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 1st Marine Aircraft Wing  
 FPO San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, Task Force Delta

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 July to 31 December 1972

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 (e) Admin 1st MAW 170655Z Oct 72

Encl: (1) Marine Aircraft Group 15 Command Chronology

1. (U) In accordance with the provisions as set forth in reference (a) through (e), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. (U) This letter is downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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1 July to 31 December 1972

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

Marine Aircraft Group 15

COMMANDERColonel K. O'KEEFE  
1 Jul - 8 Aug 1972Colonel A. W. TALBERT  
9 Aug - 31 Dec 1972SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 15

Major R. N. PATRICK  
1 Jul - 31 Dec 1972

Marine Air Base Squadron 15

Major W. W. HARDING  
1 Jul - 30 Sep 1972

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115

Major D. J. KILEY  
1 Oct - 31 Dec 1972

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 232

Major G. DEJONG  
1 Jul - 22 Jul 1972LtCol H. C. IVY  
23 Jul - 31 Dec 1972

Marine All Weather Attack Squadron 533

LtCol E. R. MAGG  
1 Jul - 7 Sep 1972LtCol R. O. LAWRENCE  
8 Sep - 31 Dec 1972LtCol J. C. BROWN  
1 Jul - 31 Dec 19722. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

Nam Phong, Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand 1 Jul - 31 Dec 1972

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

LtCol R. O. LAWRENCE  
1 Jul - 7 Sep 1972LtCol D. J. SLEE  
8 Sep - 31 Dec 1972**SECRET**

S-1 Officer

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LtCol J. T. TYLER  
1 Jul - 20 Jul 1972

S-2 Officer

Maj M. W. MEREDITH  
21 Jul - 31 Dec 1972Capt B. M. WINCENTSEN  
1 Jul - 31 Jul 1972CWO-2 T. R. BURNHAM  
1 Aug - 12 Dec 1972Maj J. F. MCNELLY  
13 Dec - 31 Dec 1972

S-3 Officer

LtCol E. J. ANDERSEN  
1 Jul - 31 Dec 1972

S-4 Officer

Maj J. P. SMITH  
1 Jul - 2 Jul 1972Maj W. F. TREMPER  
3 Jul - 31 Aug 1972Maj W. COOPER  
1 Sep - 31 Dec 19724. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>CIV</u>
198	1924	3	9	16

ATTACHED STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
29	286	5	32

## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

(S) The past six month period saw Marine Aircraft Group 15, deployed from the First Marine Aircraft Wing, Iwakuni Japan, to the Royal Thai Air Force Base, Nam Phong, Thailand, conducting air operations against North Vietnam as well as the communist insurgents in South Vietnam and Laos. The period was

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highlighted by sustained full scale flight operations from an initially austere expeditionary airfield, expanded into a semi-permanent, fully capable air base by the year's end. Of special note are the varied types of combat air operations which included Close Air Support, Direct Air Support, Barrier Combat Air Patrol and night/all weather interdiction.

(S) The majority of air operations consisted of Close Air Support and Direct Air Support missions. These missions were flown in Military Regions One and Two of South Vietnam, the Barrel Roll and Steel Tiger areas of Laos as well as Route Package One of North Vietnam. The Barrier Combat Air Patrol missions in support of the Air Force "Linebacker" strikes into upper route packages of North Vietnam commenced on 4 July and continued until 23 October. A short resumption of the Barrier Combat Air Patrol took place during the period 18 December to 30 December. The night/all weather interdiction missions commenced on 12 August and continued through the end of the year. As a result of the variety of missions flown, special emphasis had been placed on full systems capable aircraft resulting in a high level of material readiness. During this period 5,817 sorties were flown and 13,872.1 tons of ordnance were delivered by three assigned squadrons.

(U) Detailed information for the entire six month period can be found in the Marine Aircraft Group 15 monthly Command Chronologies.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

4 July 1972

VMFA-232 commenced flying BARCAP missions in support of Linebacker strikes in North Vietnam.

7 July 1972

Combat Loss of a VMA(AW)-533 A-6A aircraft. Pilot and B/N listed as missing in action.

9 August 1972

Colonel A. W. TALBERT relieved Colonel K. O'KEEFE as Commanding Officer of MAG-15.

