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(b) GruO 5750.1

Encl: (1) Command Chronology, MASS-3, 1-31 May 1969

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Marine Air Support Squadron 3

1-31 May 1969

Chu Lai, RVN

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Part I Organizational Data

(U) Commanding Officer 1-31 May 69 Lt Col William H. JACKSON JR.
Executive Officer 1-31 May 69 Maj Jerry D. ODEN
Operations Officer 1-19 May 69 Maj Donald S. CREAL JR.
20-31 May 69 Maj Donald R. HUFFMAN
Services Officer 1-31 May 69 Capt Marvin L. CREEL
Admin. Officer 1-31 May 69 1st/Lt John A. HODGES
OIC, MASS-3 Det. 1-19 May 69 Maj Donald R. HUFFMAN
#1 Da Nang 20-31 May 69 Maj Donald S. CREAL JR.

(C) Marine Air Support Squadron 3, Chu Lai, RVN

- a. CP, Chu Lai ASRT, Chu Lai, RVN, 1-31 May 1969
- b. Da Nang DASC, Da Nang ASRT, Da Nang, RVN, 1-31 May 1969
- c. An Hoa ASRT, An Hoa, RVN, 1-31 May 1969

(U) Average monthly strength of squadron:

Marine Officers	39
Marine Enlisted	192
Naval Officers	0
Naval Enlisted	2

(U) On 24 and 25 May 1969, the squadron command post was visited by Lt Col SULLIVAN and Gunnery Sergeant ALEXANDER from Group S-3.

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(C) During the month of May 1969 MASS-3 continued to provide close air support and coordination for elements of the First Marine Division in operations OKLAHOMA HILLS and VICTORY DRAGON 10. The Americal Division was supported in operation RUSSEL BEACH, GENEVA PARK, FREDRICK HILL, IRON MOUNTAIN and LAMAR PLAINS.

During May, three MASS-3 officers attended a week long orientation program visiting TADC and TAOC. All 6708's coming into Viet Nam will attend the orientation. During the coming month five more officers are scheduled for this orientation.

The month of May was one for increase as the number of fixed wing missions, helicopter missions, ASRT missions, targets hit and ordnance dropped all rose sharply over April's totals. A significant increase was noted in AN/TPQ-10 availability with an average of 84.8% availability for all MASS-3 sets. Chu Lai was especially high in operational time with 96.7% availability.

On 5 May 1969, for the first time since MASS-3 has maintained its Command Post at Chu Lai, a copy of stars and stripes was received on the same day of its publication. MASS-3 personnel were at first stunned, then exuberant at the prospect of receiving current papers on a daily basis. Their hopes were gradually crushed as the following days proved barren as to the delivery of papers. The situation has returned to normal as 3 and 4 day old papers filter into the MASS-3 Command Post via their normal channels such as strong winds, Black Market, mid-night requisition and absent minded visitors.

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

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<u>Da Nang 1-31 May 1969</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>USA</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fixed Wing missions	1382	23	271	107	1783
Helo missions	816	Ø	Ø	Ø	816
Med-Evacs	767	Ø	Ø	Ø	767

ASRT 1-31 May 1969 Inclusive (USMC)

	<u>Da Nang</u>	<u>An Hoa</u>	<u>Chu Lai</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bombing missions	265	274	203	742
Targets Hit	438	491	398	1327
Visual Targets	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
Ordnance dropped (tons)	1,018.41	1,159.90	658.19	2,836.50
Sorties	274	302	214	790

ASRT 1-31 May 1969 Inclusive (USAF)

	<u>Da Nang</u>	<u>An Hoa</u>	<u>Chu Lai</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Bombing missions	12	14	20	46
Targets Hit	16	12	25	53
Visual Targets	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
Ordnance dropped (tons)	37.60	45.95	67.11	150.66
Sorties	17	18	28	63

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	<u>Da Nang</u>	<u>An Hoa</u>	<u>Chu Lai</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Bombing missions	17	16	4	37
Targets Hit	23	21	5	49
Visual Targets	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
Ordnance dropped (tons)	68.72	57.29	12.56	138.57
Sorties	36	37	7	80

ASRT 1-31 May 1969 Inclusive (Totals)

	<u>Da Nang</u>	<u>An Hoa</u>	<u>Chu Lai</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Bombing missions	294	304	227	825
Targets Hit	477	524	428	1429
Ordnance dropped (tons)	1,124.73	1,263.24	737.86	3,125.81
Sorties	327	357	249	933

2. System operating hours as of 31 May 1969:

	<u>Da Nang</u> <u>(Float)</u>	<u>Da Nang</u>	<u>Chu Lai</u>	<u>An Hoa</u>
	<u>A-12</u>	<u>A-11</u>	<u>A-7</u>	<u>A-1</u>
Total operating hours	Ø	5,657	22,357	*10,924
Hours since Rehab.	Ø	1,256	17,923	10,924
Hours during May	Ø	597	599	697

*Reflects only hours of operations with MASS-3

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

<u>Operation</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Agency</u>
RUSSELL BEACH	1-31 May	Chu Lai ASRT
GENEVA PARK	1-31 May	" " "
IRON MOUNTAIN	1-31 May	" " "
FREDERICK HILL	1-31 May	" " "
LAMAR PLAINS	1-31 May	" " "
OKLAHOMA HILLS	1-31 May	An Hoa ASRT, Da Nang ASRT, and Da Nang DASC
VICTORY DRAGON NINE	1-31 May	" " " " " "

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The MASS-3 Civic Action program for May concerned itself with improving the coordination and cooperation between the Trung Toan hamlet people and the Americal forces. Problems such as persistent firing into the hamlet from the CLDC perimeter and searches and questionings without the hamlet chief's prior knowledge were given priority attention so as to eliminate any misunderstandings by the Vietnamese people.

A solatium payment was made to a woman occupant of a house in the Trung Toan hamlet who suffered a minor head wound and damage to her house as a result of M-79 shrapnel. Another solatium payment and medical assistance was provided when a Vietnamese civilian employee of MASS-3 was wounded on the job by the accidental discharge of a weapon. Because of the prompt action taken, misunderstanding and resentment by the people was avoided.

On 5 May, General WALT Scholarships totalling \$6,000 VN were given out to eleven recipient children. The Med Cap was continued on a limited basis treating 70 out-patients while emphasizing that their own medical facilities are now open to provide them treatment. Throughout May over 250 pounds of laundry and face soap, 60 pounds of clothing and a variety of tools and educational supplies received from CONUS supporting organizations and local sources were distributed. A well cover and hand pumps were assembled and installed on a public well in the Trung Toan hamlet. Also during May, 190 children were treated to either beach outings or movies where ice cream was served.

In all, 35 Man Hours were devoted to civic action programs in the Trung Toan Hamlet.

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