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1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the MASS-3 Command Chronology for January 1969 is submitted as enclosure (1).
2. This letter became unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY (U)
MARINE AIR SUPPORT SQUADRON
1 - 31 January 1969
Chu Lai, RVN

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Part II. Organizational Data

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| (U) Commanding Officer | 1-31 Jan 69 | LtCol William J. SULLIVAN |
| Executive Officer | 1-31 Jan 69 | Maj Kenneth L. SCARBOROUGH |
| Operations Officer | 1-30 Jan 69
31 Jan 69 | Capt Kenneth P. CLARKE
Capt Charles W. FISE |
| Services Officer | 1-30 Jan 69
31 Jan 69 | Capt Charles W. FISE
Maj Donald S. GREAL JR. |
| Administrative Officer | 1-31 Jan 69 | 1st/Lt John A. HODGES |
| CIS, MASS-3 Det. #1
Da Nang | 1-10 Jan 69
10-31 Jan 69 | Capt John G. WILLIAMS
Maj Donald R. HUFFMAN |
| CIS, MASS-3 Det. #2
Vandegrift Combat
Base | 1-7 Jan 69 | Maj Charles H. MANAZIR |
| CIS, MASS-3 Det. #2
An Hoa | 7-30 Jan 69
31 Jan 69 | 1st/Lt Ronald L. DEANEY
Capt Kenneth P. CLARKE |
- (C) Marine Air Support Squadron - 3, Chu Lai, RVN
- a. CP, Chu Lai ASRT Alfa, Chu Lai, RVN
 - b. Da Nang TASC, Da Nang ASRT Alfa, Da Nang ASRT Bravo, Da Nang, RVN
 - c. Vandegrift TASC, Vandegrift Combat Base, RVN
 - d. An Hoa DASC, An Hoa, RVN
- (U) Average monthly strength of squadron:
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| Marine Officers | 38 |
| Marine Enlisted | 197 |
| Naval Officers | 0 |
| Naval Enlisted | 3 |

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Part II Narrative Summary

(C) The month of January brought an end to the support of the Third Marine Division by MASS-3. The convoy that departed Vandegrift Combat Base on 28 January brought back the last men and equipment belonging to MASS-3 and left Vandegrift DASC under the operational control of MASS-2. On 7 January, An Hoa DASC came under operational control of MASS-3 thereby aligning all MASS-3 DASC's and ASRT's (with the exception of Chu Lai ASRT) in support of the First Marine Division.

An Hoa, which is presently the headquarters for Task Force "Yankee," is employing a heavy volume of both fixed wing and helicopter support and provides a new challenge for the squadron. A study was submitted in January by MASS-3 recommending the deployment of Da Nang ASRT Bravo to An Hoa. It has been favorably received by both MACG-18 and the First Marine Air Wing. This should result in a move of Da Nang ASRT Bravo to An Hoa early in February. This move will afford Task Force "Yankee" 360 degree coverage.

The Chu Lai ASRT in support of Americal Division recorded in January the highest amount of ordnance dropped since the team was relocated there from The Sahn on the 24th of June, 1966. Most of the increase was due to the heavy support given operations "Russell Beach" and "Bold Hariner".

On 13 January, private G. W. BROWN died as a result of the burns he received in a C123 crash in Chu Lai on 17 December. At the time of the accident he was acting as a courier enroute to MASS-3 Detachment 2 Vandegrift Combat Base.

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Part III Significant Events

1. (C) Operations. Air Support Operations for the month of January:

	<u>DASC</u>			Totals
	<u>Da Nang</u>	<u>Vandegrift</u>	<u>An Hoa</u>	
Fixed Wing Missions	1,044	120	756	1,920
Helo Missions	558	47	663	1,268
Red-Striped Missions	473	37	331	841

	<u>ASRT</u>			Totals
	<u>Chu Lai "A"</u>	<u>Da Nang "A"</u>	<u>Da Nang "B"</u>	
Bombing Missions	303	91	134	528
Targets Hit	367	115	190	672
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0
Ordinance dropped (tons)	906.57	297.58	503.71	1,707.86
Sorties	325	119	194	638

2. (C) System operating hours as of 31 January 1969:

	<u>A-7</u>	<u>A-9</u>	<u>A-1</u>
Total operating hours	19,801.8	23,369.8	UNKNON*
Hours since rehab.	15,407.8	12,369.8	8,426.3
Hours during January	720.8	703.8	700.3

*Log book does not record total hours.

3. (C) HASS-3 units participated in the following operations during the month of January:

<u>Operation</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Linn River	27-31 Jan	Da Nang DASC, ASRT "A" and "B"
Taylor Common	1-31 Jan	" " "
Taylor Common	7-31 Jan	An Hoa DASC
Vernon Lake II	1-31 Jan	Chu Lai ASRT
Harden Falls	1-31 Jan	" " "
Fayette Canyon	1-31 Jan	" " "
Russell Beach	13-31 Jan	" " "
Bold Mariner	13-31 Jan	" " "
Scotland II	1-7 Jan	Vandegrift DASC
Dawson River	1-7 Jan	" "

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4. Civic Action

During the month of January MASS-3 MEDCAP treated 167 persons. A total of 6 persons were taken to Chu Lai for dental treatment.

On 3 January the MASS-3 Civic Action Team passed out 11 scholarships to children of Trung Toan and Sam Hoi Hamlets.

During the month of January 123 children were brought to the MASS-3 area to attend movies shown by the MASS-3 Civic Action Team.

A fence was constructed around the school in Trung Toan with materials donated by the MASS-3 Civic Action Team.

During the month of January the MASS-3 Civic Action Team donated clothes and health and comfort items to an orphan in Trung Toan.

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