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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 October 1969 - 31 October 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION	COMMANDER
III Marine Amphibious Force	Lieutenant General Herman NICKERSON Jr., U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69
	DEPUTY COMMANDER
	Major General George S. BOWMAN Jr., U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69

SUBORDINATE UNITS

XXIV Corps	Lieutenant General Melvin ZAIS, U. S. Army 1-31Oct69
3d Marine Division	Major General William K. JONES, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69
101st Airborne Division (Airmobile)	Major General John M. WRIGHT, U. S. Army 1-31Oct69
1st Marine Division	Major General Ormond R. SIMPSON, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69
1st Marine Aircraft Wing	Major General William G. THRASH, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69
Americal Division	Major General Lloyd B. RAMSEY, U. S. Army 1-31Oct69
Force Logistic Command	Brigadier General James A. FEELEY, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69

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Headquarters and Service Company III Marine Amphibious Force Headquarters Commandant	Lieutenant Colonel Robert M. WINTER, U. S. Marine Corps 1-17Oct69
	Colonel Frank X. HOFF, U. S. Marine Corps 18-31Oct69

ATTACHED UNITS

1st Radio Battalion	Lieutenant Colonel Delos M. HOPKINS, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69
29th Civil Affairs Company	Lieutenant Colonel Robert R. RAFFERTY, U. S. Army 1-31Oct69
7th Psychological Operations Battalion	Lieutenant Colonel Gerhard L. JACOBSON, U. S. Army 1-31Oct69

2. LOCATION

1-31 October 1969, East Danang, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Deputy Commanding General, Air	Major General George S. BOWMAN Jr., U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69
Chief of Staff	Brigadier General George E. DOOLEY, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69
Deputy Chief of Staff	Colonel Lewis G. POGGEMEYER, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69
Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans	Brigadier General William A. BURKE, U. S. Army 1-31Oct69

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Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1	Colonel Robert L. PARNELL Jr., U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2	Colonel John S. CANTON, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3	Brigadier General Leo J. DULACKI, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69
Deputy G-3	Colonel Roy L. REED, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4	Colonel Oliver R. DAVIS U. S. Marine Corps 1-20Oct69
	Colonel Robert J. BARBOUR U. S. Marine Corps 3-31Oct69
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5	Colonel Clifford J. PEABODY, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-6	Colonel Sam A. DRESSIN, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69
Force Psychological Operations Officer	Colonel William E. BARBER, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69
Force Supply Officer	Colonel John C. BOULWARE, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69
Force Staff Judge Advocate	Colonel Marion G. TRUESDALE, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69
Force Engineer Officer	Colonel Thomas C. SHANAHAN, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69

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Force Adjutant	Lieutenant Colonel Henry C. CAMPBELL, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69
Assistant Chief of Staff, Comptroller	Lieutenant Colonel Joseph M. VOSMIK, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69
Force Informational Services Officer	Colonel Charles B. REDMAN, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69
Officer in Charge, Combat Operations Center	Lieutenant Colonel William C. BRITT, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69
Force Food Service Officer	Lieutenant Colonel Leslie P. DAY, U. S. Marine Corps 1-30Oct69
	Captain Edwin J. COYLE, U. S. Marine Corps 4-31Oct69
Force Chaplain	Captain Eugene S. SWANSON, U. S. Navy 1-31Oct69
Force Surgeon	Captain Charles E. KEE, U. S. Navy 1-31Oct69
Force Dental Officer	Captain John G. CHUDZINSKI, U. S. Navy 1-15Oct69
	Captain Van L. JOHNSON, U. S. Navy 16-31Oct69
Force Motor Transport Officer	Lieutenant Colonel Morris S. SHIMANOFF, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69

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Staff Secretary	Lieutenant Colonel Charles G. COOPER, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69
Protocol Officer	Lieutenant Colonel Paul F. MAGINNIS, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69
Force Special Services Officer	Colonel George W. CALLEN, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69
Force Ordnance Officer	Colonel Robert E. PARROTT, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69
Director, Transportation Control Center	Lieutenant Colonel William H. TARRANT, U. S. Army 1-31Oct69
Force Inspector	Colonel David H. SIMMONS, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69
USMC Liaison Officer, ROKMC	Lieutenant Colonel Thomas E. BULGER, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69
USMC Liaison Officer, MACV USMC Liaison Officer, 7th AF	Colonel Richard H. RAINFORTH, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Oct69

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

a. III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE HEADQUARTERS

	OFFICERS				ENLISTED			
	USMC	USN	USA	USAF	USMC	USN	USA	USAF
H&SCO, III MAF	15	2	0	0	316	12	0	0
HQ STAFF, III MAF	215	4	27	1	528	13	9	1
CAG'S	42	0	0	0	1924	132	0	0
1ST RAD BN (-)	26	0	0	0	355	14	0	0
29TH CA CO (ATT)	0	0	71	0	0	0	113	0
7TH PSYOPS BN (SUP)	0	0	37	0	0	0	154	0

b. III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

OFFICERS				ENLISTED			
USMC	USN	USA	USAF	USMC	USN	USA	USAF
4526	385	5664	21	62198	2495	55177	25

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. INTRODUCTION

a. GENERAL. During October 1969, III Marine Amphibious Force Headquarters was located in East Danang, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam. The average personnel strength was 130,491, a decrease of 5,008 under the previous month.

b. ACTIVITIES. III Marine Amphibious Force continued to be guided by COMUSMACV Directive 10-11 dated 1 November 1968 in pursuit of its objectives for October 1969.

2. OVERALL EVALUATION

a. GENERAL. Communist activity decreased again during the month to the lowest level in 1969. Significant engagements were spread throughout I Corps with no heavy contacts. Enemy activity was light and scattered with the concentration of activity in the Northern ICTZ during the first part of the month. This decrease in activity was partially due to the rainfall in the first half of the month which set a record for the month of 75.06 inches at Hue and averaged 48.72 inches through I Corps. The remaining elements of the Third Marine Division completed their stand down with 15 enemy killed in action added to give them a final total of 5,060 enemy killed for the year. The First Brigade Fifth Mechanized terminated operation Norton Falls with 60 enemy killed in action and commenced operation Fulton Square as they, together with the First ARVN Division, assumed responsibility for the Third Marine Division Area of Operation. First Marine Division continued rice denial operations killing 415 of the enemy. To the south, Americal Division continued operations with the 196th Brigade, in operation Frederick Hill, killing 166 enemy and the 11th Brigade, in operation Iron Mountain, killing 119 enemy.

On major operations the Marine Corps received 12 WIA while accounting for 26 enemy KIA. Marine Corps small unit operations had 26 friendly KIA and 241 WIA with 415 enemy KIA. On major operations the U.S. Army received 45 KIA and 247 WIA while inflicting 503 enemy kills. On small unit operations the U. S. Army received 1 KIA and 41 WIA with 20 enemy KIA.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING OCTOBER 1969

1. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

a. GENERAL. During the month of October 1969 there were eight major unit operations conducted in the I Corps Tactical Zone. Seven of these operations were conducted by U. S. Army units and one by U. S. Marine Corps units. Results of these operations for the month are listed below:

	FND CAS		EN CAS		
MAJOR OPERATIONS	KIA	WIA	KIA	WC	PERIOD
FREDERICK HILL	8	43	166	29	1-31Oct69
GENEVA PARK	6	29	33	53	1-31Oct69
IRON MOUNTAIN	11	67	119	50	1-31Oct69
PIPESTONE CANYON	0	12	26	1	1-31Oct69
NANTUCKET BEACH	5	36	21	4	1-31Oct69
REPUBLIC SQUARE	9	45	67	67	1-31Oct69
NORTON FALLS	5	21	57	20	1-31Oct69
FULTON SQUARE	1	6	14	8	22-31Oct69
SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS					
NORTHERN ICTZ	3	46	35	17	1-31Oct69
DANANG TAOR	26	241	415	63	1-31Oct69

b. EVENTS. During the month of October the following significant contacts were reported in chronological order:

At 011805H a 1st Marine Division recon team observed 25 NVA 1½ kms northwest of An Hoa and called in artillery resulting in seven enemy KIA.

