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Encl: (1) MAG-13 Command Chronology for period 1-31 December 1966 (S)  
(2) H&MS-13 Command Chronology for period 1-31 December 1966 (C)  
(3) MABS-13 Command Chronology for period 1-31 December 1966 (C)  
(4) VMFA-542 Command Chronology for period 1-31 December 1966 (C)  
(5) VMFA-323 Command Chronology for period 1-31 December 1966 (C)  
(6) VMFA-314 Command Chronology for period 1-31 December 1966 (C)

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the subject report is submitted as Enclosures (1) through (6).

2. Upon removal from the subject report, this letter is downgraded to unclassified.

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MAG-13  
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
FOR  
1-31 DECEMBER 1966

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PART ONE: ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Commanders and Staff:a. Headquarters, MAG-13 (1-31 December)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
DOUGLAS D. PETTY JR.	CO	COL	COL
FREDERIC T. WATTS JR.	XO	LTCOL	COL
RICHARD V. MAY	ADJ (1-2 DEC)	CAPT	1STLT
ALONZO B. MCCALL	ADJ (3-31 DEC)	CAPT	2NDLT
HARRY D. STOTT	S-1 (1-19 DEC)	MAJOR	LTCOL
FREDERICK L. FARRELL	S-1 (20-31 DEC)	MAJOR	MAJOR
CLYDE C. SIMON	S-2	MAJOR	CAPT
HARRY G. ROBINSON	S-3	LTCOL	LTCOL
KENNETH G. FIEGENER	S-4	LTCOL	LTCOL

b. H&MS-13 (1-31 December)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
WALTER E. DOMINA	CO	LTCOL	LTCOL
VIRGIL B. BRANDON	XO	MAJOR	MAJOR
JAMES H. FULBRIGHT	A/C MAINTO	MAJOR	MAJOR
LOUIS F. GAGNON	CPNSO	CAPT	MAJOR
LIONEL D. TAKER	ADMINO	LT	2NDLT

c. MAB3-13 (1-31 December)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
OWEN L. OWENS	CO	LTCOL	LTCOL
RAY B. STICE	XO	MAJOR	MAJOR
JOHN L. LOHR	ADMINO	CAPT	2NDLT
WALTER C. SERVICE III	BASEOPSO	MAJOR	MAJOR
BERNARD H. THOMAS	BASESERVO	MAJOR	MAJOR

d. VEFA-542 (1-31 December)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
DONALD L. MAY	CO	LTCOL	LTCOL
WALTER C. POITEVENT	XO	MAJOR	MAJOR
JAMES J. MORIN	S-1	LT	CAPT
VINCENT M. LEVITSKY	S-2	LT	1STLT
EDDIE R. MAAG	S-3	MAJOR	MAJOR
STEPHEN S. MISENHAUER	S-4	WO	MAJOR
MICHAEL P. CADY	A/C MAINTO	MAJOR	MAJOR

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e. VMFA-323 (1-31 December)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
AUBREY W. TALBERT JR.	CO	LTCOL	LTCOL
BILLY D. FRITSCH	XO	MAJOR	MAJOR
RONALD C. ANDREAS	S-1	LT	MAJOR
HUGH J. JULIAN	S-2	LT	CAPT
JOSEPH C. BYRAM JR.	S-3	MAJOR	MAJOR
JOSEPH B. FUERTZ	S-4	WO	MAJOR
JIMMY L. PAPPAS	A/C MAINTO	MAJOR	MAJOR

f. VMFA-314 (1-31 December)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
WILLIAM H. HEINTZ	CO	LTCOL	MAJOR
AUSTIN H. GREEN	XO	MAJOR	MAJOR
HARRY COLLINS II	S-1	LT	MAJOR
DAVID E. FRITZ	S-2	LT	1STLT
JAMES RYAN JR.	S-3	MAJOR	MAJOR
HERBERT F. STROMAN	S-4	WO	MAJOR
JOHN T. TYLER	A/C MAINTO	MAJOR	MAJOR

2. Task Organization and Unit Location

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Commanding Officer</u>	<u>Date of Office</u>
MAG-13	CHU LAI, RVN	COL DOUGLAS D. PETTY JR.	(1-31 December)
H&MS-13	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL WALTER E. DOMINA	(1-31 December)
MABS-13	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL OWEN L. OWENS	(1-31 December)
VMFA-542	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL DONALD L. MAY	(1-31 December)
VMFA-323	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL AUBREY W. TALBERT JR.	(1-31 December)
VMFA-314	CHU LAI, RVN	MAJOR WILLIAM H. HEINTZ	(1-31 December)

3. Average Monthly Strengths

<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>MARINE</u>				<u>NAVY</u>	
	<u>NA</u>	<u>NFO</u>	<u>AG</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
H&MS-13	25	0	20	351	0	0
MABS-13	6	0	15	567	2	22
VMFA-542	24	18	5	242	1	1
VMFA-323	22	18	5	239	1	2
VMFA-314	21	19	5	241	1	1
TOTAL	98	55	50	1640	5	26

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4. Important Visitors to the Command

8DEC66 Senator Strom THURMOND of South Carolina

9DEC66 Lieutenant General L. F. CHAPMAN - Chief of Staff of the  
Marine Corps

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PART TWO: NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Flight operations remained on a reduced scale during the month of December, because of the inclement weather associated with the monsoon season. The Group, however, still flew 1419 sorties for a total of 1849 hours delivering 1898 tons of ordnance in support of the III MAF and the 7th Air Force.

