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Encl: (1) Marine Attack Squadron-211 Command Chronology (U)

1. In compliance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. This letter is downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY (U)

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA (C)1. (U) UNITCOMMANDING OFFICER

Marine Attack Squadron Two One One - LtCol D. G. RANNEY

2. (U) LOCATION

Bien Hoa AB, Republic of Vietnam

3. (U) STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

- Maj W. F. HORNER

Administrative Officer

- Capt F. M. RIVERS (1 Nov - 6 Nov)

- Capt S. T. SUNDERMAN (7 Nov -
30 Nov)

Intelligence Officer

- Capt J. M. MALONEY

Operations Officer

- Maj M. V. GRIFFITH

Logistics Officer

- Capt G. A. AMPAGOOMIAN

Maintenance Officer

- Capt R. L. GATEWOOD

4. (C) AVERAGE STRENGTHUSMCUSNOFFICERSENLISTEDOFFICERS ENLISTED

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PART II.NARRATIVE SUMMARY (C)

1. (U) During November, VMA-211 continued to conduct combat operations from Bien Hoa AB, Republic of Vietnam.

2. (U) Of 906.8 hours flown in November, 766 sorties for 893.5 hours were flown on CAS/DAS missions in MR III and MR IV, Republic of Vietnam and in the Khmer Republic.

3. (U) Operations for this month were marred by the loss of one squadron aircraft:

On 9 November, 1stLt J. M. KEMPER, ejected from CF-08, BuNo 151191, while on take-off roll. The aircraft blew a tire just at rotation airspeed and began to decelerate. Lt KEMPER attempted to abort his take-off but was unable to control a severe right drift and ejected as the aircraft departed the right side of the runway. The pilot received no injuries. The aircraft plowed through the grass for a few thousand feet before burning. It was a total loss.

4. (U) Ordnance delivered in November:

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|--------------|---|-------------|
| Bomb, Mk-81 | - | 2,106 |
| " , Mk-82 | - | 2,954 |
| " , Mk-83 | - | 152 |
| Rockets, 5" | - | 508 |
| Rounds, 20MM | - | 14,539 |
| Poundage | - | 2,330,411.2 |
| Tonnage | - | 1,165.2 |

5. (C) Bomb damage assessments for November:

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|------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Killed By Air | - | 31 Confirmed, 2 Probable |
| Structures | - | 64 Destroyed, 43 Damaged |
| Bunkers | - | 101 Destroyed, 12 Damaged |
| Sampan | - | 25 Destroyed, 9 Damaged |
| .51 Cal Guns | - | 4 Destroyed, 1 Damaged, 1 Probable |
| Fortified Fighting Positions | - | 144 Destroyed, 40 Damaged |
| Supply Caches | - | 3 Destroyed, |
| Bridges | - | 4 Destroyed, 5 Damaged |

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One Truck Damaged
One Tank Destroyed
One Gunpit Destroyed
One Recoilless Rifle Destroyed
One Lambretta Destroyed
200 Meters of Trenchline Destroyed
One Communications Center Destroyed
One Ferry Destroyed
Two Roads Cut
One Water Tower Damaged

6. (U) There was one aircraft accident and two incidents in November.

7. (U) There was no battle damage sustained by any squadron aircraft this month.

8. (U) At 0300, 12 November and again at 0515 on the same date, Bien Hoa AB received approximately 50 incoming 122MM rockets. There were no casualties inflicted on squadron personnel nor was there any damage to aircraft.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS (U)1. (U) SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

9 November - 1stLt J. M. KEMPER ejected from CF-08.

12 November - Rocket attack on Bien Hoa AB, at 0300H and 0515H.

2. (U) PERSONNEL

a. Promotions: 4 LCpl's to Cpl
1 Lt to Capt

b. The average total strength of the squadron was 153

c. AWARDS

One Navy Commendation Medal was recommended in November.

The following medals were awarded:

Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, with Silver Star

Captain D. A. KIRSCHKE

Good Conduct Medal

GySgt W. G. BERRY
GySgt L. L. ROBERTSON
Sgt B. E. CARTER
Sgt T. R. CREWS
Cpl C. M. PAGE

A Meritorious Mast was awarded to Cpl R. J. PARKER for being selected the VMA-211 Plane Captain of the Month.

3. (U) INTELLIGENCE

VMA-211's S-2 continued to function at group level, having been consolidated with VMA-311's and MAG-12's Intelligence Sections.

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4. (U) AIR OPERATIONS

- a. Total Flight Time - 906.8 Hours
- b. Total Sorties - 772
- c. Combat Flight Time - 893.5 Hours
- d. Combat Sorties - 766
- e. Ordnance Delivered - 1,165.2 Tons

5. (U) AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE

a. General. Due to the nonavailability of data in the time frame allowed for this report, all information is for the month of October.

(1) There were 8280 items processed and 17,159 man hours expended in general support of flight operations. The man hours per flight hour were 9.7, a reduction from the previous month.

(2) Much emphasis was placed on the CP-741 Weapons Release Computer which accounted for 76 items processed and 463.4 man hours expended. The daily availability of Up CP-741's was about 70%. The ASQ-17 was again a high usage item, 86 items being processed. Direct maintenance of ECM equipment accounted for 160 items processed and 364.6 man hours expended.

(3) There were 67 items cannibalized in October. This is a slight decrease from the previous month but still remains quite high. Supply support remains a problem forcing this high rate.

(4) Data processing readouts and reports are either non-existent or are so late that they are of little use to the maintenance supervisor. Local logs must be utilized to offset this deficiency

b. AACP's There were 93 AACP's for the month of October 1972. The high five items were:

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| Gyro | 6 |
| Fuel Control | 5 |

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|-------------------|---|
| Elbow | 4 |
| Compass Adarter | 3 |
| Displacement Gyro | 2 |

c. PRESENT STATUS OF AIRCRAFT.

| <u>A1</u> | <u>D90</u> | <u>D80</u> |
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d. AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY. There was an average availability of 13.1 for the month of October 1972.PART IVSUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (U)

-NONE-

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