At 020155H B/1-77 Mechanized Infantry while in night defensive position five kms southwest of Con Thien received small arms fire, RPG's and mortars fire from an estimated NVA company attacking from the north. Fire was returned with organic weapons and artillery. One tank and two armored personnel carriers were hit by RPG's. Contact terminated at 0400H. The area was swept at first light by B/1-77 and D/1-11 Infantry. Results: 14 NVA KIA, 1 PW, 4 IWC and 7 CSWC with 1 US KIA and 22 WIA. They also found 60 ChiCom grenades and 30 B-40 rounds.

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At 021200H D/1/1 Marines observed five VC moving east, nine kms northwest of Hoi An and engaged the enemy with small arms fire resulting in five VC KIA with no friendly casualties.

At 020709H 4/4 ARVN contacted an unknown size enemy force and exchanged small arms and automatic weapons fire 13½ kms south-southwest of Duc Pho. A sweep of the area revealed five enemy KIA and one individual weapon. There were no friendly casualties.

At 022100H Popular Force Platoon 15 engaged an estimated 40 VC with small arms fire vicinity Dong Binh Hamlet eight kms South-southeast of Chu Lai resulting in three VC KIA and two individual weapons captured with no friendly casualties. The remaining VC proceeded to Dong Binh Hamlet where they threw a grenade into a civilian home killing three Vietnamese civilians and wounding three more.

At 050500H 2/1 ARVN conducted a raid on an unknown size enemy force 14 kms south-southwest of Quang Tri city resulting in eight enemy KIA, three individual weapons captured and three crew served weapons captured with no friendly casualties.

At 071305H the Ha Thanh Strike Force Company initiated contact with an unknown size NVA force eight kms northwest of Ba To resulting in six NVA KIA with no friendly casualties.

At 090100H L/3/4 Marines while guarding Khe Gio bridge on route 9, 4½ kms east of the rockpile, received a combined mortar and ground attack by an estimated two sapper platoons from the south. SPOOKY was on station at 0145H. Contact terminated at about 0400H and medevac was completed at 0440H. Results: five VC KIA and two individual weapons captured with eight USMC KIA and 16 wounded in action.

At 090030H CAP 1-4-4 while surrounding a hamlet 13½ kms northeast of Quang Ngai city received 35 82MM mortar rounds and small arms fire from an estimated two VC platoons. The CAP returned organic weapons fire and called a mortar mission on the enemy causing them to break contact and flee northwest. A sweep of the area under illumination revealed several drag marks and blood trails. Results: three civilians wounded and one civilian male abducted. At 0100H, RF Company 380 three kms to the south-southwest received approximately 75 82MM mortar rounds and small arms fire from an estimated VC company. The RF's returned organic weapons fire and

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artillery. Results: 23 VC KIA and seven individual weapons captured with three RF KIA and six RF WIA. At the same time, 600 meters further south CAP 1-4-5 received 25 to 30 82MM mortar rounds and small arms fire with negative casualties or damage.

At 091700H a platoon from "A" Troop 2/17th Cavalry made contact with an estimated 10 NVA seven kms north-northwest of Fire Support Base Neville resulting in six enemy KIA with one friendly KIA and one WIA.

At 091500H E/2/7 Marines, while on a company sweep 12 kms west-northwest of Que Son, observed 40 to 50 enemy in small groups moving east. Artillery was adjusted on the enemy causing them to evade into a treeline. An FO with 2/7 counted 21 enemy that had been killed by artillery. A sweep of the area confirmed many blood marks and the enemy was observed at a range of 500 meters draging three bodies away.

At 121225H a 3d Marine Division Recon team received small arms fire from five or six NVA 10 kms south-southwest of Dong Ha. An AO was called on station and directed artillery on the enemy. A search of the area following the artillery mission disclosed six NVA KIA (by artillery), four bunkers and blood trails.

At 132400H a platoon of B/3-187th Infantry observed 25 VC near their position six kms northwest of Camp Evans. 15 of the enemy began moving east. The soldiers engaged the VC with small arms fire and received small arms fire and RPG's in return. The enemy broke contact and a subsequent sweep disclosed six enemy KIA and three individual weapons captured. There was one friendly WIA.

At 141600H 21 Hoi Chanhs with weapons turned themselves in at Thang Binh in northeastern Quang Tin Province. The Hoi Chanhs stated they were local guerillas and would fight for the RVN.

At 151500H G/2/7 Marines observed two bunkers and initiated recon by fire eight kms northwest of Que Son. The enemy returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons and eight 82MM mortar rounds. Artillery was called and the area was swept. Results: eight NVA KIA with 10 USMC WIA.

At 181900H in operation Pipestone Canyon a Hoi Chanh working with 3d ITT identified 19 VC who were trying to pass through a cordon one km south of Hill 55. The VC were forwarded to the 1st Marine Division PW Camp.

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At 210845H 2/5 Marines in defensive position at Hill 65 observed approximately 30 enemy moving north seven kms west-southwest of Liberty Bridge. An artillery mission was called resulting in five VC KIA. The remaining enemy evaded to the northwest.

At 211920H a squad from C/2-502d Infantry ambushed an estimated eight VC 10 kms west-northwest of Phu Loc resulting in five VC KIA and five individual weapons captured with no friendly casualties.

At 211610H a 1st Marine Division Recon team observed 14 NVA coming out of a tunnel 10 kms northeast of Thuong Duc. The Marines engaged the NVA with small arms fire resulting in five enemy KIA with no friendly casualties.

At 231230H a 1st Marine Division Recon team observed 40 NVA moving east in a treeline 2½ kms north-northeast of An Hoa. Artillery was fired on the enemy resulting in seven NVA KIA.

At 231930H M/3/1 Marines observed five enemy in a treeline vicinityHill 55. An 81MM mortar mission was called and the area was swept disclosing five VC KIA.

At 232000H K/3/1 Marines in conjunction with CAP 2-7-1 called artillery and 81MM mortars on a suspected enemy position five kms north-northeast of Liberty Bridge. A sweep of the area revealed five VC KIA.

At 240434H an unknown size enemy force, while approaching the D/1-11th Infantry forward position seven kms northwest of Cam Lo, was engaged with organic weapons. Defensive concentrations and illumination were called. The enemy retaliated with grenades. Results: five enemy KIA, three individual weapons captured and two crew served weapons captured with no friendly casualties. The soldiers also captured 34 ChiCom grenades, six B-40 rounds, 16 AK-47 magazines, five rucksacks and numerous canteens.

At 240800H 1/3/5 Marines observed 16 enemy seven kms north-east of An Hoa and engaged them with small arms fire and LAAW's. Results: five VC KIA with no friendly casualties.

At 241015H a 1st Marine Division Recon team observed 10 VC milling around a bunker five kms northwest of An Hoa. The team called an artillery mission killing five VC and destroying the bunker.

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At 251300H a 1st Marine Division Recon team observed 55 enemy moving east nine kms north of An Hoa. An artillery mission was called resulting in six enemy KIA.

At 251355H the 25th ROK Company while on a search and clear operation discovered a camouflaged tunnel containing eight VC 9½ kms northwest of Hoi An. The ROK's engaged the VC with small arms fire resulting in three enemy KIA and five PW with no friendly casualties.

At 260900H H Troop 17th Cavalry observed and engaged six NVA 17 kms west-northwest of Quang Ngai city resulting in six NVA KIA and four individual captured with no friendly casualties. The soldiers also captured six ChiCom grenades.

At 300915H two UH-1B Helo gunships providing cover for a 2/5 Marine troop lift observed several groups of NVA, each consisting of 2-10 individuals five kms west-southwest of Liberty Bridge. Upon sighting the gunships, the groups broke and ran. The gunships took the NVA under fire with rockets and automatic fire resulting in 20 NVA killed by air as observed by the pilots.

At 301000H a platoon from A/1/5 Marines observed two gunships from HML-367 firing on a village six kms west-southwest of Liberty Bridge. A patrol was sent to search the area and found seven NVA KIA. Two NVA who were trying to escape were killed by small arms fire. A complete sweep of the area was made. The village was deserted except for the NVA.

At 301645H A/1/5 Marines observed 12 VC moving north six kms west-southwest of Liberty Bridge and engaged the VC with small arms fire resulting in six VC KIA with no friendly casualties.

