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1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the MASS 3 command chronology for June 1968 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 - 30 June 1968

Chu Lai, RVN

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PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. (U) Commanding Officer LtCol Johnny O. GREGGERSON
 Executive Officer Maj William J. SULLIVAN
 Operations Officer Maj George B. TOWNSEND, Jr.
 Comm-Elect Officer Capt Charlton H. BLANKS
 Services Officer Capt Donald C. ALFORD III
 Supply Officer 1st Lt William C. Hundley
 Administrative Officer Capt George C. WARD, Jr. 1-15 June
 1st Lt John A. HODGES 16-30 June

2. (C) Marine Air Support Squadron 3, Chu Lai, RVN.
 - a. CP, Chu Lai, RVN
 - b. Chu Lai ASRT ALFA, Chu Lai, RVN, 24-30 June
 - c. Da Nang DASC, Da Nang ASRT ALFA, Da Nang ASRT BRAVO, Da Nang, RVN
 - d. Khe Sanh DASC, Khe Sanh, RVN, 1-27 June
 - e. Stuid DASC, LZ Stud, RVN, 29-30 June
 - f. Khe Sanh ASRT ALFA, Khe Sanh, RVN, 1-24 June

3. (C) 36 Officers and 189 enlisted

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PART II - SIGNIFICANT HIGHLIGHTS

(C) During the month of June MASS-3 units continued to support III MAF operations in IOTZ. In the Da Nang area there was a decrease in fixed wing missions flown while an increase was shown for the Khe Sanh area. The increased tempo of operations in the northwest area of IOTZ was due in part to preparations for the planned move of Task Force HOTEL headquarters from Khe Sanh to Landing Zone Stud near Ca Lu, RVN. On 24 June Khe Sanh ASRT Alfa was moved from Khe Sanh to Chu Lai in response to movement orders where it was re-designated Chu Lai ASRT Alfa. The team and equipment departed by helicopter the morning of the 24th for Dong Ha, RVN. The team and equipment arrived by fixed wing transport in Chu Lai the afternoon of the same day where the system was installed and became operational with a successful calibration flight completed the morning of 29 June. The antenna group of this radar (system A-17) suffered several shrapnel hits while at Khe Sanh with three holes of one to two inches through the parabolic reflector resulting in a reduction of its ability to maintain lock at distances over 20 miles. A new antenna has been ordered.

The Khe Sanh DASC was de-activated on 27 June for the move to Landing Zone Stud about eight miles east of Khe Sanh. The move was accomplished by truck convoy on route 9 and the DASC was operational again on the morning of the 29th. The DASC is now located with Task Force Hotel Headquarters at LZ Stud in the FSCC bunker.

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PART III - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. (C) Operations. Air support operations for the month:DASC

	<u>Da Nang</u>	<u>Khe Sanh</u>	<u>Total</u>
Firebombing missions	1394	1515	2909
Bombardment (Khe Sanh) missions	752	198	950
Reconnaissance missions	533	338	866

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	<u>Khe Sanh/Chu Lai</u>	<u>Da Nang "A"</u>	<u>Da Nang "B"</u>	<u>Total</u>
Firebombing missions	310	192	128	630
Targets hit	359	295	160	814
Ordinance dropped (tons)	870.36	514.73	267.48	1652.57
Bombardment	394	231	151	776

2. (U) System operating hours as of 30 June

	<u>A-17</u>	<u>A-9</u>	<u>A-12</u>
Total operating hours	15,295	20,535	20,076
Hours since rehab	10,461	11,071	15,542
Hours during June	536	482	626

3. (U) MASS-3 units participated in the following operations:

<u>Operation</u>	<u>Date</u>
SCOTLAND II	1 - 30 June
LANCASTER III	1 - 30 June
ELLENBROOK	1 - 30 June
AMALUKE THRUST	1 - 30 June
CHATTANOOGUE SWAMP	19 - 29 June
WIFT SABER	7 - 14 June

4. (U) Civic Action. MASS-3 Medcap treated 72 adults and 207 children. The Civic Action Officer met with Trung Toan Hamlet Officials to plan the construction of a public shower. 19 bags of cement were delivered to the hamlet chief for the start of the project. 130 children of Trung Toan and Sam Hai hamlets were taken to Chu Lai beach for recreation and refreshments. 12 students of Trung Toan and Sam Hai hamlets are being supported by the General Walt Scholarship.

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