12 August 1972

VMA(AW)-533 commenced flying night/all weather strike missions in North Vietnam.

26 August 1972

Combat loss of a VMFA-232 F-4J aircraft during a BARCAP mission. The RIO was rescued. The pilot is listed as missing in action.

12 October 1972

Combat loss of VMA(AW)-533 A-6A aircraft in North Vietnam. The pilot and B/N are listed as missing in action.

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24 October 1972

Bombing North of the 20th Parallel of North Vietnam halted. BARCAP missions suspended.

20 November 1972

Combat loss of VMFA-232 F-4J aircraft on Direct Support mission in Laos. Pilot rescued. RIO listed as missing in action.

18 December 1972

Bombing north of the 20th Parallel of North Vietnam resumed. F-4 aircraft from MAG-15 resumed flying BARCAP missions.

27 December 1972

Combat loss of VMA(AW)-533 A-6A aircraft in North Vietnam. The pilot and B/N are listed as missing in action.

30 December 1972

Bombing North of the 20th Parallel halted. BARCAP missions suspended.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

Marine Aircraft Group 15

COMMANDERColonel A. W. TALBERT  
1 - 31 December 1972SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 15

Maj. R. N. PATRICK  
1 - 31 December 1972

Marine Air Base Squadron 15

Maj. D. J. KIELY  
1 - 31 December 1972

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115

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1 - 31 December 1972

Marine All Weather Attack Squadron 533

LtCol J. C. BROWN  
1 - 31 December 19722. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONNam Phong, Royal Thai Air Force Base,  
ThailandPERIOD

1 - 31 December 1972

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

LtCol. D. J. SLEE  
1 - 31 December 1972

S-1 Officer

Maj. M. W. MEREDITH  
1 - 31 December 1972

S-2 Officer

CWO-2 T. R. BURNHAM  
1 - 12 December 1972

S-3 Officer

Maj. J. F. MCNELLY  
13 - 31 December 1972

S-4 Officer

LtCol. E. J. ANDERSEN  
1 - 31 December 1972Maj. W. COOPER  
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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>
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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

(S) The month of December was characterized by a continuation of contingency planning, the initial high pace of air to ground operations, a resumption of the BARCAP mission for a twelve day period, and a continued increase in general operational efficiency throughout the command.

(S) The formulation of plans has continued for all contingencies, Retrograde data has been under continual review as well as plans for remaining at, or deploying from Nam Phong. Plans are also under constant review for expanding and improving existing facilities.

(S) Air-to-ground operations continued at a high pace until 18 December and at a somewhat reduced pace from that date to the end of the year. With the resumption of 7th Air Force Linebacker Operations in the upper route packages of North Vietnam, MAG-15 fighters resumed their BARCAP support which reduced the air-to-ground sorties due to the number of aircraft reserved for this mission. Of the 927 combat sorties flown, 82% were day air-to-ground, 10% were night systems bombing in RP-1, and 8% were air-to-air BARCAP support of Linebacker strikes.

(S) A strong reemphasis on maintaining "Full Systems" aircraft was the watch word during this month with the maintenance effort reacting accordingly. The variety of missions assigned to MAG-15, such as the minimum notice assumption of the fighter BARCAP mission, was taken in stride based upon the state of readiness that was largely attributable to this policy.

(U) Major General L. E. BROWN, CG, First MAW, was aboard 12 December 1972. Full systems aircraft was the major subject of discussion. At the same time General BROWN was updated on operations and contingency plans.

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(U) BGen V. A. ARMSTRONG, Deputy Commander, FMFPAC, visited 13/14 December and received briefings from the Commanding Officer, MAG-15 and key Staff members on combat air operations, logistics and personnel.

(U) Congressman G. V. MONTGOMERY, Mississippi, was aboard (23 December) in conjunction with a visit to Task Force Delta. Capt W. ROUND, VMFA-115, who is from that state, conducted him on a tour of the base and escorted him to the Bob HOPE Christmas Show.

(U) The Bob HOPE Christmas Show (23 December) was a definite highlight during this period. Performing from the newly constructed stage on the North edge of the cantonment, Mr. HOPE and his troupe did what they do best; brought the Christmas spirit from home to the MAG-15 Marines. A small reception was held after the show prior to the troupe moving on to their next engagement.