2. <u>CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY</u>. See page 24

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3. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES SUSTAINED

a. III MAF CASUALTIES

(1) Battle

KIA			WIA			DOW			MIA		
USMC	USN	USA	USMC	USN	USA	USMC	USN	USA	USMC	USN	USA
57	2	67	414	30	651	9	0	2	2	0	14

(2) Non-Battle

DEATHS			INJ/ILL		
USMC	USN	USA	USMC	USN	USA
22	0	24	1924	290	2132

b. NUMBER OF COURTS-MARTIAL TRIED:

Summary	99
Special	99
General	9

c. SHORT TONS OF MAIL SENT AND RECEIVED BY III MAF:

Sent: 138 Received: 451

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4. Personnel

a. Special Services Activities

(1) Freedom Hill Recreation Complex

(a) THEATER: The 35MM Indoor Theater was operational 31 days during the month of October 1969.

(b) BOWLING ALLEY: A contract has been negotiated with Brunswick Corporation to repair the bowling alleys during November 1969.

(c) CAFETERIA: On 11 October 1969 the cafeteria was opened.

(2) R&R Activities (Out-of-Country)

(a) Of 5,567 seats allocated to III MAF, 4,378 were filled for 78.6% utilization. Of 7,079 seats allocated to III MAF (including Naval Forces in I Corps), 5,582 were filled for 78.8% utilization. Total allocations for Danang R&R Center consisted of 11,208 of which 10,944 were filled for utilization percentage of 97.7%.

SITE	III MAF	I CORPS	TOTAL
Sydney	949	1,361	2,310
Tokyo	263	401	664
Singapore	98	640	738
Hawaii	1,157	1,426	2,583
Hong Kong	461	780	1,241
Taipei	436	448	884
Bangkok	701	1,150	1,851
Manila	149	310	459
Okinawa	164	50	214
TOTALS	4,378	6,566	10,944

(3) R&R Activities (In-Country)

(a) Quotas allocated were utilized by 1,672 personnel. This does not include daily users. Daily users for the month of October totaled approximately 6,800.

(4) Entertainment

Fixed Water (CMTS)	1-6 Oct	Musical
Franz Jackson (USO)	4-9 Oct	Musical Variety
Gary Vinson (USO)	8-14 Oct	Handshake Tour
Sgt. Bill Ellis USA (CMTS)	19-27 Oct	Musical
Other Brothers (CMTS)	22-31 Oct	Musical
Dalton Fuller (USO)	31-4Nov	Musical Variety

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(5) MARS Activities (20 Stations in I Corps)

(a) Messages sent	9,818
(b) Messages received	6,828
(c) Phone patches sent and received	12,043
(d) Hospital calls	253

(6) Tape Facility

(a) 11,481 prerecorded musical tapes were produced during this reporting period.

(b) 9,417 prerecorded musical tapes were sold during this reporting period.

(7) Film Library

(a) 112 16mm films were received from Army and Air Force Motion Picture Service - Pacific, Saigon and put into the circuits in I Corps area.

(b) 145 16mm films were repaired by this facility.

(8) Stars and Stripes Distribution

(a) 40,437 Stars and Stripes free issue newspapers were distributed in the I Corps area on a daily basis.

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b. Force Chaplain

1 Oct Force Chaplain called on 1st Marine Air Wing Chaplain to discuss problems of chaplain distribution.

2 Oct Force Chaplain received call from Dr. Gordon Smith to discuss financing plans for completion of Hochmuth Memorial Baby Pavilion.

4-5 Oct Force Chaplain served as official escort for Dr. William Reiss, endorsing agent for Lutheran chaplains. Visits were made to chaplains at 1st MAW, 1st MarDiv, Camp Tien Sha, and FLC. Force Chaplain conducted services at III MAF Chapel on 5 October.

7-9 Oct Force Chaplain was on TAD orders to Saigon to attend MACV Command Chaplains Conference and MACV Commanding General's briefing.

11 Oct Force Chaplain visited Sacred Heart Orphanage of China Beach. He also conducted a one hour briefing for the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, on the Force Chaplain's Civic Action Program.

12 Oct The Force Chaplain conducted the III MAF Chapel Service in the morning and a Marine Supervisory Chaplain's Meeting in the afternoon.

13 Oct The Force Chaplain escorted a USO troupe of TV stars on a visit to the Sacred Heart Orphanage of China Beach.

14 Oct The Force Chaplain gave an address for the I Corps Conference of Navy Chaplains at Camp Haskins (North), Red Beach.

15 Oct The Force Chaplain presented China Beach Orphanage with a $500.00 contribution donated by a Mr. & Mrs. Wark as a memorial to their son. The Force Chaplain was a guest of the I Corps Catholic Chaplains in conjunction with a Day of Recollection.

16 Oct The Force Chaplain met with the XXIV Corps Chaplain to discuss reorganization plans. The Force Chaplain was a guest in the evening at the Commanding General's Mess, 1st Marine Air Wing.

17 Oct The Force Chaplain participated in the dedication of the MAG 11 Chapel.

18 Oct The Force Chaplain visited the Sacred Heart School of Danang and the Roman Catholic Cathedral of Danang.

19 Oct The Force Chaplain attended chapel services in the morning at the 1st Marine Air Wing Chapel and in the afternoon at MACS-4 on Monkey Mountain.

20-21 Oct The Force Chaplain was official escort for the new MACV Command Chaplain in a familiarization tour of Danang area. Visits were made to chaplains of all commands and to Freedom Hill USO and Red Cross Centers. A Danang Supervisory Chaplains Conference was also conducted.

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22 Oct The Force Chaplain met with Dr. Gordon Smith of the China Beach Orphanage for further planning in connection with the Hochmuth Memorial.

23 Oct The Force Chaplain traveled to Hoi An where visits were made to II CAG, the Dieu Nahn Buddhist Orphanage, and the Sacred Heart Orphanage. A donation of $250.00 was given to the Dieu Nahn Orphanage for supplemental support, and $400.00 was given to the Sacred Heart Orphanage. In the afternoon, the Force Chaplain delivered $6,450.00 to Rev. Gordon Smith for completion of the Hochmuth Memorial.

24 Oct The Force Chaplain received calls in the morning from the 1st Marine Air Wing Chaplain and the senior Chaplain of NSA to discuss religious activities. He attended the Chief of Staff and Commanding General's Conference in the afternoon. Later the Force Chaplain, accompanied by Major Chung, ARVN liaison officer, delivered 28 ceiling fans to the Phan Thanh Gian School of Danang.

25 Oct The Force Chaplain visited the Happy Haven Leprosarium, located below Hai Van Pass, in conjunction with a dedication ceremony of 4 new buildings.

26 Oct The Force Chaplain conducted a Reformation Day Service at the III MAF Chapel in the morning. In the afternoon he delivered the invocation for the Protestant Monthly Rally at China Beach. In the evening, he was guest of the Commanding General at a dinner in honor of Dr. Robert Humphrey.

27 Oct The Force Chaplain was visited by Major General A.E.S. Begbie, Chaplain General of the Australian Army.

28 Oct The Force Chaplain escorted the Commanding General of the 1st Marine Air Wing on a tour of the China Beach Orphanage.

29 Oct The Force Chaplain hosted Dr. Robert Humphrey at breakfast at the O-6 mess. He attended Dr. Humphrey's presentation at 0900. The Force Chaplain received a visit from Bishop Gallagher of Catholic Charities. In the afternoon, the Force Chaplain conducted the Monthly I Corps Supervisory Chaplains Conference.

30 Oct The Force Chaplain visited the Duy Tan Hospital and presented health and comfort kits to 95 wounded ARVN troops.

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. Intelligence

a. General Enemy Situation. The enemy initiated activity continued to decrease in tempo and intensity. This decrease was reflected in all the major areas of enemy activity. Enemy initiated ground incidents decreased from 1,328 to 869; the lowest number recorded for the year. The number of enemy incoming rounds also declined from 3,87[illegible] to 2,193; well below the average of 4,292. The number of enemy killed in action decreased from 3,016 to 7,119. This is the lowest number of enemy killed in one month in the past two years. The most notable statistic was in the number of Hoi Chanhs. The number of Hoi Chanhs for October was 764, 206 above July's record of 558.

