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Encl: (1) Marine Aircraft Group 15 Command Chronology

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 April to 30 April 1972

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Marine Aircraft Group 15

Colonel K. O'KEEFE
1 April-30 April 1972

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 15

Major J. E. HERLOCKER
1 April-30 April 1972

Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 15
Detachment A

LtCol C. SINGLETARY
15 April-30 April 1972

Marine Air Base Squadron 15

Major R. L. BECKWITH
1 April-24 April 1972
Major W. W. HARDING
25 April-30 April 1972

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 232

LtCol J. L. GREGORCYK
1 April-30 April 1972

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115

LtCol K. A. McFERREN
1 April-30 April 1972

Marine Composite Reconnaissance Squadron 1

Major J. D. CARLTON
1 April-30 April 1972

Marine Composite Reconnaissance Squadron 1
Detachment A

Major J. D. CARLTON
1 April-30 April 1972

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212

LtCol R. REVIE
1 April-30 April 1972

ATTACHED UNITS (None)

2. STAFF OFFICERS

NAME

DATES

Executive Officer - LtCol J. T. TYLER

1 April-30 April 1972

Administrative O - LtCol J. T. TYLER

1 April-30 April 1972

Intelligence O - Capt D. L. SCHUSSELE

1 April-30 April 1972

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Operations 0 - Maj J. B. WUERTZ 1 April-30 April 1972
Logistics 0 - Maj J. P. SMITH 1 April-30 April 1972

3. (C) AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC

OFF ENL

69 901

NOTE: Does not include deployed personnel.

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. (S) On 6 April 1972, Marine Aircraft Group 15 began a period of combat support for South Vietnamese ground forces against the invasion of that country by the North Vietnamese Army. Both VMFA-232, and VMFA-115 deployed to DaNang Air Base, Republic of Vietnam with supporting elements of H&MS-15, and MABS-15. A detachment of five EA-6A aircraft from VMCJ-1 deployed to NAS Cubi Point, Republic of the Philippines in support of CTF 77. H&MS-15 deployed 5 TA4 aircraft to Danang AB, RVN on 15 April 1972. Details of these deployments will be contained in separate chronologies.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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|------------------------------|---|
| A. <u>Personnel</u> | (C) This aircraft group was augmented from other units for this deployment, particularly with Maintenance and Security personnel. |
| B. <u>Administration</u> | (U) No significant events to report |
| C. <u>Intelligence</u> | (U) No significant events to report |
| D. <u>Training</u> | (U) No significant events to report |
| E. <u>Operations</u> | (U) No significant events to report |
| F. <u>Special Operations</u> | (U) Listed in Narrative Summary |
| G. <u>Command Relations</u> | (S) While Marine Aircraft Group 15 remains at <u>MCAS Iwakuni</u> , the Commander and most of the |

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groups assets are either at DaNang AB or Cubi Point NAS.

- H. Equipment (C) Most H&MS-15 and MABS-15 equipment deployed in support of MAG-15 commencing 7 April 1972.
- I. Logistics (C) Air Force C-141's and Marine Corps C-130's heavily supported the deployment to DaNang AB. The First Marine Aircraft Wing established a Marlog to provide logistical support to units in RVN.
- J. Community Relations (U) No significant events to report
- K. Communications (S) 95% of this organization's communications assets deployed to DaNang AB.
- L. Activations/Deactivations/Redesignations (C) The Command Element of MAG-15 was designated the task designator of CTU 79.3.0 on 25 April 1972.
- M. Fiscal (U) No significant events to report
- N. Management (U) No significant events to report
- O. Readiness (S) This organization deployed two F-4 squadrons, supporting elements of the H&MS and the MABS, and a detachment of VMCF EA-6A aircraft within a period of less than one week. VMFA-115 responded to contingency deployment in less than 24 hours.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A. Chronology of Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 15 (Attached).
- B. Chronology of Marine Air Base Squadron 15 (Attached).
- C. Chronology of Marine Composite Reconnaissance Squadron 1 (Attached).