(S) An A-6 aircraft was lost on the evening of 27 December presumably due to enemy action. The aircraft was engaged in a night road reconnaissance mission against moving targets in Route Package One of North Vietnam. No contact was established with the crew and they are listed as missing in action.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

12 December 1972

MGen L. E. BROWN, CG, First MAW, visited in conjunction with a visit to Task Force Delta.

13 - 14 December 1972

BGen V. A. ARMSTRONG, Deputy Commander, FMFPAC visited in conjunction with a visit to Task Force Delta.

18 December 1972

Linebacker operations resumed North of the 20th Parallel.

23 December 1972

Congressman G. V. MONTGOMERY of Mississippi visited MAG-15 in conjunction with a visit to Task Force Delta.

23 December 1972

The Bob HOPE Christmas Show was staged at Nam Phong.

27 December 1972

An A-6 was lost in RP-1.

30 December 1972

Linebacker operations north of the 20th parallel suspended.

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Feb A. Col. TALBERT (L) welcoming BGon ARMSTRONG  
to Nam Phong. 13 December 1972

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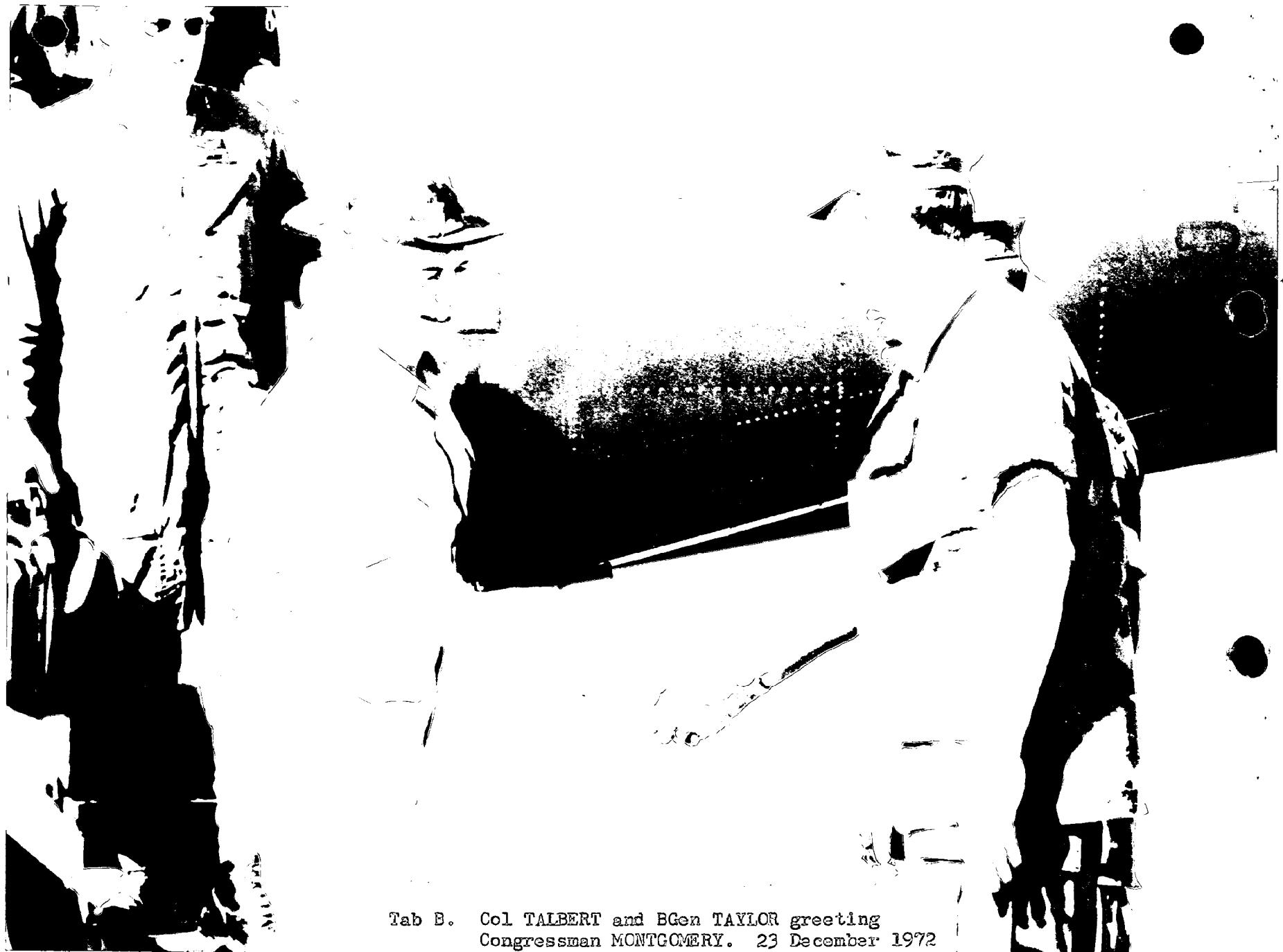
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Tab B. Col TALBERT and BGen TAYLOR greeting  
Congressman MONTGOMERY. 23 December 1972