Continued emphasis during this reporting period was placed on construction and improvement of operating areas and the preparations of ground defense positions for the security of aircraft and equipment.

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PART THREE: SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel. During the month of December, MAG-13 had a loss of 10 officers and 91 enlisted personnel, due to rotation. During this same period, 24 officers and 478 enlisted reported for duty with the Group.

2. Awards. There were 97 Air Medals and stars in lieu of medals received by members of this command during the month of December. In addition to these, two Purple Heart medals were awarded.

3. Casualties

## a. Non-hostile casualties:

- (1) Total number for December - 23
- (2) Total returned to duty - 11
- (3) Total Med Evac out of RVN - 0
- (4) Total number of man days lost - 235

4. Civic Action

a. MEDCAP visits in An Tan are continuing every Tuesday and Thursday.

b. With the aid of RMK, providing air transportation, the boy that was operated on for Poliomyelitis has been taken to a Saigon hospital for fitting of braces and physical therapy.

c. It is still planned to clean, disinfect and repaint the local maternity ward.

d. A load of materials (mostly scrap lumber) has been delivered to An Tan for the building of the local church.

5. Industrial Relations

a. MAG-13 is utilizing 35 local Nationals of the 36 authorized; the interpreter being discharged for indolence. A request has been issued and a search initiated for another interpreter.

b. The background investigation has been completed on the two of the four barbers slated for the MAG-13 Barber Shop. They will be ready for work upon completion of physical examinations.

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6. Intelligence/Counterintelligencea. Preparation for execution of assigned mission.(1) Particular events related.

(a) Continued Intelligence Operations, Briefing and Debriefing of assigned aircrews, and orientation to insure assigned units receive maximum familiarity with combat conditions in the Republic of Vietnam.

b. ACTIVITIES

(1) GySgt J. D. NICKLSON left for CONUS on emergency leave on 3 December 1966.

(2) GySgt C. BADAMI left for annual leave in Japan on 16 December 1966.

(3) Capt. W. L. GRAVEN was transferred to CONUS; LCpl V. J. VALERY joined TAD from VMFA-314 on 14 December 1966.

(4) Capt. G. W. BROKATE joined as Assistant Intelligence Officer on 28 December 1966.

(5) The most significant damage incurred against the VC/NVN forces was on 10 December 1966 with 50 confirmed killed by air.

(6) Inspections. Capt. C. C. SIMON conducted an A&M Inspection of VMFA-323 on 30 December 1966, with no discrepancies noted.

(7) Training

(a) Intelligence briefs were presented to the Commanding Officer, his Staff and Squadron Commanders at the regularly scheduled weekly CO's conference.

(8) Administrative

(a) Classified files were maintained in accordance with OPNAVINST 5510.10 and current applicable directives.

(b) Personnel security clearances were processed in accordance with current directives.

(c) Unclassified files were maintained in accordance with SECNAV INST 15213.1--(Naval Filing System).



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7. Air Operationsa. H&MS-13

(1) During the month of December 1966, H&MS-13 Operations conducted 161 TF-9J sorties for 207.6 hours and 35 C-117D sorties for 52.9 hours. Type flights flown by the TF-9J were Visual Reconnaissance, Helo Escort, DAS, TRC Calibration and TAC(A). The C-117D conducted normal MAJLOG flights and assumed the Flare Alert on six occasions.

b. MABS-13

(1) A total of 259 aircraft arrestments were made by the launch and recovery section. The Crash Crew responded to 82 emergencies.

c. PHANTOM SQUADRONS. The following sorties and hours were flown during December:

<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
VFFA-542	378	464.2
VFFA-323	421	546.2
VFFA-314	459	599.7

8. Logistics. The MABS-13 Ordnance Section assembled and delivered a daily average of 76.3 tons of ammunitions during the month of December. The TAFDS dispensed 2,406,980 gallons of jet fuel. The Mess Hall was open 24 hours per day to serve in excess of 150,000 meals.

9. Supplya. Navy Supply Section

(1) MAG-13 Group Supply is currently supporting three Tactical Squadrons and a H&MS and MABS. At the present time, all material is stored in General Purpose Tents. Working conditions are somewhat less than optimum, but existing facilities are being utilized effectively. However, ground work has commenced for five Group Supply warehouses and an office building. The completion of these structures is estimated to be within the next forty-five days.

(2) Group Supply is currently in the process of tailoring AVCALS to support F-4B aircraft squadrons within the Group. The AVCALS are being tailored utilizing the various "IOL's" of equipments to be supported by the Group. Ordnance CSALS have already been received by the Group Supply from COMNAVAIRFAC.

(3) A schedule of two aircraft to handle priority cargo has been inaugurated for the Chu Lai area. These aircraft will depart Chu Lai on a round robin basis four times each week. Group Supply will utilize the priority cargo aircraft for expedient Customer Service repair of repairables that are beyond the capability of the Group Maintenance.

