nang, 20 - 31 October 1967.
3. (C) 28 officers and 172 enlisted.

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1. (C) In the month of October the squadron continued to maintain air control agencies in Chu Lai and Dong Ha. Preparations continued for the squadron to assume control of the Da Nang DASC (Landshark), and on 20 October we officially assumed responsibility for its operation.

The DASC and ASRT at Chu Lai continued to support allied forces in southern I Corps. During the month of October the pace of DASC operations picked up as U. S. Army units began to make use of our artillery fire advice to a much greater extent than previously. In addition, and of greater significance, the pace of fixed-wing operations increased markedly as the Americal Division began requesting U. S. Marine fixed-wing support. The majority of targets for the Chu Lai-based ASRT continued to come from the U. S. Army. Unfortunately the Chu Lai ASRT was inoperative a good part of the month of October because of faulty electronic tubes.

The Dong Ha ASRT (King Lear "Alpha"), assigned thirty-four (34) aircraft by fragmentary order and conducting many unscheduled missions, set an all-time squadron record of ordnance dropped. As October ended, King Lear Alpha had delivered 2771.9 tons of ordnance on enemy positions in Quang Tri province, in the DMZ, and in North Vietnam. This figure, when added to the 262.08 tons delivered by King Lear Bravo, amounted to a grand total of 3033.98 tons of ordnance dropped during the month of October, surpassing the old squadron record of 2290.25 tons set in August 1967.

In late October the squadron received operational control of an additional ASRT, King Lear "Charlie". In addition we were ordered to prepare to assume responsibility for the Da Nang ASRT and to pass control of our Dong Ha ASRT to MASS-2. As October closed the outlook for the squadron favored increased operations and responsibility as we expanded from 2 ASRT's and 1 DASC to 3 ASRT's and 2 DASC's.

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PART III - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. (C) Air operations. Air support operations are summarized below:

	<u>DASC</u>		
	<u>IS "A"</u>	<u>IS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fixed-wing missions controlled	254	326	580
Helicopter missions controlled	290	609	899

	<u>ASRT</u>		
	<u>ALPHA</u>	<u>BRAVO</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Bombing missions	843	114	957
Targets hit	953	258	1211
Ordnance dropped (tons)	2771.9	262.08	3033.98

2. (U) Civic action. During the month of October MASS-3 MedCap teams treated 112 adults and 634 children. Two (2) pneumonia cases and two (2) breast abscess cases were treated and cured. The people of Trung Toan hamlet were given dental aid supplied through the MASS-3 civic action team. The MedCap team also distributed 825 bars of soap to 2,475 persons. Construction of a dispensary for the Trung Toan hamlet continued.

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