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 1-31 December 1970

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the Marine Air Support Squadron 3 (REIN) (MASS-3) Command Chronology for December 1970 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 (REIN)

1-31 DECEMBER 1970

DA NANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

## 1. Command and Staff Officers for the reporting period include:

|                        |                       |   |
|------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Commanding Officer     | 1-31 Dec              | LtCol W. C. SIMANIKAS                     |
| Executive Officer      | 1-31 Dec              | Maj V. J. FULLADOSA                       |
| Administrative Officer | 1-31 Dec              | 1stLt F. E. MCGOVERN                      |
| Operations Officer     | 1-31 Dec              | Maj J. P. FOX                             |
| Services Officer       | 1-31 Dec              | Capt L. P. KLIPP                          |
| Comm/Elect Officer     | 1-31 Dec              | Capt K. E. WUEST                          |
| OIC Da Nang DASC       | 1-31 Dec              | Maj C. S. CAHASKIE                        |
| OIC Da Nang ASRT       | 1-20 Dec<br>21-31 Dec | Capt J. K. WETTER<br>1stLt D. S. CAMPBELL |
| OIC Quang Tri ASRT     | 1-31 Dec              | Capt L. W. ALLEN                          |
| OIC Birmingham ASRT    | 1-31 Dec              | 1stLt W. S. BROWN                         |

## 2. Marine Air Support Squadron 3 (REIN), Da Nang, RVN, 1-31 December 1970

- a. CP, Da Nang ASRT, Da Nang DASC, Da Nang, RVN, 1-31 December 1970
- b. Birmingham ASRT, Birmingham FSB, RVN, 1-31 December 1970
- c. Quang Tri ASRT, Quang Tri, RVN, 1-31 December 1970

## 3. Average monthly strength of the Squadron:

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Marine Officers | 35  |
| Marine Enlisted | 164 |
| Naval Officers  | 0   |
| Naval Enlisted  | 1   |

## 4. Visits

- a. Lieutenant General ROBERTSON visited the Da Nang DASC and Da Nang ASRT on 28 December 1970

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The month of December saw the Squadron continuing normal operations with added emphasis on the cleanup and salvage of the storm damaged cantonment on Hill 327. Authorization was received to demolish the cantonment entirely and this was undertaken by the 7th Engineer Bn. In addition the Squadron initiated correspondence requesting that the responsibility for the security of Hill 327 be tasked to some other organization in view of the pending stand-down and rotation of the Squadron. In the meantime the defensive perimeter of Hill 327 was redefined and reconstructed by the efforts of the security platoon so as to include only the upper level of the hill thereby reducing the length of the perimeter considerably. This required the relocation of the 1st Marines and 11th Marines radio sites to the top of the hill in order to place them within the new defensive perimeter.

AN/TPQ-10 system A 14 was prepared and shipped to Iwakuni by the Squadron while system A 8 was returned from Quang Tri to Da Nang in preparation for eventual shipment to CONUS together with system A1.

During the month the Squadron continued to operate three ASRT's located at Da Nang, Quang Tri and Fire Support Base Birmingham in addition to the Da Nang DASC. Control of fixed and rotary wing aircrafts continued in support of I Corps area operations. Da Nang ASRT conducted preliminary tests with HMM-262 utilizing CH46 helicopters equipped with beacons, aimed at establishing IFR control and let down into certain specified LZ'S. The tests were inconclusive due to lack of operational beacons. However initial indications seem favorable and testing will be resumed when the aircraft beacon availability problem is resolved.

The DASC coordinated numerous insertions and extractions of reconnaissance teams from 1st Reconnaissance Bn. A total of 402 Medevacs were controlled by the DASC generally under adverse weather conditions. A total of 647 fixed wing missions and 834 helicopter missions were controlled by the DASC during the month. The ASRT'S completed 377 bombing missions controlling 492 aircraft while engaging 585 targets with a total of 1307.517 tons of ordnance.

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## PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

(U) 1. Administration. None

(C) 2. Personnel. CWO-3 J. H. ZIMMERMAN joined from Redstone Arsenal and was assigned to the Comm/Elect section. A total of 21 enlisted personnel joined during the month. 1stLt W. J. ECKERT joined from HMM-262.

(C) 3. Command Relationships/Command and Control. Lieutenant General ROBERTSON was briefed by personnel on DASC and ASRT operations.

(C) 4. Air Control. The three Air Support Radar Teams and the DASC continued normal operations.

(C) 5. Special Operations. The DASC assisted in rescue and recovery operations of six downed aircraft in addition to aiding in the emergency extraction of five recon teams.

(U) 6. Civic Action. None

(C) 7. Ground Defense. Security of Hill 327 continued by transporting security personnel to Hill 327 from the MACG-18 compound each evening. Additionally the perimeter was reconstructed to reduce and strengthen the ground defense perimeter.

(U) 8. Training. None

(C) 9. Logistics. Embarkation preparation and planning continued. MEDS deck updated. MARES reports utilized as management tool to analyze problem areas, determine deficiencies, and find solutions. MARES update and reporting became a routine matter as required.

(U) 10. Supply. The Squadron Supply Section processed 384 formal requisitions and filled 98 orders from stock for a total processing of 372 orders. There were 384 requisitions for items not carried in the supply system. The overall gross effectiveness was 100% with a total net effectiveness of 76%. The distribution of use of the four priorities authorized for this Squadron is as follows:

| <u>Priority</u> | <u>Percentage</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 02              | 5%                |
| 05              | 26%               |
| 12              | 47%               |
| 17              | 22%               |

(U) 11. Engineering. Availability of 700 series generators became critical due to lack of parts and SL's.

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(U) 12. Maintenance. Cleaning and salvage on Hill 327 continued.