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(4) Group Supply is in the process of analyzing the high AOCF/ANFE outstanding requisition request for VMFA-542. This is being done to determine whether the problem is maintenance practices, bits and piece shortages, rework problems or current supply procedures.

(5) Group Supply personnel continue to visit supply support activities in an attempt to acquire additional spare parts support.

(6) Group Supply is currently preparing for a wing inspection that will be held on 6 February 1967.

b. Marine Corps Property Section

(1) A Group Armory and Group Individual Equipment Issue Section was established. All available stocks and individual memorandum receipts held by the various squadrons were turned in to the Group Marine Corps Property Officer for consolidation and future control.

(2) All ECR cards have been re-done and all 708 cards are being re-searched and retyped prior to the Wing Inspection.

(3) A complete inventory has been completed on stocks held by Marine Corps Property and all Individual Memorandum Receipts are being audited and totals of issues are being compiled to establish the actual quantity on hand.

10. Motor Transport

a. The Group Motor Transportation Section established a courtesy shuttle bus between MAG-13 and MAG-36 serving all units between. The service commenced on 13 December and terminated on 22 December when the Naval Support Facility assumed the responsibility.

b. The refueler team of the Group Motor Transport Section was commended by LtGen WALT in III MAF message 100916Z Dec66 for outstanding service provided during the period 31 October to 8 December 1966. During this time, the refuelers hauled 31 million gallons of aviation fuel travelling 40,000 miles during adverse weather conditions.

c. Other items of interest are:

Miles Travelled:	56,581 miles
Cargo Hauled:	5,431,327 lbs. (2715.66 Tons)
Passengers Hauled:	27,027

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REFUELER OPERATIONS

1. DURING THE PERIOD 31 OCT TO 8 DECEMBER 1966, THE CAPABILITY FOR TRANSFERRING FUEL FROM SHIP TO SHORE AT CHU LAI WAS LIMITED TO A FOUR INCH LINE. THE LIMITED CAPACITY OF THIS LINE COUPLED WITH BREAKAGES OF THE LINE AND INCREASED FUEL CONSUMPTION GENERATED BY THE INTRODUCTION OF MAG-13 AIRCRAFT DURING THE PERIOD RESULTED IN AVIATION FUEL AT CHU LAI REACHING DANGEROUSLY LOW LEVELS.
2. TO ALLEVIATE THE ABOVE SITUATION UNTIL PERMANENT LARGER FUEL LINES COULD BE INSTALLED, NSA DANANG POSITIONED A YOG IN THE HARBOR WHERE FUEL COULD BE PUMPED INTO MAG-13 REFUELERS FOR SUBSEQUENT SHUTTLE TO STORAGE FACILITIES ASHORE. THE COOPERATION, CAN DO SPIRIT AND TIRELESS EFFORTS DISPLAYED BY YOUR PERSONNEL IN PROVIDING OUTSTANDING REFUELER SUPPORT FOR THE TRANSPORT OF THIS FUEL AVERTED A MAJOR FUEL CRISIS WHICH WOULD

PAGE TWO RUMMF 662 UNCLAS E F T O  
HAVE CURTAILED AIR OPERATIONS AND SERIOUSLY IMPEDED III MAF OPERATIONS DURING THE PERIOD.  
3. THE COOPERATION AND TIRELESS EFFORTS DISPLAYED BY YOUR PERSONNEL IN CONDUCTING AROUND-THE-CLOCK REFUELER OPERATIONS REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON YOUR ORGANIZATION AND ADDS FURTHER CREDENCE TO THE CAPABILITY AND VERSATILITY OF THE NAVY-MARINE CORPS TEAM. PLEASE CONVEY MY CONGRATULATIONS AND APPRECIATION TO ALL HANDS INVOLVED FOR A JOB WELL DONE. LT GEN WALT  
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11. Maintenance

a. Mr. MORRISON, a Mobile Electrical Power Plant (MC-10) Technical Representative from Da Nang, visited H&MS-13 Maintenance on 7 December 1966. His visit was to assist in correcting problems occurring in the Starting Units.

b. On 20 December 1966, MCB-8 completed eight lean-to shelters in the H&MS-13 Engine Shop area for the protection of engines from the weather.

12. Base Development/Military Construction

a. Constructed eight 16' X 32' huts, a Dental Building, erected a Group Headquarters Flag Pole and completed numerous small type operational buildings.

b. L&K-BRJ Construction Company began surveying a site for Group Supply Buildings.

c. The Group Guard strung barbed wire around the Message Center, Communications Office, S-2 Office and the Briefing/Debriefing Room for security precautions.

d. MCB-8 commenced construction of the MAG-13 command bunker.

e. MCB-40 completed 85 % of the Armco Revetments for the protection of the MAG-13 aircraft.

13. Communications/Electronics

a. The communications network in the MAG-13 complex continued to expand. The Wire Section laid 12 miles of communication wire. The Message Center had a 130 % increase in message traffic. This amounted to 8789 messages processed during the month of December.

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