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Encl: (1) Command Chronology, MASS-3, 1 - 31 August 1968

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), the MASS-3 Command Chronology for August 1968 is submitted as enclosure (1).

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY (U)
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1 - 31 August 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 1-5 Aug 68
 Operations Officer Maj Carey S. HUGHES 5-31 Aug 68
 Comma-Elect Officer Maj George B. TOWNSEND, Jr.
 Services Officer Capt Charlton H. BLANKS
 Supply Officer Capt Donald G. ALFORD III 1-27 Aug 68
 Administrative Officer 1stLt Thomas M. HAGAN 27-31 Aug 68
 1stLt William C. HUNDLEY
 1stLt John A. WODGES

2. (C) Marine Air Support Squadron 3, Chu Lai, RVN
 - a. OP, Chu Lai ASRT ALPHA; Chu Lai, RVN.
 - b. Da Nang BASC, Da Nang ASRT ALPHA, Da Nang ASRT BRAVO; Da Nang, RVN.
 - c. Tamlog, ASRT BASC; H. Phan, ASRT, RVN.

3. (U) 37 Officers and 179 enlisted.

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PART II - SIGNIFICANT HIGHLIGHTS

(C) During August the Da Nang DASC showed a substantial increase in fixed wing missions flown over the previous month. The Da Nang ASRTs also showed an increase in tempo. These increases reflected the intensification of enemy activity in the Da Nang area. Helicopter activity in the Da Nang area also increased during August in both regular and med-evac missions. In the northern portion of IOTZ the Vandegriff DASC showed a slight decrease in fixed wing missions flown. Helicopter activity, however, continued to increase for the second successive month; again reflecting the increased use of helicopters in tactical troop movement.

In Chu Lai the Americal Division began to request increased ASRT support toward the end of the month with the majority of activity during the last two weeks of August. Initially the division air officer had required that each TPQ-10 mission strike only one target as fragged. The concept was changed during the latter part of the month and TPQ missions now strike as many targets per mission as tactically practicable, more closely paralleling the targets hit per mission utilization of TPQ throughout the remainder of IOTZ.

In both Da Nang and Chu Lai MASS-3 perimeter defense fortifications were improved in anticipation of increased enemy ground activity. On 23 August in the early morning hours a bunker near Da Nang ASRT "A" received two rounds of what appeared to be RPG fire. This bunker was the front bunker east of the MASS-3 detachment area of responsibility and was manned by 1st MARDIV security personnel. One Marine was killed and three wounded. Fire was returned by all units in the vicinity with unknown results. No other ground incidents occurred near MASS-3 units during August.

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PART III - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS7. (U) Operations. Air Support Operations for the month:DASC

	<u>Da Nang</u>	<u>Wandegrift</u>	<u>Total</u>
Plasating missions	1733	1339	3077
Relo missions (less med-evac)	900	404	1304
Med-evac missions	885	500	1385

ASRT

	<u>Chu Lai ASRT</u>	<u>Da Nang ASRT</u>	<u>Da Nang ASRT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bombing missions	62	362	73	502
Targets hit	76	659	127	862
Visual targets	4	90	15	109
Ordnance dropped (tons)	152.65	977.52	179.36	1309.53
Sorties	61	419	86	566

8. (U) System Operation hours as of 31 August.

	<u>ASRT</u>	<u>AS2</u>	<u>AS3</u>
Total operating hours	16,306	21,819	20,958
Hours since relab	17,472	12,355	16,304
Hours during August	600	375	151

9. (U) MASC-S units participated in the following operations:

<u>Operation</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Agency</u>
SCOTLAND III EAST	1 - 31 Aug	Wandegrift DASC
LANCASTER III	1 - 31 Aug	Wandegrift DASC
ALLEN BROOK	1 - 31 Aug	Da Nang DASC, Da Nang ASRTs "A & B"
MAMALUTE THUNDER	1 - 31 Aug	"da -"
VIETNAM WILSONA	1 - 31 Aug	Chu Lai ASRT "A"

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4. (U) Training. Five officers completed training and qualified as EPQ-10 strike controllers. Four officers completed training and qualified as DASC senior air directors.

5. (U) Civic Action. MASS-9 MedBay treated 142 children and 56 adults during August. Twelve scholarship applications were completed and forwarded to the 1stMNF Civic Action Officer. Materials were donated for improvement of wells and repair of houses in Trung Toan hamlet. 46 children from Trung Toan and San Hai hamlets were taken on weekly recreation outings to Chu Lai beach.

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