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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology, MASS 3, 1 - 31 December 1967

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the MASS 3 command chronology for December 1967 is submitted as enclosure (1).
2. This letter becomes unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY (U)
MARINE AIR SUPPORT SQUADRON 3
1 - 31 December 1967
Chu Lai, RVN

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PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. (U) Commanding Officer LtCol Hugh R. BUMPAS, Jr.
 Executive Officer Maj William J. SULLIVAN
 Operations Officer Maj George B. TOWNSEND, Jr.
 Comm-Elect Officer Capt Charles H. BLANKS
 Services Officer Capt James A. VOLLENDORF
 Supply Officer Capt Louis R. PETERS (1-13 Dec 67)
 Administrative Officer 1st Lt Edmund E. WALSH, Jr. (14-31 Dec 67)
 Capt George F. WARD, Jr.
2. (C) Marine Air Support Squadron 3, Chu Lai, RVN.
 a. CP, Chu Lai DASC, and ASRT Bravo, Chu Lai, RVN.
 b. Da Nang DASC and ASRT Alfa, Da Nang, RVN.
3. (C) 28 officers and 181 enlisted.

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PART II - SIGNIFICANT HIGHLIGHTS

1. (C) The squadron continued to operate DASS's and ASRT's at Chu Lai and Da Nang in support of III MAF units.

As the end of the month neared and the effects of the northeast monsoon began to intensify, a gradual increase in daytime TEQ-10 activity began.

MASS 3 direct air support centers controlled 8,639 fixed-wing and 13,921 helicopter missions during 1967. MASS 3 air support radar teams controlled 8,354 bombing missions, hitting 14,330 targets with 19,732 tons of ordnance during 1967.

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PART III - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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

DASC

| | <u>Chu Lai</u> | <u>Da Nang</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Fixed-wing missions controlled | 453 | 641 | 1099 |
| Helicopter missions controlled | 269 | 1109 | 1378 |

ASRT

| | <u>ALFA</u> | <u>BRAVO</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Bombing missions | 395 | 199 | 594 |
| Targets hit | 905 | 401 | 1306 |
| Ordnance dropped (tons) | 1047.82 | 422.79 | 1470.61 |

2. (C) Training. Four new officers who joined the squadron late in November completed qualification as TPQ-10 strike controllers and as DASC senior air directors. Two officers from MACS 6 reported on 23 December for 20 days TAD in connection with CJT as strike controllers and senior air directors.

3. (U) Civic action. The squadron MEDCAP team treated 147 adults and 841 children. Three persons were taken to 1st Hospital Company for further treatment. The team also distributed 352 bars of soap. Construction of the Trung Toan dispensary has been completed, and a dedication ceremony is planned for January. 80 children of Trung Toan hamlet visited MASS 3 during the month and were entertained with games, movies, and refreshments. Letters of acknowledgement and appreciation have been mailed to individuals and organizations in the United States who have donated items for civic action contributions.

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