In contrast, counterintelligence related VC/VCI activities during the month reflected no discernible change in tactics, policy, or intensity and was consistent with the enemy's "three-pronged attack" policy featuring concerted political and proselyting efforts coupled with economy of force. VC/VCI activities during October reflected a continuation of tactics and policies to discredit and neutralize pacification efforts which are apparently being deeply felt by the VC Infrastructure. In addition, considerable enemy effort was focused on the collection, storage, distribution and transportation of rice. Of notable significance were captured documents and military source reports which reflected widespread enemy frustration concerning the morale, disaffection, and defection of both his civilian and military personnel.

The heaviest activity was focused in the central and eastern DMZ area of QUANG TRI Province where elements of the 27th NVA Regiment fought several sharp engagements with B/1-77 Armor, 1-11 Mechanized Infantry and elements of 3/4 Marines in the vicinities of the ROCKPILE and CON THIEN. In the latter part of the month the enemy concentrated his efforts against ARVN units operating in the eastern DMZ area near GIO LINH. To the south, attacks by fire were directed against ARVN and FWMAF installations and fire support bases. On the 21st, the enemy directed 82mm mortar fire on MARBLE MOUNTAIN Air Facility causing varying degrees of damage to six helicopters and some facilities. The enemy's efforts continued to be [illegible] harassing attacks against both regular combat formations and pacification security elements. For the most part there were continuing indications that a number of major elements are moving deeper into the mountains for training, rest and reorientation, while maintaining vertical positions within striking distance of major population centers and [illegible] installations. Statements of [illegible] and reports of [illegible] pursue a course of [illegible]

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[illegible] order of [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible], the enemy [illegible] appears to be on establishing [illegible] strengthening [illegible] force units and [illegible] organizations, while NVA and main force units move into the highlands. For the most part, particularly large units have sought to avoid contact while leaving elements behind to store rice, build bunkers and huts in preparation for the unit's return. A growing number of reports indicate that the 141st NVA Regiment has moved from its normal base area northeast of THUONG DUC District (ZC 1861) to a new location in the vicinity of the Laotian border. Also a PW captured 19 kilometers northeast of A LUOI, THUA THIEN Province identified his unit as the 810th Battalion, 5th NVA Regiment. He stated that the entire battalion has withdrawn from the lowlands to the Laotian border and will remain there until the end of the rainy season. In contrast with this, PW's and captured documents indicate that local force units are preparing to increase their activities. In addition, there are increasing reports of so-called water sappers and water sapper training which most likely emphasizes attacks against bridges as well as ships and boats of various types. The month came to a close with a growing body of evidence that many NVA/VC units were shifting from combat type operations to those of gathering rice, training and reorganization.

b. Enemy Action Statistics. Facts pertaining to enemy activities in Allied operating areas, including combat bases, for the month of October are as follows:

Enemy Initiated Activity

	III MAF	ARVN	CAP	ROKMC	CIDG
Attacks	4	6	6	0	0
Ambushes	3	0	3	0	0
Assaults by Fire	8	8	2	0	0
Harassing Fire	215	68	56	13	3
Mines/Booby Traps	78	39	7	6	0
AA Fire	267	12	0	0	0

Total Acts of Terrorism for ICTZ - 144

c. Enemy Order of Battle. Confirmed forces operating in ICTZ as of 31 October 1969.

(1) QUANG TRI (P). Confirmed units in QUANG TRI Province include only those considered to be operating south of the DMZ. Major units were the 7th Front Headquarters, the 6th, K.8 and K.14 Infantry, and the 10th

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and 1[illegible] per Batt[illegible] subordinate to the [illegible] Front, the K.12 Sapper Battalion, 6th NVA Regiment, elements of the 2[illegible]th Regiment, and the 2[illegible] Battalion, 84th Artillery Regiment. Additionally, one independent company and two companies of the 31st Regiment operated in the province. The total confirmed strength in QUANG TRI Province was 3,270.

(2) THUA THIEN (P). The K4B and K4C Battalions of the 4th NVA Regiment; K.4 and K.10 Infantry and Chi Thua I and II Sapper Battalions of the 5th NVA Regiment; 806th Infantry of the 6th NVA Regiment; K.32, K.34 and K.35 Artillery Battalions, MRTTH; the Phu Loc Armed Battalion and five independent companies were within the province. The total confirmed strength in THUA THIEN Province was 3,830.

(3) QUANG NAM (P). Enemy forces in QUANG NAM Province consisted of Front 4 Headquarters and support units; five infantry regiments, the 31st, 36th, 90th, 141st and 1st VC of the 2d NVA Division; seven independent battalions, the R.20 MF, V.25 MF and D.7 Infantry Battalions and the T.87, 3d NVA, T.89 and the Hai Van Engineer/Sapper Battalion; supported by three battalions of artillery, the 573d, 575th and 577th. In addition, there are seven independent companies. The total enemy strength in QUANG NAM Province was 6,675.

(4) QUANG TIN (P). Enemy forces in QUANG TIN Province consisted of the 2d NVA Division Headquarters and support elements; the 3d Regiment, 2d NVA Division, four independent battalions, the 70th MF and 72d LF Infantry Battalion, the 409th and 76th Sapper Battalions, supported by two battalions of artillery, the 78th MF and 74th LF Battalions. In addition, there are five independent LF companies. The total enemy strength in QUANG TIN Province was 3,960.

(5) QUANG NGAI (P). Enemy forces in QUANG NGAI Province consisted of the 3d NVA Division Headquarters and support elements; the 2d MF and 22d NVA Regiments of the 3d NVA Division, and the 21st Regiment, 2d NVA Division, five independent battalions, the 38th, 48th and 120th Infantry Battalions, and the 406th and 9th Sapper Battalions, supported by two battalions of artillery the 107th and 300th of the 3d NVA Division. In addition, there were 16 local force companies. The total enemy strength in QUANG NGAI Province was 6,625.

d. Counterintelligence.

(1) Counterintelligence Monthly Overview. During October, Viet Cong/Viet Cong Infrastructure (VC/VCI) subversive, espionage, sabotage and terrorist activities continued to reflect concerted emphasis on steering the VCI toward a position of political strength, destroying the

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peoples' confidence in the Government of the Republic of Vietnam (GVN) and presenting the National Liberation Front's Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG) as a valid alternative.

The VCI continued to place priority on the expansion of and control over the rural populace; the organizing, strengthening, and expanding of urban cadre; disintegration of the existing GVN administrative structure and its efforts at pacification and rural development.

Reports highlighted enemy plans and preparations for a "Winter Campaign" commencing in November. Objectives outlined in these plans reiterated the goals of the concluding "Autumn Campaign", which called for expansion and strengthening of the PRG and its policies in expectation of a U. S. withdrawal and the election of a future coalition government.

(2) Propaganda and Subversion. VC/VCI subversive and propaganda activities reflected a continuation of the following policies and objectives:

(a) To gain the allegiance, loyalty and support of the people of the RVN through propaganda techniques, political indoctrination and social exploitation.

(b) To infiltrate, undermine, intimidate, and discredit the GVN at all levels.

(c) To disrupt/destroy the GVN pacification and rural development effort.

(d) To encourage, through propaganda exploitation of every available means, the accelerated withdrawal of U. S. troops from RVN.

(e) To continue the organizational consolidation and area expansion of the revolutionary governmental cadre and forces preparatory to initiation of planned political struggles to gain control of the government.

As was expected, the enemy was quick to exploit the "peace moritorium" conducted by anti-war minority elements in the U. S. on 15 October. Propaganda themes allude that the moritorium demonstrated the discontent of the American people and that President NIXON would soon be forced to capitulate to their demands for peace, thus delivering Vietnam into the hands of the NLF and/or PRG.

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(3) Terrorism. Reported terrorist incidents decreased significantly from the level of the previous month, particularly in regard to those acts directed against refugee and resettlement areas. Efforts to return refugees to areas under VC control, or easy access thereto, relied primarily on propaganda techniques, political indoctrination, and social exploitation rather than assassination, kidnapping and destruction of homes, as was prevalent during the previous month. However, as was the case previously, no apparent success was registered from this alternate policy.

Terrorist incidents during October were directed primarily at GVN village and hamlet level administrators/functionaries, and their relatives; RF/PF, PSDF, RD cadre, National Police personnel; and those people suspected of being US/GVN spies and/or informants.

