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MARINE AERIAL REFUELER TRANSPORT SQUADRON 152
Marine Aircraft Group 36
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 36 (Attn: S-3)
Subj: Monthly Chronology; month of December 1972
Ref: (a) GruO 5750.3B
Encl: (1) VMGR-152 December Chronology of U. S. Operational support for Vietnam

1. (U) In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. (U) This letter can be downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).


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VMGR-152 DECEMBER CHRONOLOGY OF U. S. OPERATIONS/SUPPORT
FOR VIETNAM

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. (U) <u>Description</u>	<u>Commander</u>
Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152	Lieutenant Colonel D. G. SMITH 1 December 1972 -- 31 December 1972
<u>Staff Officers</u>	
Executive Officer	Major H. W. RODER 1 December 1972 -- 31 December 1972
S-1 Officer	Major P. M. MACK 1 December 1972 -- 31 December 1972
S-2 Officer	Gunnery Sergeant R. Q. BANDONG 1 December 1972 -- 31 December 1972
S-3 Officer	Major D. F. NIELSEN 1 December 1972 -- 31 December 1972
S-4 Officer	Major C. L. DEORNELLAS 1 December 1972 -- 31 December 1972
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Major F. T. O'CONNOR 1 December 1972 -- 31 December 1972
Aviation Safety Officer	Major L. J. ALLEN 1 December 1972 -- 31 December 1972
NATOPS Officer	Captain A. D. LARSON 1 December 1972 -- 31 December 1972

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SUBORDINATE UNITS

(U) VMGR-152 Detach- 1 December 1972 - 31 December 1972
 ment Charlie

VMGR-152 Detach- 1 December 1972 - 31 December 1972
 ment Delta

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. (C) Location

MCAS(H) Futema 1 December 1972 - 31 December 1972
 (VMGR-152)

NAS Cubi Point, 1 December 1972 - 31 December 1972
 Republic of the
 Philippines (De-
 tachment Charlie)

Nam Phong AB, 1 December 1972 - 31 December 1972
 Thailand (Detach-
 ment Delta)

3. (C) Average Monthly Strength

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
USMC	33	261
USN	0	0
OTHER	0	0

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(C) During the month of December 1972, VMGR-152 continued its support of Task Force Delta with three (3) KC-130F aircraft until 19 December when the detachment was increased to four (4) aircraft and of VMCJ-1 with one (1) aircraft at NAS Cubi Point. The squadron also flew VIP missions and conducted local training to prepare co-pilots for their aircraft commander checks. Squadron aircraft flew a total of 141 sorties, logging 440.2 hours, carrying 2358 passengers and 2,556,168 pounds of cargo.

(C) At NAS Cubi Point, Republic of the Philippines, Detachment Charlie with one (1) KC-130F aircraft, continued to provide daily shuttle service for the VMCJ-1 pack-up and maintenance crew, that serviced their squadron's ECM aircraft, which were participating in electronic warfare operations in support of the Seventh Fleet.

(C) Two (2) VIP missions were conducted during the month. During the period 11 - 13 December Major General L. E. BROWN and party were transported to deployed 1st MAW units. Again on 23 December the squadron airlifted Major General BROWN from MCAS(H) Futema to MCAS Iwakuni following a brief visit to Futema.

(U) Biweekly flights to Hong Kong were begun by the unit on 1 December to provide transportation for an exchange program of aviation personnel between the British Army 656th Aviation Squadron and Marine Aircraft Group 36. These flights also carried Marines of the 3rd MarDiv to Hong Kong for weekend liberty.

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 - 31 December (C) One (1) KC-130F aircraft provided support for VMCJ-1 electronic warfare operations at NAS Cubi Point, Republic of the Philippines and Danang AB, Republic of Vietnam.

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- 1 - 18 December (C) Three (3) KC-130F aircraft of Detachment Delta provided aerial refueling operations and limited logistic support for Task Force Delta at Nam Phong AB, Thailand.
- 11 - 13 December (C) Transported Major General L. E. BROWN and party from MCAS Iwakuni to MCAS(H) Futema, NAS Cubi Point, Nam Phong AB, and Bien Hoa AB.
- 19 December (C) Support of Task Force Delta increased to four (4) aircraft.
- 22 December (U) Staff Sergeant R. E. SMITH awarded Marine Corps Aviation Association Fixed Wing Aircrewman of the Year Award by Major General L. E. BROWN who later promoted Staff Sergeant SMITH to Gunnery Sergeant.
- 23 December (U) Major General L. E. BROWN transported to MCAS Iwakuni from MCAS(H) Futema.

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