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OFFICIAL U.S. MARINE CORPS PHOTO  
P.T.A.F.B. NAM PHONG THAILAND  
MCAS ROSE GARDEN  
PHOTO BY SSGT. DUB ALLEN  
DATE 23 DEC 72

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Tab C. Col. TAYLOR and BGen TAYLOR (hidden)  
welcoming BOB HOPE to Nam Phong.  
23 December 1972

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MCAS ROSE GARDEN, DUB ALLEY  
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DATE 15/06/02

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## PART IV

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- a. - (U) Photo of Col TALBERT greeting BGen ARMSTRONG
- b. - (U) Photo of Col TALBERT and BGen TAYLOR greeting Congressman MONTGOMERY
- c. - (U) Photo of Col TALBERT and BGen TAYLOR greeting Bob HOPE
- d. - (U) Photo of Col TALBERT introducing Bob HOPE at the beginning of the show
- e. - (U) Photo of Bob HOPE giving his opening monologue
- f. - (U) S-1 Staff Chronology
- g. - (S) S-2 Staff Chronology
- h. - (S) S-3 Staff Chronology
- i. - (U) S-4 Staff Chronology
- j. - (C) H&MS-15 Command Chronology
- k. - (C) MABS-15 Command Chronology
- l. - (C) VMFA-115 Command Chronology
- m. - (C) VMFA-232 Command Chronology
- n. - (C) VMA(AW)-533 Command Chronology

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1-1, MAG-15

Dec 1972

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION S-1 OFFICER

Marine Aircraft Group 15 S-1  
Major M. W. MERIDITH  
1-31 December 1972

2. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION PERIOD

Royal Thai Air Force Base  
Nam Phong, Thailand  
1-31 December 1972

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Adjutant	2ndLt R. A. CRITZER 1-31 December 1972
Asst S-1 Officer	Capt B. E. JANKIEWICZ 1-31 December 1972
CMS Officer	1stLt P. C. LOVE 1-31 December 1972
S&C Officer	1stLt D. M. EGGSPULHIER 1-29 December 1972
S&C Officer	1stLt J. W. DOOLEY 30-31 December 1972

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
OFF 5	ENL 13	OFF 0 ENL 0

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

(U) During the month of December 1972 Marine Aircraft Group 15 S-1 has continued to provide assistance to its subordinate commands and perform administrative functions routinely. During the absence of the Commanding General, Task Force Delta, the authority to approve and act upon emergency leave, annual leave, and modification of temporary additional duty orders has been delegated to the Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 15. This authority was granted on 5 December 1972 and, as a consequence, has expedited the processing of requests.

(U) MAG-15 Special Services sponsored several programs this month which sparked considerable enthusiasm. Of primary interest was the Bob Hope Show.

which was coordinated by Major M. W. MERLITH, Group S-1 Officer. A great deal of ingenuity was required to construct a stage to meet the necessary specifications to accomodate Mr. Hope's Troupe. They performed on 23 Dec 73 before nearly 100 percent base attendance. Food and beverages were provided for the entertainers after the performance.

(U) The stage will continue to serve a dual purpose as an outdoor movie theatre and a USO stage.

