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Encl: (1) Command Chronology of Marine Attack Squadron 211, period
1 March through 31 March 1969

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is herewith submitted.
2. This letter is declassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. (U) UNITCOMMANDER

Marine Attack Squadron 211

LtCol E. T. GRAHAM JR

2. (U) LOCATION

01-31 March 1969: Chu Lai, Air Base, Republic of South Vietnam

3. (U) STAFF OFFICERS

LtCol J. R. WATERSTREET	Commanding Officer	01-15 March 1969
LtCol E. T. GRAHAM JR	Commanding Officer	16-31 March 1969
Maj B. B. RUTHERFORD	Executive Officer	01-31 March 1969
Sgt Maj O. E. GAMBLE	Sergeant Major	01-31 March 1969
CWO2 G. A. O'CONNELL	Admin Officer	01-15 March 1969
Capt J. C. BEEM	Admin Officer	16-31 March 1969
1stLt R. B. LAMBDIN	Material Officer	01-31 March 1969
Maj E. A. HOMER	Aviation Safety Officer	01-31 March 1969
Maj N. L. DERICKSON	Operations Officer	01-31 March 1969
Maj D. L. POSPISIL	Intelligence Officer	01-31 March 1969
Maj R. F. WARREN	NATOPS Officer	01-31 March 1969
Lt (MC) J. A. STEWART	Flight Surgeon	01-31 March 1969

4. (U) AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSNOFFICERS ENLISTEDOFFICERS ENLISTED

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. (U) PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATIONa. Promotions

Gunnery Sergeant to Master Sergeant	1
Staff Sergeant to Gunnery Sergeant	2
Sergeant to Staff Sergeant	2
Corporal to Sergeant	6
Lance Corporal to Corporal	2
Private First Class to Lance Corporal	3

b. Awards

Silver Star	3
Bronze Star	16
Purple Hearts	5
Air Medals	51
Good Conduct Medals	6

2. (U) AIR OPERATIONSa. Summary of Flight Hours

Combat Sorties	838
Combat Hours	947.3
Non-Combat Sorties	35
Non-Combat Hours	35.5
Night Combat Hours	104.4
Total Flight Hours	982.8

b. Summary of Flight Missions

<u>Type Mission</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Hours</u>
TPQ	210	243.0
CAS	333	375.6
DAS	169	174.3
LZP	2	2.0
ST	87	99.6
VR	9	9.9
CAP	28	43.8

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(c) (C) Operations Supported

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of Missions</u>
Steel Tiger	87
Dewey Canyon	38
Taylor Common	36
Kentucky Jumper	28
Purple Martin	26
Maine Craig	24
Scotland II	20
Massachusetts Striker	12
Nevada Eagle	12
Lynn River	8
Lancaster II	6
Victory Dragon	6
Russel Beach	4
Vernon Lake	4
Oklahoma Hills	2
Hawkins Listings	2
Blue Spruce	2
Fayette Canyon	2
Hardon Falls	2
Miscellaneous	<u>517</u>

Total Missions 838

(d) (C) Casualties Inflicted on Enemy

Structures Destroyed	269
Trenchline Destroyed	605 Meters
Trail Destroyed	140 Meters
Bunkers Destroyed	102
Secondary Fires	66
Secondary Explosions	41
Fighting Holes Destroyed	38
Bunkers Damaged	36
Structures Damaged	27
Confirmed KBA's	12
Vehicles destroyed	9
Probable KBA's	7
Tunnels destroyed	6
Road Cuts	5
A A Sites Destroyed	4
Bridge Destroyed	4

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(d) (C)(cont)

Motorized Junk Destroyed	1
Artillery piece damaged	1
Dam destroyed	1
Cave destroyed	1

(e) (C) Ordnance DeliveredType Ordnance

5.00 ZUNI	295
MK 12 FS	4
MK 77 CS	8
MK 77 FIRE BOMB	456
MK 81 BOMB	2497
MK 82 BOMB	2276
MK 83 BOMB	87
MK 84 BOMB	3
CBU 24	4
ROCKEYE	37
BULLPUP C	11
20 MM ROUNDS MK-12 Gun	6725
20 MM ROUNDS MK-4 Gun Pod	9710
Total Tonnage	1227.65

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. (U) All operations during the reporting period of 01 through 31 March 1969 were conducted from Chu Lai, Air Base, Republic of Vietnam.

2. (U) During the month of March, the squadron continued its efforts in civil affairs. More material was received from "Operation Plane Load", organized by the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Lion's Club. Twice during the month soap and toothbrushes were distributed to orphans in the Ly Tin district. At present the squadron is in the process of sorting clothes for distribution to orphans in the Ly Tin district.

3. (U) Awards

a. There were 4 DFC's recommended for squadron pilots for heroic combat service; a DFC was awarded to Captain P. B. WYRICK; and a single mission air medal to Major N. L. DERICKSON. L/Cpl MORRISON was awarded a bronze star medal for heroic action resulting from rocket attack on night of 20 Aug 1968. As a result of the rocket attack on 21 March 1969, the following medals were awarded:

SILVER STAR

Maj E. A. HOMER
1stLt R. R. RIVERS
LCpl P. C. O'LEARY

PURPLE HEARTS

Maj A. OSEGUERA
1stLt R. R. RIVERS
Sgt J. MCCAFFERY
Cpl J. H. CAVANAUGH
LCpl P. C. O'LEARY

BRONZE STAR

Maj B. B. RUTHERFORD
Maj A. OSEGUERA
Maj W. F. NORDELL
Capt R. P. TOETTCHER
1stLt R. A. HELLBUSCH
1stLt R. J. SCHEFFLER
1stLt W. H. ROOKS
GySgt S. B. GAINES
SSgt T. A. BROWN
Cpl J. H. CAVANAUGH
LCpl D. K. DEPUTY
LCpl R. H. SCHAEFFER
LCpl J. M. MOORE
LCpl R. C. TRACY
LCpl J. MATSON
LCpl J. L. WALTER

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3. (U) Awards (cont)

b. As a result of the rocket attack on 21 March 1969 the following awards were recommended:

SILVER STAR

Sgt M. J. MCCAFFERY

BRONZE STAR

LCpl M. HUBSTER JR

NCM

GySgt R. WILKERSON

SSgt W. B. MURRAY

Cpl R. V. BOYLE

LCpl C. E. PADGETT

Cpl T. M. HEIMEL

Cpl M. A. PEREZ

Pfc G. R. HAKALA

Cpl L. C. BERTRAM

Cpl R. E. PERRY

4. (U) The combat experience level of the squadron pilots remains high with 81% having flown over 100 combat missions. During the month Major A. OSEGUERA, Captain P. B. WYRICK, First Lieutenant R. D. LAYTON flew their 200th missions.

5. (C) During March the squadron flew 838 combat sorties for 947.8 combat hours, while delivering 1,227.65 tons of ordnance on enemy positions and in support of operations listed in PART III, paragraph 2.(c).

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