Civilian casualties continued incidental to, and as the result of, enemy initiated limited attacks and attacks by fire, which often disregarded the close proximity of those civilians.

(4) Sabotage. Sabotage activities during October, as during September, remained at a low level, were directed exclusively against lines of communication and featured damage/destruction of three bridges, four road culverts, small portions of railroad track between HUE and DANANG, an attempt against a HUE-DANANG Railway Train and an attempt against a DANANG Electrical Power Station.

(5) Espionage. Enemy intelligence gathering efforts during October continued to reflect emphasis on the cultivation and recruitment of penetration agents through civilian and military proselyting. Simultaneously, large scale efforts appeared to be underway to obtain legal documentation and status for enemy cadre by such means as false rallying and attempted bribing or coercing of civil servants. Such efforts are designed to infiltrate selected cadre into GVN controlled areas and agencies to continue future political struggles from within.

Numerous reports concern the continued enemy utilization of women, children, and various indigenous employees to collect data concerning personnel, installations, dispositions, and activities in GVN/Allied controlled areas.

e. Enemy Losses. Enemy losses during the month of October were as follows:

Total Hoi Chanhs returned to both military and civil authorities - 764

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	[illegible]	ARVN	[illegible]	CIDG	[illegible]	TOTAL
KIA's	1,083	853	42	65	76	2,119
Detainees	1,417	96	36	2	71	1,622
PW's/NVA	34	0	0	3	1	38
PW's/VC	27	116	10	2	17	172
Returnees/NVA	5	0	0	0	2	7
Returnees/VC	29	233	1	0	17	280
Civil Defendants	138	2	0	0	0	140
Innocent Civilians	466	0	0	0	0	466
Individual Weapons	287	399	24	12	41	763
Crew-Served Weapons	28	53	0	0	5	86

f. Kit Carson Scout Program. Significant accomplishments of Kit Carson Scouts employed by Marine Divisions for the period of 1-31 October were as follows:

	1st Mar Div	FLC
Patrols	758	25
Classes Conducted	13	0
Psyops Broadcasts	7	0
Enemy Captured/Suspects Apprehended	12/35	0/5
Enemy Killed	0	0
Weapons Recovered	1	0
Returnees	0	0
Caves/Tunnels/Caches Detected	0	0
Mines/Booby Traps Detected	79	4

31 October 1969. The status of Kit Carson Scouts was as follows:

	No. KCS Employed	No. KCS Recruited	No. KCS KIA	WIA	MIA	DES
1st Marine Division	111	16	0	1	0	0
3rd Marine Division	0	0	0	0	0	0
Force Logistics Command	2	0	0	0	0	0
Americal Division	149	17	0	3	0	0
101st Airborne Division (AM)	198	19	2	2	0	0
1st Bde, 5th Inf Division (Mech)	74	9	0	0	0	1
Total	534	61	2	6	0	1

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6. LOGISTICS

a. General. During October the principle operation conducted by Marines in ICTZ was Operation PIPESTONE CANYON conducted in the Goi Noi Island-Dodge City complex which continued into November. Logistic support was provided on this operation, which started on 26 May, by helicopter resupply from a Forward Operating Base at Hill 55 and short range resupply by Amtracs. Enemy action had no effect on logistic operations in ICTZ during October. Heavy rainfall in early October influenced the logistic posture in ICTZ to the extent that aircraft had to be shuttled, roads and bridges were closed, U-Boat coastal operations were reduced due to rough seas, and storage yards were unable to be worked. Keystone Cardinal redeployments were also delayed by the inclement weather. The rains tapered off in mid and late October allowing Logistic Operations in ICTZ to return to normal.

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(a)	Dental Procedures	2,538
(b)	Patients Treated	1,136

(5) Total officer/enlisted strength of III MAF Headquarters and dental companies as of 31 October 1969:

Dental Officers	51
Medical Service Corps	4
Dental Technicians	108
USMC/enlisted	6

(6) Computations above include thirty personnel of 3rd Dental Company still in country. This will be the last report to include personnel of 3rd Dental Company.

(7) Total number of Facilities operated by dental companies throughout I Corps area as of 31 October 1969 was 23.

d. Embarkation

(1) Transportation Summary

(a) Air Operation Summary. Record breaking rainfall during the first ten days in October resulted in considerable shuttling of airlift in ICTZ. Flooding closed the road to An Hoa (V-257) necessitating four CE's and two ER's. A total of 99 C-130 and C-123 sorties lifted 1277.5 S/T's of ammunition and rations into An Hoa. The C7A operation was also hampered by rains, and very little cargo moved during the first ten days of October. As a result the backlog of cargo increased. An additional C7A was requested from MACV for the period of one week beginning on 14 October and then for an additional week beginning on 23 October. Use of the extra Caribou reduced the backlog, and currently the operation is back to normal. In spite of the rain, the total cargo hauled by the Caribous increased by 208.2 S/T's. Common service airlift passengers increased by 13,517, while cargo hauled decreased by 1,262.2 S/T's. Cargo hauled during October totaled 17,403 S/T's, and passengers totaled 130,266. There were three units moved in October. Mobile Strike Forces of the 5th Special Forces moved into Ba To New on 20 October and returned to Danang on 31 October. The Delta Force departed Dong Ha for Nha Trang on 3 October and returned to Quang Tri on 13 October. Withdrawal of the 3d Marine Division continued through October.

(b) Surface Operation Summary. Enemy activity had little effect on the movement of cargo by surface means in ICTZ during October. The beginning of the monsoon season had a detrimental effect on both cargo movement and embarkation operations for Keystone Cardinal Phase II Redeployment during the first week of October. Keystone Cardinal Embarkation Units, I, IA, II, and IIA were completed during October with nearly

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13,000 Marines and 10,000 S/T of cargo and equipment having been moved out of country. Embarkation units III, IIIA, IV and IVA will redeploy during November, thereby completing redeployment of the 3d Marine Division and elements of 1st Marine Aircraft Wing to CONUS, Okinawa, and Japan. LCU/YFU craft were assigned to Keystone Cardinal and 125 sorties were conducted from Dong Ha to Cua Viet and Danang. These craft carried cargo which was loaded on assigned shipping. This reduced the ICTZ cargo carrying capability by about 25%. Over 6000 S/T's of retrograde cargo and equipment were moved from Dong Ha during the month for in-country redistribution or out of country retrograde. Beginning 17 October two LCM-8's were assigned on a daily basis in direct support of the Second ROK Marine Brigade to lift cargo from Blue Beach at Hoi An to Red Beach on Barrier Island. In addition to the daily requirements, 405 S/T's of construction material were delivered from 23 to 26 October to the ROK Marines on Barrier Island. A total of 776 S/T's of cargo and equipment was surface lifted in support of the Second ROK Marine Brigade from 17-31 October. Input into Northern ICTZ totaled 30,347 S/T's, a decrease of 21,321 S/T from September. Input into Chu Lai was 27,349 S/T's while Sa Huynh received 2,133 S/T's. Danang received a total of 137,468 S/T's at all ramps and pier facilities, representing a 94,684 S/T's decrease from September. Total cargo input in ICTZ by surface means was 197,297 S/T's, a decrease from September.

(2) Chronological Listing of Events for October 1969.

1 Oct - 20 VMO (Adv Party) to Danang and Futema. Load Whetstone (LSD-27) at Cua Viet with elements of: 3d Engr Bn; 1st Bn 12th Marines; Rotating Draft. Load Washburn (LKA-108) at Danang Deep Water Piers with elements of: 2d Bn 3d Marines; 3d Bn 3d Marines; and Rotating Draft. CE 10-104, 22,738 lbs Quang Tri to Danang IL Mortars. 405 PAX Quang Tri to Danang FMA 9-1108. CE 10-100 415 troops of 1/5 Brigade 101st Div (AM) Camp Evans to Mai Loc. CE 10-106 Comm Van - Danang to Dong Ha. CE 10-107 Danang to Udorn Thailand 29,425 lbs flares.

2 Oct - Airlift 43 Passengers (Luggage Advance Party for surface lifted units) from Danang to Naha. Load Colonial (LSD-18) at Cua Viet with elements of 3d Med Bn, 9th MT Bn, 3d SP Bn, and Rotating Draft.