(U) A volleyball tournament was completed on 27 December and consisted of teams from all units within the Group. The double elimination was won by MAG-15 Headquarters who were awarded an engraved plaque.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

NONE

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NONE

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

Marine Aircraft Group 15 (S-2)

GROUP S-2 OFFICERCWO-2 T. R. BURNHAM  
1-10 December 1972Maj J. F. MCNELLY  
11-31 December 19722. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONRoyal Thai Air Force Base  
Nam Phong, ThailandPERIOD

1-31 December 1972

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Asst S-2 Officer

PERIODCWO-2 T. R. BURNHAM  
11-31 December 19724. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
2	9	0	0	0	0

## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

(C) During the month of December, Marine Air Group 15 continued its flight operations into MR-1, Steel Tiger, Barrel Roll and RP-1. When Linebacker operations resumed north of the 20th parallel, MAG-15 assumed the Barcap mission protecting the tankers and ECM aircraft of the force. VMA(AW)-533 continued their single sortie night missions into RP-1 with excellent results although bomb damage assessment was not always obtained due to darkness and heavy AAA fire.

(S) On 27 December 1972, an A6A was lost to unknown causes in RP-1. Last contact was at 271320Z. The crew is listed as missing.

(C) The NVA have been using a portion of the relatively jam-free 'I' band with range only radar in conjunction with the SA-2 Fan Song guidance and tracking radars. The radar has been identified as a T 8209, thought to be a modification of the Soviet Fire Can radar.

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(C) The North Vietnamese have increased efforts in construction of new air-fields (for example Sam Neua and Quang Te). Reports indicate they have the ability to launch aircraft from 3,000 foot graded earth surface runways. They employ a rocket assisted takeoff referred to as RATO. This system provides approximately 11,000 pounds of additional thrust needed for launch from airfields previously considered to be too short for the MIG-21.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

18 December 1972

Linebacker operations north of the 20th parallel were resumed.

27 December 1972

An A6A from VMA(AW)-533 was lost in the RP-1 area. (Ref: OPREP-3 DTG 280220Z Dec 72)

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a. Bomb damage assessment was derived from Intelligence Summaries and Operational Report-4's for the month of December 1972.

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BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

<u>TARGET</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
BOATS	1	0
ARTY PIECES	0	1
85MM GUN	0	1
82MM GUN	1	0
POL	33 BARRELS plus 20 cu meters of BARRELS	0
12.7MM GUN	0	1
FIELD GUNS	0	3
23MM GUN PIT	0	1
UNK CAL GUN	3	0
57MM GUN	0	1
FOOD AND STORAGE AREA	1	0
SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS	127	-
SUSTAINED FIRES	35	-
TRUCKS	17	14
TRENCH LINE	230 meters	0
STRUCTURES	11	11
SUPPLY DEPOT	1	0
ROAD CUTS	5 plus 277 meters of ROAD CUTS	-
BUNKERS	18	16
SUPPLY STACKS	28 plus 45 sq meters of STACKS	2
SUPPLY BOXES	29	0
TANKS	0	1
130MM GUN	1	1
CAVES	0	2
37MM GUN	1	0
SAMPANS	1	0
23MM GUN	0	2
BARGES	0	3
CONFIRMED KBA	5	-
122MM ROCKET STACK	1	0

<u>UNCOVERED</u>	<u>SILENCED</u>
57MM GUN	0
37MM GUN	0
130MM AMMO STACK	1
37MM GUN PIT	1
BUNKERS	21

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## PART I

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1. <u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>S-3 OFFICER</u>
Marine Aircraft Group-15	LtCol E. J. ANDERSEN 1 - 31 December 1972
2. <u>GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
Nam Phong, Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand	1 - 31 December 1972
3. <u>STAFF OFFICERS</u>	
Assistant S-3 Officer	Maj A. P. LORING 1 - 31 December 1972
NATOPS Officer	Capt T. D. OWENS 1 - 31 December 1972
Aviation/Weapons Training Officer	Capt K. D. EDELEN 1 - 31 December 1972
MARES/FORSTAT Officer	Capt R. L. BULLARD 1 - 27 December 1972
	Capt T. D. OWENS 28 - 31 December 1972

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

(S) Operations continued at a rapid pace throughout the month with MAG-15 aircraft committed entirely to an air-to-ground role until 18 December. The Linebacker Operations in North Vietnam resumed on that date with the result that the MAG-15 fighter squadrons returned to the BARCAP mission. As a consequence, the overall sortie rate dropped due to the requirement of dedicating aircraft to the BARCAP. However, air-to-ground missions continued throughout the period which was characterized by improving weather over the targets and resulted in more visual bombing, especially in Military Region One of South Vietnam. During the month 758 air-to-

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ground sorties, 73 BARCAP sorties and 96 armed road reconnaissance sorties were flown.

