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Encl: (1) Command Chronology, MASS-3, 1 - 28 February 1969

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the MASS-3 Command Chronology for February 1969 is submitted as enclosure (1).

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1 - 28 February 1969

Chu Lai, RVN

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Part B. Organizational Data

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| (U) Commanding Officer | 1-23 Feb 69 | Lt Col William J. SULLIVAN |
| Executive Officer | 1-13 Feb 69 | Maj Kenneth L. SCARBOROUGH |
| | 14-24 Feb 69 | Maj Donald S. CRESAL JR. |
| | 25-28 Feb 69 | Maj Jerry D. ODEN |
| Operations Officer | 1-24 Feb 69 | Capt Charles W. FISH |
| | 25-28 Feb 69 | Maj Donald S. CRESAL JR. |
| Services Officer | 1-13 Feb 69 | Maj Donald S. CRESAL JR. |
| | 14-28 Feb 69 | Capt Marvin L. CREEL |
| Administrative Officer | 1-28 Feb 69 | 1st/Lt John A. HODGES |
| CIC, MASS-3 Det. #1
Da Nang | 1-28 Feb 69 | Maj Donald R. HUFFMAN |
| CIC, MASS-3 Det. #2
An Hoa | 1-20 Feb 69 | Capt Kenneth P. CLARENDON |
| | 21-28 Feb 69 | Capt Robert B. SCHOLL |
- (C) Marine Air Support Squadron-3, Chu Lai, RVN
- a. CP, Chu Lai ASRT, Chu Lai, RVN
 - b. Da Nang DASC, Da Nang ASRT, Da Nang, RVN
 - c. An Hoa DASC, An Hoa ASRT, An Hoa, RVN
- (U) Average monthly strength of squadron:
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|-----------------|-----|
| Marine Officers | 39 |
| Marine Enlisted | 178 |
| Naval Officers | 0 |
| Naval Enlisted | 2 |

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Part II Narrative Summary

(C) During the month of February 1969, MASS-3 provided close air support and coordination for elements of the First Marine Division in the Republic of Vietnam. After preliminary planning in late January and early February, Air Support Radar Team (ASRT) "B" was moved to a site at An Hoa and became operational on 11 February 1969. This ASRT is being used extensively in support of "Task Force Yankee" and recorded 1,309.06 tons of ordnance dropped for the month. The ASRT located at Chu Lai operated in conjunction with the Americal Division and was able to drop 753.72 tons of ordnance during this period. The Da Nang ASRT operated effectively in support of the First Marine Division until the morning of 21 February 1969 when the AN/TPQ-10 radar sustained heavy damage during an enemy attack. Since this time the radar has been under repair and is expected to become operational in the near future.

The MASS-3 Direct Air Support Centers (DASCs) located at Da Nang and An Hoa continue to provide effective control and coordination of fixed wing and helicopter aircraft operating within the First Marine Division tactical area of responsibility.

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Table III. Major Events

1. (S) Operations. Air Support Operations for the month of February:

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	Da Nang	An Hoa	Totals
Fixed wing Missions	1,212	914	2,126
Helio Missions	516	599	1,217
Med-Evac Missions	534	349	883

ASRT

	Chu Lai	Da Nang	An Hoa	Totals
Bombing Missions	224	73	356	653
Targets Hit	305	117	579	1,001
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0
Ordinance dropped (tons)	753.72	265.99	1,809.00	2,329.71
Sorties	258	90	446	794

2. (U) System operating hours of 28 February 1969:

	Chu Lai A-7	Da Nang A-9	An Hoa A-1
Total operating hours	20,365.8	23,505.3	*9,243.3
Hours since rehab.	15,971.8	12,505.3	9,243.3
Hours during February	564	135.5	617

*Reflects only hours of operations with MASS-3

3. (U) MASS-3 units participated in the following operations during the month of February:

Operations	Date	Agency
Taylor Common	1-28 Feb	An Hoa DASC, An Hoa ASRT
Hardin Falls	1-28 Feb	Chu Lai ASRT
Fayette Canyon	1-28 Feb	" " "
Russell Beach	1-28 Feb	" " "
Bald Mariner	1-28 Feb	" " "
Victory Dragon Eight	1-28 Feb	Da Nang DASC, Da Nang ASRT

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4. (C) Civic Action

During the month of February 1967 the 44th Civil Action Team provided outpatient medical treatment for 240 Vietnamese patients. Two Vietnamese civilians were transported to the 27th Surgical Hospital at Chu Lai for more complex treatment. During February two Vietnamese were transported to NSAD for dental treatment.

General M&A Subcommittees totaling 30,000 VN were given out to 21 hamlets (19) recipients in the hamlets of Trung Toan and Ban Hai on the 7th and the 9th of February.

A total of 30 Vietnamese civilian children were shown movies in the NASS-3 area during the month of February.

Two small self-help construction projects were completed by the residents of Trung Toan hamlet during the month of February. One project was local grading and leveling and general improvement. The other project consisted of repairing a small bridge. The Vietnamese provided 10% of the labor and 25% of the materials used. The support given by NSAD's Civic Action was in the form of tools provided for earlier projects.

During the month of February the 44th Civil Action Team dispensed four boxes of clothing to the residents of Trung Toan. The clothing has been donated by private parties in the U.S. Materials given out from Civic Action supplies consisted of 10 cases of bar laundry soap and 500 dental kits. The sum of \$6,400 VN was donated by M&A-3 personnel to provide TNT presents and TNT parts supplies for residents of Trung Toan. Food valued at \$4,300 VN was donated from military sources for a 100 party. All donations were coordinated with and given out by local hamlet officials.

On 12 February Americal Division artillery personnel searched hamlets in Trung Toan without the consent of local CVN officials. Special action was taken.

During the period 23 to 25 February perimeter guard personnel from I Sector of Chu Lai Combat Base fired into houses in Trung Toan Hamlet. No casualties were reported. Remedial action was taken.

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