3 Oct - Load Comstock (LSD-19) at Cua Viet with elements of 11th Engr Bn, 3d Recon Bn, Bridge Co, and Rotating Draft. Delta Force moved from Dong Ha to Nha Trang 510 PAX, 1 1½ ton truck, CE 10-117.

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5 Oct - U-Boat coastal operations greatly reduced due to heavy rains. Load Bexar (LPA-227) at Danang with elements of 1st Bn 12th Marines, 1st Bn 3d Marines, 2d Bn 3d Marines, and Rotating Draft. Flyaway (8) A6-A Aircraft from Chu Lai to Iwakuni with crew of 16.

6 Oct - Airlift 506 PAX from Quang Tri to Danang. Load on Bexar. Load Iwo Jima (LPH-2) at Danang with elements of Hq Co 3d Marines, 1st Bn 12th Marines, 3d Bn 3d Marines, HMM 265, and Rotating Draft. U-Boat coastal operations ceased due to heavy rains and rough seas. C-130 from 834th Air Division crashed in vicinity of Tam Ky. TMA 10-1120, 560 PAX Keystone Cardinal Quang Tri to Danang.

7 Oct - U-Boat coastal operations ceased due to heavy rains and rough seas. Load Westchester County (LST-1167) at Chu Lai with equipment VMA (AW) 533. Began airlift of 239 PAX (VMA (AW) 533 Main Body) from Chu Lai to Iwakuni.

8 Oct - U-Boat coastal operations ceased due to heavy rains and rough seas. Airlift 14 Vans and 8 PAX (VMA (AW) 533) from Chu Lai to Iwakuni. Airlift 180 PAX RLT-3 special ceremonial detail from Quang Tri to Danang. CE 10-125, 21,131 lbs of general cargo from Danang to An Hoa.

9 Oct - During past four days cargo operations have been hindered by weather. Have experienced over 30 inches of rainfall. Swells from 3 feet to 7 feet. Unable to work yard devices and ammo ships. However seas have stabilized and 6 crews presently working ammo ships seaside.

10 Oct - A limited amount of U-Boats were able to depart to NICTZ due to a lull in inclement weather. CE 10-129 Danang to An Hoa 195,463 lbs ammo and rations, 10 C-130 sorties.

11 Oct - Fly away 18 OV10A A/C from Quang Tri via Chu Lai, Cubi Pt, Fomosa to Futema, Okinawa. CE 10-136 Danang to An Hoa 183,302 lbs ammo and rations.

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12 Oct - Move Plt of 8" How Btry from Dong Ha to Danang by U-Boat (1-Okilak, 1-501 Cl.). SMAR 10-1148 124,730 lbs ration and ammo Danang to An Hoa.

13 Oct - Airlift 330 PAX (RLT-3 Special Ceremonial Detail) to CONUS on H-11 and H-12 Flights. ER 10-148 110-998 lbs ammo Danang to An Hoa.

14 Oct - ER 10-150 202,581 lbs rations and ammo Danang to An Hoa.

15 Oct - Completion of ER 10-150, plus CE 10-153 245,864 lbs rations and ammo Danang to An Hoa.

17 Oct - CE 10-158, 26,080 lbs Rockets Danang to Chu Lai. TMA 10-1161 248,316 lbs rations and ammo Danang to An Hoa.

18 Oct - Offload Washtenaw Cty (700 pts ARG "A" U-Form) at Chu Lai.

19 Oct - Offload Union at Danang Deep Water Piers (BLT-2/26) Elements of HMM 164 remain embarked. Offload New Orleans (BLT 1/26) at Danang anchorage. Offload Thomaston at Danang anchorage (BLT 2/26).

20 Oct - Load Gunston Hall LSD-5 at Cua Viet with elements of 3d Tank Bn. Load Union IKA-106 at Deep Water Piers with cargo and equipment of 1/4. Load Washtenaw Cty LST-1166 at Danang bridge ramp with elements of 7th Comm Bn. Load Pitkin Cty LST-1082 at Danang ferry landing with elements of 7th Comm Bn. Load Clark Cty LST-601 at Cua Viet with elements of Hq Btry 12th Mar. Load New Orleans LPH-11 at sea off Tan My with HMM 462. Offload Vancouver LPO-2 at Danang anchorage BLT 2/26. Offload Dubuque at Danang anchorage special services equipment. 3 U-Boats at Tan My to preload for Cleveland; 3-1466 cl, 2 any cl. Mobile strike force Danang to Ba To New 450 PAX.

21 Oct - Load Cleveland LPD-7 at Seaside off Tan My with VMO-6 and Det. HMM 462 (Heavy Equip.) Load Dubuque LPD-8 at seaside off Cua Viet with elements of 1st Bn 4th Mar, 3d Engr Bn, 3d 2h Bn, Hq Bn 3d MarDiv. Load Hampshire Cty LST-819 at Cua Viet with elements of 3d Tk Bn, 3d MT Bn.

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22 Oct - Load Vancouver LPD-2 at seaside off Cua Viet with elements of 1st Bn 4th Mar, Hq Bn 3d MarDiv. Load Outagamie Cty LST-1073 at Cua Viet with elements of 3d Tk Bn; Plt, Bridge Co.

23 Oct - Load Thomaston LSD-28 at seaside off Cua Viet with elements of 3d Engr Bn. Load Iredell Cty LST-839 at Cua Viet with elements of "G" Btry, 12th Mar; Det, Bridge Co.

24 Oct - 620th Tactical Control Sqdrn Unit move from Dong Ha to Danang (3 U-Boats). 4 U-Boats to Barrier Island - Deliver construction material from 7th Engr Bn at Danang to 2d ROK Mar Bde.

25 Oct - MATCU-62 Unit move from Quang Tri to Chu Lai. LST-1077 from Cua Viet to Chu Lai.

26 Oct - 8" How Btry unit move from Dong Ha to Danang (4 U-Boats). CE 10-167 Danang to Chu Lai 17,760 lbs rockets.

27 Oct - CE 10-169 Danang to Chu Lai, warheads for MAG-12 - 37,112 lbs.

(a) Land Operations Summary. During the month of October there were 98 convoys carrying a total of 13,105 S/T's and 32 retrograde convoys carrying a total of 2,899 S/T's.

(b) Air Operations Statistical Summary.

	USAF	USMC	TOTAL
PAX	90226	39625	129851
CARGO	10732.5	6055.9	16786.4

Special Missions Flown.

Type	Request ACFT	Cargo S/T	PAX
ER (2)	C-130	227.5 S/T	0
CE (12)	C-123/C-130	389.2 S/T	925

(c) Surface Operations Statistical Summary.

48 Deep Draft Vessels embarked/debarked Danang
28 MSTS - LST's embarked/debarked Danang
7 USN - LST's embarked/debarked Danang
200 YFU/LCU embarked/debarked Danang
51 Barges embarked/debarked Danang

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Monthly Port Performance Summary.

Port	Offload	Daily Avg	Thru Avg	Daily Avg
DNG	137,468	4,434	204,065	6,583
DN/CV	11,408	336	23,802	768
H/TM	18,939	611	23,300	752
CL/S-4	29,482	951	36,155	1,166
TOTAL	197,297	6,332	287,322	9,269

(d) Highway Operations Statistical Summary.

Resupply Mission

Dng - North	4,751
ARVN - North	1,240
Dng - An Hoa	1,658
Other	5,456
(98)	13,105 S/T

Retrograde Missions

(32) 2,899 S/T

e. Engineer

(1) Road and Bridge Resume

(a) Enemy LOC interdictions continued at a low level through October. Two bridges on secondary roads were damaged, one on HL-538 and one on HL-558. Constant and extremely heavy rainfall occurred during the first week of October, resulting in flooding and earth slides which closed highways in some places for a few days.

(b). The bridge on HL-558, which was damaged earlier in the month, was restored. In addition, two major highway bridges were completed; these were the Lang Co and the Song Cau Lau. The one major highway bridge under construction is the Dong Ha Bridge (91% complete). Eight kilometers of QL-1 were paved during the month, bringing the paved total to 349 kilometers (88%) of this 397 kilometer route. Route 540 has been 90% complete, with October's effort primarily expended in the repair of storm damage.