(C) Capt EDELEN and a party of missile specialists from MAG-15 went to NAS Cubi Point on 15 December to be briefed and to establish advance liaison with missile and range personnel. This was part of MAG-15's advance planning for the eventuality of missile shoot deployments.

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#### SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

15 December 1972	Capt EDELEN to Cubi Point for missile shoot liaison.
18 December 1972	Linebacker Operations resumed.
30 December 1972	Linebacker Operations suspended.

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#### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

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1. <u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>					
Marine Aircraft Group 15 (S-4)	Major W.J. COOPER 1-31 December 1972					
2. <u>GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>					
Royal Thai Air Force Base Nam Phong, Thailand	1-31 December 1972					
3. <u>STAFF OFFICERS</u>						
Base Development Officer, Asst. S-4	Captain E. SALAN IUK 1-16 December 1972 Captain J. E. RICE 17-31 December 1972					
Embarcation Officer, Buildings and Grounds Officer	1st Lt. J.R. DEFREYTA 1-14 December 1972 1st Lt. R.K. WARGIN 15-31 December 1972					
Ground Safety Officer	1st Lt. K.H. TRECKER 1-31 December 1972					
4. <u>AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH</u>						
	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>			
	<u>OFF</u> 4	<u>ENL</u> 7	<u>OFF</u> 0	<u>ENL</u> 0	<u>OFF</u> 0	<u>ENL</u> 0

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

(U) During the month of December the following changes were affected within the S-4 Division. Captain SALANIUK and First Lieutenant DEFREYTAS were transferred to the Second Marine Aircraft Wing. Captain RICE was transferred from VMFA-115 to replace Captain SALANIUK as Assistant S-4/Base Development Officer. First Lieutenant WARGIN was transferred from VMA(AW)-533 to replace First Lieutenant DEFREYTAS as Embarkation/Building and Grounds Officer.

(U) The following projects were completed and accepted by MAG-15: Warning sirens installed; electrical wiring of clubs; clubs hooked up to Muse power; fire station; Fabrication of numerous embarkation boxes; Replacement of fourteen (14) flourescent light fixtures at hanger; PX connected to Muse power; Culvert installed and road completed on 3rd and 4th Ave; Stage completed; sheds built for reefers at messhall.

(U) On 3 December Lt. Col. EDWARDS, DOD Projects Officer, and NBC representatives from Bob HOPE's staff arrived to survey the show site. Later that day a Field Supply and Maintenance Analysis Office team arrived for an informal visit and assistance on equipment maintenance management.

(U) On 14 December BGen ARMSTRONG, Deputy Commander, FMFPAC, arrived at Nam Phong, and was briefed on the status of MAG-15 embarkation and retrograde.

Enclosure (1)

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 December 1972 MAG-15 starts utilization of Mechanized Embarkation Data (MEDS) system.

3 December 1972 Lt. Col. EDWARDS, DOD Projects Officer, and NBC representatives from Bob HOPE's staff arrive to survey the show site. FSMAO team arrives for an informal visit and assistance.

8 December 1972 Embark Officer conducted a school on MEDS for all squadron embark personnel.

11 December 1972 1st Lt. Wargin joins S-4 to assume duties as Embarkation Officer and Buildings and Grounds Officer

13 December 1972 Numbering of all base facilities began. Captain Rice joins Group S-4 to assume duties of Asst. S-4 and Base Development Officer.

14 December 1972 1st Lt. DEFREYTAS detached from Group S-4 to return to CONUS. BGen ARMSTRONG, Deputy Commander, FMFPAC, arrived in Nam Phong and was briefed on embarkation and retrograde.

16 December 1972 Capt SALANIUK detached from Group S-4 to return to CONUS. Construction begins on MAG-15 CO/XO quarters. Clubs hooked up to MUSE power.

19 December 1972 Quarterly Ground Safety/Safe Driving Council meeting held.

22 December 1972 Bob HOPE stage completed.

26 December 1972 Siren installation completed.

Enclosure (1)

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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