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 ✓(2) H&MS-13 Command Chronology
 ✓(3) MABS-13 Command Chronology *Enclosure*
 ✓(4) VMFA-115 Command Chronology
 ✓(5) VMFA-122 Command Chronology
 ✓(6) VMFA-314 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), enclosures (1) through (6) are herewith submitted.
2. Upon removal of the enclosures, this letter is downgraded to unclassified.

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MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 January 1970 to 31 January 1970

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Part One1. Organizational Data

a. Headquarters, MAG-13 (1-31 January 1970)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Billet</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Thomas E. MURPHREE	CO		Col	Col
Hal W. VINCENT	XO		LtCol	LtCol
George L. LUNT Jr.	Adj		Capt	Capt
Robert E. WINSLOW	SgtMaj		SgtMaj	SgtMaj
D. A. LEWIS	S-1		Maj	Maj
W. M. BROWN	S-2		Maj	1stLt
J. W. DETROY	S-3		LtCol	LtCol
E. C. JOHNSON	S-4		LtCol	LtCol

b. Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 13 (1-31 January 1970)

Frank J. HORAK Jr.	CO		LtCol	Maj
James E. ODOM	S-1		Lt	1stLt
Frank J. HORAK Jr.	S-3		Capt	Maj
William T. GOLLA	S-4		WO	2ndLt

c. Marine Air Base Squadron 13 (1-31 January 1970)

Richard D. REVIE	CO		LtCol	LtCol
Billy D. DRAFFEN	XO		Maj	Maj
Juan M. LEM	S-1		WO	WO
Bernard R. HALPRIN	Base ServO		Maj	Maj

d. Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 115 (1-31 January 1970)

Donald P. BOWEN	CO		LtCol	LtCol
Lawrence A. WHIPPLE	XO		Maj	Maj
Larry A. STULTS	S-1		Lt	Capt
Lester E. AMICK	S-2		Lt	1stLt
Harry F. SHARP II	S-3		Maj	Maj
Fredrick J. MEIER Jr.	S-4		WO	Capt

e. Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 122 (1-31 January 1970)

John K. COCHRAN	CO (1-6 Jan)		LtCol	LtCol
Robert E. HOWARD Jr.	CO (7-31 Jan)		LtCol	LtCol
Josephus L. MAVRETIC	XO		Maj	Maj
John J. MILES	S-1		Lt	Capt
Arlin B. TURNER	S-2		Lt	1stLt
Jon R. GIBSON	S-3		Maj	Maj
Eugene L. POLDERDYKE	S-4		WO	2ndLt

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f. Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 314 (1-31 January 1970)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Billet</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Thomas J. KELLY	CO	LtCol		LtCol
Robert C. JOHNSON	XO	Maj		Maj
Terril J. RICHARDSON	S-1	Lt		Capt
John E. SHARKEY	S-2 (1-30 Jan)	Lt		Capt
Frank W. McDUFFEE	S-2 (31 Jan)	Lt		1stLt
James B. LEONARD	S-3	Maj		Maj
Allen W. MASSEY	S-4	WO		Capt

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 T. E. MURPHREE	1-31 Jan
H&MS-13	Chu Lai, RVN	Maj F. J. HORAK	1-31 Jan
MABS-13	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol R. D. REVIE	1-31 Jan
VMFA-115	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol D. P. BOWEN	1-31 Jan
VMFA-122	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol J. K. COCHRAN	1-6 Jan
VMFA-122	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol R. E. HOWARD	7-31 Jan
VMFA-314	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol T. J. KELLY	1-31 Jan

3. Average Monthly Strength

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>NFO</u>	<u>AG</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>USN</u>
H&MS-13	9	9	17	511	0	0	
MABS-13	7	2	12	548	4	27	
VMFA-115	19	17	2	237	1	0	
VMFA-122	20	17	3	243	1	0	
VMFA-314	21	16	3	240	1	0	
MATCU-62			4	52			
MATCU-67			6	84			
Group	76	61	47	1915	7	27	

Part Two: Narrative Summary

Marine Aircraft Group 13 continued its support of III MAF and all other Free World Armed Forces in the I Corps Tactical Zone, Laos and the Gulf of Tonkin.

Part Three: Significant Events1. Personnel

During the month of January, Marine Aircraft Group 13 had a loss of 15 officers and 157 enlisted personnel due to rotation and transfers. During the same period, 22 officers and 354 enlisted personnel reported to this Group for duty.