(2) Vietnamese National Railroad

There were three enemy interdictions on the railroad between Danang and Hue during October, halting service for 3 days. The Song Bo railway bridge was completed on 31 October. Ten kilometers of track have been restored on the Hue-Dong Ha segment of the railroad. The Danang Bridge Ramp and Camp Has-

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kin's spurs were completed during the month and the Phu Bai rail spur has been 60% completed.

(3) Major Construction Projects Completed:

(a) Causeway at Red Beach
(b) Cau Lau Bridge
(c) Special Forces Airfield Improvements
  (1) Tra Bong
  (2) Minh Long
(d) Lang Co Bridge
(e) CH-47 Hangars
(f) Vehicle Maintenance Facilities and A/C Maintenance Facilities, MAG-17

(4) Major Construction Projects Started:

(a) Retrograde Facilities, Force Logistic Command
(b) C-523 Marble Mountain Facilities, MAG-16
(c) ROK R&R Center
(d) Camp Horn Barracks
(e) Apron at Marble Mountain, MAG-16
(f) By-Pass South
(g) I Corps Power Distribution, Monkey Mountain

(5) There were no Major Construction Projects cancelled in October.

f. Food Service

(1) On 4 October 1969 Capt. COYLE reported in and assumed the duties as Force Food Service Officer. During the month of October Capt. COYLE made liaison visits to 1st MarDiv, 1st MAW, FLC, Chu Lai, and Hoi An. Capt. COYLE also visited Quang Tri and Dong Ha.

(2) On 22 October 1969 MGySgt. BRANCH reported in and assumed the duties as Force Food Service Technician. Along with Capt. COYLE, MGySgt. BRANCH made liaison visits to 1st MarDiv, 1st MAW, FLC, Chu Lai, and Hoi An. MGySgt. BRANCH also visited Dong Ha.

(3) On 19 October 1969 the III MAF Subsistence Operational Analysis Report for the month of September 1969 was submitted to HQMC. Data highlights are:

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Value of "A" & "B" Rations Issued:	$3,806,476.25
Value of MCI's issued:	$1,450,076.25
Average No. fed "A" & "B" Rations daily	62,164
Average No. fed MCI's daily	21,948
Daily average cost to feed "A" & "B"	$ 1.975
Daily average cost to feed "A" & "B" & MCI	$ 2.016
RSSP'S issued	$ 152,864.34
LRP'S issued	$ 114,081.21
Fuel Trioxane	$ 43,323.00
Pounds of bread manufactured	756,612
Pounds of bread received from the ARMY	57,784
Gal of milk issued	435,554
Gal of ice cream issued	47,105
Pounds of ice issued	7,690,412
Number of meals sold	6,679

Total expenditures for Class I supplies.....$5,566,821.05

g. Motor Transport

(1) On 16 October, LtCol SHIMANOFF, Force Motor Transport Officer, participated in a rough rider convoy from Danang to An Hoa with 11th Motor Transport Battalion.

(2) On 24 October, the Force Motor Transport Officer held conference with MTO's from 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Force Logistic Command and III MAF OPCON at 5th CommBn.

(3) The Motor Transport statistics for October for the Four Motor Transport Battalions and Truck Company FLC are:

Mileage	480,241	Passengers	152,533
Tonnage	76,106	Fuel (Tons)	3,473

h. Ordnance

(1) The quarterly ASP inspections were conducted by representatives from Force Ordnance, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, and Force Logistics Command. ASP's at An Hoa, ASP #2 Danang, Chu Lai and the MAG-11 Bomb Dump were visited during this period. Particular attention was paid to fire prevention capabilities and Grade III storage.

(2) Reconstruction of ASP #1 was almost complete. NCB #4 estimated completion of work by 11 November 1969. To date, a total of 3,500 S/T Class V(W) and 3,800 S/T Class V(A) have been incrementally stored in the ASP.

(3) Phase I of the Marine Corps Ammunition Management System, Vietnam, was reviewed by the Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force and forwarded to the Commandant of the Marine Corps. The recommendations of the study were concurred

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in and implementation was strongly recommended to the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

i. Supply

(1) Special allowance (T/E P-4960) equipment in the hands of redeploying units was redistributed to fill T/E and special allowance deficiencies of the units remaining in country. A total of 92 line items were redistributed.

(2) Results from test and evaluation of 100 each 55 gal collapsible drums for potable water obtained from the U.S. Army, Vietnam and distributed to the 1st and 3d Marine Divisions, were satisfactory for Marine Corps requirements. A message was prepared to the Commanding General, FMFPac recommending the approval of the 55 gal drums and the establishing of an allowance for the 55 gal drum.

(3) The III MAF FY-70 limitation on procurement on Non-TAM garrison property was reduced from $700,000 to $550,000, of this, $275,799 has already been obligated leaving only $274,201 for the remainder of FY-70. A message was released to major commands and ADCON units with instructions to assure that only essential requirements are submitted for procurement. Only requisitions for initial procurement and or for replacement of approved allowance items which are considered the most essential will be processed.

j. Medical

(1) The total average patient load for the two Medical Battalions and 1st Hospital Company was 292 with a total of 1400 admitted and 300 patients evacuated out of country. 684 pint of whole blood were expended to use.

(2) Information relative to III MAF in-patient treatment facilities is as follows:

TAOR	UNIT	AUTH BEDS	ACT BEDS	AVE CENSUS	%OCC
Quang Tri	3dMedBn(-) 3dMarDiv	240	60	19	32
CSB Vandergrift	C-Co 3dMedBn		10		
Dong Ha	D-Co 3dMedBn	Disestablished 1 November 1969			
Danang	1stMedBn 1stMarDiv	240	330	210	64
Danang	1stHospCo 1stMarDiv	100	100	63	63

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(3) The USS Sanctuary (AH-17) was LogSup III MAF the entire month of October. The USS Repose (AH-16) returned from Subic Bay 15 October 1969. Both ships were on station at the below locations as the tactical situation required.

(a) Danang Harbor
(b) Quang Tri - Dong Ha operating area

(4) III MAF Medical Department strength as of 31 October 1969 is as follows:

	2100 Allow/OB	2300 Allow/OB	HM'S Allow/OB
1st MarDiv	89/81	17/14	1097/1339
3d MarDiv	62/38	13/12	776/ 529
1st MAW	42/28	2/ 4	208/ 161
FLC/1st FSR	8/ 8	6/ 5	156/ 128
III MAF Hq	3/ 3	3/ 3	157/ 185
TOTALS	206/158	41/38	2394/2342

(5) Figures shown under III MAF Headquarters include 149 Hospital Corpsmen assigned to the Combined Action Program as follows:

CAG School (Dng)	1st CAG (Chu Lai)	2nd CAG (Hoi An)	3d CAG (Phu Bai)	4th CAG (Quang Tri)
11	36	41	37	24

(6) There was no helo dispersal of insecticides during October 1969.

(7) RADM J.J. ALBRITTON, Deputy Surgeon General, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery arrived 27 October 1969 to conduct informal inspection of ICTZ medical facilities.

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7. Comptroller

a. Significant events for October

There were no significant events for the month of October

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8. Civil Affairs.

a. Objectives. The basic objectives of the III Marine Amphibious Force civil affairs program remain the same.

b. Civic Action Statistics.

(1) Cost of supplies contributed from military resources for CA projects (does not include cost of commodities obtained from USAID, CORDS, CRS, and like organizations): $VN 7,518,275

(2) Expenditures from US/FWMAF Civic Action PSYWAR Fund: $VN 1,231,708

(3) Major Civic Action programs	Man-days (10-hr day)	$VN
a. Economic Development (includes agriculture, fisheries, markets, cottage industries):	1,025	1,166,856
b. Education (increase & development of school facilities, classroom or other group instruction; excludes technical training in a, c, and d):	2,379	1,510,621
c. Social Welfare (assistance to hospitals, refugees, orphanages, religious organizations, other institutions, groups & individuals;	3,178	4,101,898
d. Transportation (improved or increased means of transportation, e.g., roads, bridges, waterways):	996	736,729
e. Refugee Assistance Support (includes refugee assistance reported in a, b, c, and d):	2,518	3,876,956

(4) Number of separate institutions assisted during the reporting period.

a.	Schools	199
b.	Orphanages	55
c.	Hospitals/Dispensaries	97
d.	Other	89

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(5) MEDCAP-DENTCAP

a. Treatments

	Number of Patients
Medical	
Resulting from Hostile Action	1,021
Not Resulting from Hostile Action	43,057
Immunizations	5,502
Dental	662
	50,242

b. Number of Vietnamese Health Workers Trained; 86

c. Civic Action Projects. The following are highlights of significant civic action projects conducted during the month of October 1969.