(C) 13. Communication/Electronics. All of the ASRT'S were visited to provide technical assistance and oversight inspections. A Technical Representative, Mr. Frank ROBINSON, from Bendix Corporation arrived on 14 December 1970 and has been utilized extensively. Six pieces of test equipment were repaired during the month.

(U) 14. Construction. None

(U) 15. Motor Transport. Routine support was continued by the M. T. section, which is presently combined with the H&HS-18 M. T. Section.

(U) 16. Informational Services. Six regular news releases were sent to hometown newspapers during December.

(U) 17. Casualties. None

(U) 18. Awards. None

(U) 19. Morale and Welfare. During the month the Squadron had the following number of personnel on R & R:

|         |            |
|---------|------------|
| Sydney  | 10 Persons |
| Taipei  | 4 Persons  |
| Hawaii  | 7 Persons  |
| Bangkok | 2 Persons  |

The Squadron had the following number of people on RON:

|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| Ubon      | 3 Persons |
| Udorn     | 1 Person  |
| Hong Kong | 1 Person  |
| Korat     | 2 Persons |

(U) 20. Air Defense. N/A

(C) 21. Base Defense and Military Construction. The size of the perimeter on Hill 327 was reduced and two new bunkers were constructed. Approximately 300 meters of new concertina wire were installed to replace weather damaged wire and to complete the new perimeter.

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(C) 22. The operational statistics for the month of December 1970 includes;

A. Ba Nang DASC

| <u>DA NANG DASC</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>USN</u> | <u>USAF</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Fixed Wing Missions | 630         | 1          | 16          | 647          |
| Helo Missions       | 834         | 0          | 0           | 834          |
| Medevacs            | 402         | 0          | 0           | 402          |

B. ASRT 1-31 December 1970 Inclusive (USMC)

|                        | <u>A-17</u><br><u>DA NANG</u> | <u>B-2</u><br><u>BIRMINGHAM</u> | <u>A-8</u><br><u>QUANG TRI</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Bombing Missions       | 78                            | 71                              | 22                             | 171          |
| Targets Hit            | 92                            | 117                             | 28                             | 237          |
| Visual Targets         | 0                             | 0                               | 0                              | 0            |
| Ordnance Dropped(Tons) | 225.221                       | 282.769                         | 88.235                         | 596.225      |
| Sorties                | 100                           | 84                              | 30                             | 214          |

C. ASRT 1-31 December 1970 Inclusive (USN)

|                        |        |        |       |        |
|------------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| Bombing Missions       | 3      | 6      | 1     | 10     |
| Targets Hit            | 6      | 10     | 2     | 18     |
| Visual Targets         | 0      | 0      | 0     | 0      |
| Ordnance Dropped(Tons) | 21.040 | 40.368 | 7.890 | 69.298 |
| Sorties                | 10     | 18     | 13    | 41     |

D. ASRT 1-31 December 1970 Inclusive (USAF)

|                  |   |    |    |     |
|------------------|---|----|----|-----|
| Bombing Missions | 3 | 89 | 15 | 107 |
|------------------|---|----|----|-----|

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|                        |       |         |        |         |
|------------------------|-------|---------|--------|---------|
| Targets                |       |         |        |         |
| Hit                    | 6     | 158     | 17     | 181     |
| Visual Targets         | 0     | 0       | 0      | 0       |
| Ordnance Dropped(Tons) | 2.104 | 336.903 | 73.903 | 412.910 |
| Sorties                | 10    | 124     | 25     | 159     |

E. ASRT 1-31 December 1970 Inclusive (RAAF)

|                        |        |         |        |         |
|------------------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| Bombing Missions       | 7      | 63      | 18     | 88      |
| Targets                |        |         |        |         |
| Hit                    | 7      | 117     | 24     | 148     |
| Visual Targets         | 0      | 0       | 0      | 0       |
| Ordnance Dropped(Tons) | 17.220 | 163.930 | 45.290 | 226.440 |
| Sorties                | 7      | 63      | 4      | 74      |

F. ASRT 1-31 December 1970 Inclusive (RVNAF)

|                        |   |   |       |       |
|------------------------|---|---|-------|-------|
| Bombing Missions       | 0 | 0 | 1     | 1     |
| Targets                |   |   |       |       |
| Hit                    | 0 | 0 | 1     | 1     |
| Visual Targets         | 0 | 0 | 0     | 0     |
| Ordnance Dropped(Tons) | 0 | 0 | 2.644 | 2.644 |
| Sorties                | 0 | 0 | 4     | 4     |

G. ASRT 1-31 December 1970 Inclusive (TOTALS)

|                  |     |     |    |     |
|------------------|-----|-----|----|-----|
| Bombing Missions | 91  | 229 | 57 | 377 |
| Targets          |     |     |    |     |
| Hit              | 111 | 402 | 72 | 585 |

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| Ordnance<br>Dropped (Tons) | 265.585 | 823.970 | 217.962 | 1307.517 |
| Visual<br>Targets          | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0        |
| Sorties                    | 127     | 289     | 76      | 492      |

H. ASRT Operating Hours as of 31 December 1970

|                      | A-1<br>DA NANG | A-8<br>QUANG TRI | A-11<br>DA NANG | A-17<br>DA NANG | B-1<br>QUANG TRI | B42<br>BIRMINGHAM |
|----------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Hours in<br>December | 0              | 0                | 160             | 714             | 606              | 481               |
| Since<br>Rehab       | 22,080         | 18,055           | 15,764          | 1,301           | N/A              | N/A               |
| Total<br>Hours       | 34,413         | 25,230           | 20,201          | unk             | 8647             | 8269              |

PART IV  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None.

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