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2. Awards

The following medals were recommended to MAG-13 personnel during the month of January:

a. Distinguished Flying Cross:	5
b. Single Mission Air Medal:	5
c. Bronze Star:	14
d. Navy Commendation Medal:	27
e. Navy Achievement Medal:	18
f. Legion of Merit:	3

3. Casualties (Non Hostile)

a. Total for January	23
b. Total returned to duty	12
c. Total MedEvac	6
d. Total number of man days lost	110

Casualties (Hostile)

a. Killed in Action	0
b. Died of Wounds	0
c. Wounded in Action	0
d. Missing in Action	0

4. Civic Activities

a. A donation of \$200.00 from Chaplain CLEVELAND, who represented the men of MAG-13, was received by the Civil Affairs Team and used for the Tet holiday festivities in Binh Su village.

b. Chaplain CLEVELAND during the month of January, also contributed \$100.00 to 1st MAW fund to purchase a mannequin for VN school of nursing, \$400.00 to General Walt Scholarship Fund, and delivered 400 pounds of clothing to the Danang orphanage.

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c. During the third week of January, the Civil Affairs Team went to district headquarters in Binh Son to get positive verification of the number of families in Binh Sa village for coming Tet holidays in which gifts will be donated by MAG-13 Civil Affairs.

They also checked with hospital officials in Tam Ky Provincial Hospital and agreed on a definite date for transporting an An Ton youth to Danang for an open heart operation.

The Civil Affairs Team then took the An Ton youth to Tam Ky Provincial Hospital for further transfer to Danang to one of the hospital ships anchored in the Danang harbor.

d. The fourth week of January the Civil Affairs Team went to the hamlet of Trung An, to discuss location of movies for Tet holidays. During the visit the hamlet chief informed us that during the night before, 4 NVA and 13 VC encountered local Popular Forces Troops and that one NVA soldier had been captured and taken to Quang Ngai for interrogation; upon returning to MAG-13 all information concerning this incident was turned over to Group S-2.

5. Morale and Welfare Programs

a. There are presently two Chaplains assigned to MAG-13. They have additional duties of coordinating Chaplain coverage for all Combined Action Platoons in Combined Action Group 1; Episcopal Coverage for Americal Headquarters and Catholic coverage for the Naval Support Activity.

b. Religious services conducted at MAG-13 Chapel consisted of the following:

(1) Protestant Services:

- (a) Sunday - 7; attendance - 195
- (b) Weekday - 2; attendance - 200
- (c) Choir Practice - 5; attendance - 24
- (d) Bible Study - 8; attendance - 102
- (e) Xian Education - 1; attendance - 2

(2) Catholic Services:

- (a) Sunday - 8; attendance - 273
- (b) Weekday - 2; attendance - 39

(3) Latter Day Saints:

- (a) Sunday - 3; attendance - 44

c. Services for units other than MAG-13:

(1) Episcopal Services:

(a) Sunday - Americal Hdqts. - 4; attendance - 55

(2) Ecumenical Services:

(a) Memorial Services - 1st CAG - 1; attendance - 64

d. Counselling and Interviews

Counselling - 47 Religious Instruction - 2

Interviews - 102 Last Rites 20

e. Red Cross Cases - 8

f. Hospital Visits - 3 for a total of 14 men visited

g. Private Ministry

Baptisms - 1

h. Meetings and Trips - 0

6. Intelligence

a. The S-2 Section continued to accomplish its mission of supporting MAG-13 with intelligence information by preparing daily briefs to the aircrews as well as for the Command and Executive Officer. All incoming flight personnel received their in-country brief from the SERE Officer. During the month of January a total of fifteen briefs were given by this section to newly arrived crew members.

b. On 14 January our perimeter (Southern Sector) was probed by seven enemy troops. Six rounds were taken as troops were being put in their nightly defensive positions with negative casualties.

c. On 15 January perimeter troops fired upon suspected probers. A day light hour inspection revealed blood, footprints, and a AK-47.

d. On the 25 January at 0944 Chu Lai Air Base complex received 8X122mm rockets. Damage included two POL tanks ruptured with one ARVN KIA.

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7. Operationsa. Air Operations

Squadron	Sorties		Hours		Tot. 1
	Combat	Total	Combat	Total	
MAG-13(C-117B)	1	1	4.6	3.0	
VMF-314(F-4B)	704	750	711.7	771.7	
VMF-115(F-4B)	596	637	631.1	673.4	
VMFA-122(F-4B)	626	685	631.2	731.8	

b. Operations Supported

Iron Mountain, Victory Dragon, Fredrick Hill, Randolph Glenn, AIS, and the Steel Tiger Air.

c. Significant Bomb Damage Assessment

Structures: 205 destroyed/30 damaged

Bunkers: 227 destroyed/28 damaged

Secondary Explosions: 59

Secondary Fires: 114

Trucks: 10 destroyed/1 damaged

Anti Position: 1 destroyed

Killed by Marine Air: 47

d. Total Ordnance Expended: 4420.96 tons8. Supply

a. Approximately 2,600 line items were received of 25 January from MAG-12 in support of VM-311.

9. Base Development

a. The construction and operation of a charcoal maker for the use of personnel of Marine Aircraft Group 13 was completed.

b. The Exchange opened a laundry service to all personnel in MAG-13.

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