(1) Quang Tri Province.

1st Infantry Brigade, 5th Infantry Division reports high water levels and impassable roads have hindered the transportation of construction material and have effected the cancellation of scheduled MEDCAPs.

1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mech), reports that closer coordination with district health workers and the use of established dispensaries for MEDCAPs have brought greater participation by GVN nurses and rural midwives, and has forced the use of province medical supplies channels by district and village dispensaries.

(2) Thua Thien Province.

101st Airborne Division reports that the An Cuu School (YD784204) presently holding 1,200 children in single session in grades one through six, is much improved from a time ten months ago when only 10% of the current school existed, and even that 10% was in ruins as a result of Tet 1968. At that time the school was in triple session. 2/17 Cavalry S-5 personnel have distributed over 500 individual school kits and have built furniture for many of the classrooms with materials provided by both US and GVN sources.

A total of 3,149 plague immunizations were given throughout Huong Thuy District (YD820178) by members of 101st Airborne Division in an effort to control the disease during its most prevalent months.

During the flooding throughout Thua Thien Province, the responsible Vietnamese officials demonstrated an excellent ability to handle the flood situation without the

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assistance of the 101st Airborne Division. A great number of flood victims were evacuated to high ground and were provided food, clothing, and temporary shelter. CORDS kept the division informed of the situation and requested that the G-5 section stand by for possible assistance. After the heavy rains diminished and the flood began to subside, Province and the Division pooled resources to furnish relief to the flood victims. Thua Thien Province furnished 42,000 pounds of rice, approximately 10,000 loaves of bread, 2,500 pounds of clothing and over 15,000 pounds of assorted canned goods. The 101st Airborne Division transported the items during 8 and 9 October with one Chinook for eight sorties and two Hueys for approximately 180 sorties.

101st Airborne Division reports the following projects having particular human interest appeal.

(a) The Nam Hoa District (YD783115) land clearing project is 100% complete. Approximately 35 acres were cleared providing increased security and additional acreage for cultivation.

(b) The final touches of improvement have been made on the Phu Tu District Headquarters (YD822193). This project, along with similar projects of upgrading the government office buildings in each district, gives the people additional evidence that GVN is here to stay.

(c) With the increased emphasis on pacification in Thua Thien Province, G-5 has continued to assist the various educational institutions in Thua Thien Province. Desks and benches for 120 children were delivered to elementary schools in Phu Loc District.

(d) On 29 October 1969, the ADC, and ACofS, G-5, attended a book reception ceremony at Quoc Hoc Library in Hue (YD766211). The division contributed 850 books for the library.

(e) On 30 October 1969, the Commanding General and ACofS, G-5, attended the dedication ceremony of Huong Thuy High School Addition (YD818178). The division contributed the materials for the four-classroom building addition.

(3) <u>Quang Nam Province</u>.

1st Marine Division reports resettlements which have been conducted by Dien Ban District in the vicinity of Hill 55 have been a continuous problem. On 18-19 October, they were evacuated from their homes with whatever possessions they could carry and settled at My Minh Hamlet (AT988626).

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At their new location they have been faced with shortages of building materials and food. Now, many of the people are filtering back to their former home sites. The 29th Civil Affairs Company has been requested to monitor the situation and recommend measures to improve it.

In the 26th Marines, 1st Marine Division CAAOR, civic action has resulted in an improved rapport with the people of Hoa Lac and Hoa Vinh Villages in northern Hoa Vang District. This improved rapport is facilitating the intelligence collection effort.

The 3d Military Police Battalion, 1st Marine Division, has a vigorous CA program in Thac Nam Hamlet (AT953717). These marines have assisted in training the PSDF, in building a well, constructing a hamlet/village office and initiating a pig farm. As a result, the people are working cooperatively and the PSDF are becoming more proficient in providing security for their hamlet.

In the Force Logistics Command CAAOR, wells have been completed in Nam O Hamlet (AT935893), Phuoc Ha Hamlet (AT 962782), Trung Son Hamlet (AT913805) and Thuy Tu Refugee Hamlet (AT912832). These wells provide the hamlets with more readily accessible water, thereby reducing the time and distance required to haul it.

MAG-16, First Marine Aircraft Wing, Civil Affairs section has been working closely with the Revolutionary Development Cadre have given the Civil Affairs Teams new insights into the current attitudes of the villagers, advice on civic action projects, and intelligence information.

Recent rains have more than amply proven the usefulness of several drainage projects constructed with Naval Support Activity Civic Action assistance. The projects in Xuong Binh Village which required over a month to complete are now carrying flood waters out of the village and into the Bay of Danang. In September, the people of Thach Gian Village utilized civic action materials to install a culvert under Duy Tan Road to drain water from the city dump which annually flooded their homes. The new culvert drains the water into a large basin across the road and from there it is channeled to the bay. In addition to demonstrating the benefits of those projects already completed, the rains have stimulated a great deal of interest in new drainage projects, and many requests are being considered at this time. Several Village Assistance Teams have been sources of reliable intelligence information during this reporting period.

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The well-established hog raising program in Son Thuy Hamlet (BT701078) is an example of a successful civic action project in the First Marine Aircraft Wing CAAOR. Utilizing GVN funds, the villagers were able to procure twelve pigs and ten sheets of roofing tin. The villagers then made a request to Civil Affairs for additional building materials. MAG-16 complied with plywood, 2x4's, tin and marston matting. Using the cement floor of an abandoned house and the materials provided by the civil affairs section, the villagers quickly erected a sturdy, practical pig sty.

Force Logistics Command reports that a distribution of clothing was made to the 27 refugee families at Thuy Tu Hamlet (AT931833). The clothes were distributed by the hamlet chief to the most needy families.

K/3/26 in the 1st Marine Division CAAOR has implemented a particularly effective civic action program with the assistance of the Battalion S-5. The Company Commander, who speaks Vietnamese, has held regular meetings with the people of Quan Nam Hamlet (AT904817), a priority target hamlet of the 1969 Pacification Program. At these meetings, he determined the desires of the people, such as obtaining barbed wire for hamlet defense and effecting repairs of the hamlet office and market place. Assistance was then obtained for the people from the Battalion S-5. Marines of "K" Company escorted the people of the hamlet into the less secure area to allow them to gather wood for their fires and for selling purposes. The Commanding Officer coordinated with the resident RD Cadre and RF Company to ensure effective security for the people.

Naval Support Activity civic action has recently undertaken a program of material assistance to the 104th ARVN Political Warfare Company. The assistance in is the form of medical supplies, food and clothing, and is utilized by the ARVN unit in its civic action program. In this program, civic action is combined with political lectures and propaganda presentations. To help make the people more receptive to the information to be presented, the unit precedes each presentation with a MEDCAP or a distribution of food and clothing. Some of these items are provided by the GVN, but the civic action assistance enables the unit to increase the scope of the program. This assistance is a step toward the eventual goal of turning civic action functions over to RVNAF units. Weekly reports including schedules of operations and lists of materials utilized are submitted to NSA, and plans are being made for U.S. civic action personnel to accompany the ARVN unit on several of its operations in order to observe its methods.

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1st Marine Division is making arrangements to send two children from Dai La Hamlet (AT921741) to the US for open-heart surgery. The S-5 of 1/13 had previously assisted in sending another child to the US for such surgery with the assistance of the Reverend Gordon Smith, a missionary of 40 years service in Vietnam.

(4) Quang Tin Province.

In the Americal CAAOR, 198th Brigade reports that as a result of civic action projects villagers have cooperated with Brigade personnel by giving valuable information concerning VC activities in their hamlets. With this information, tactical plans have been devised to eliminate VC activity in the area.

196th Brigade, Americal Division, reports the construction of a 20-foot footbridge between Route #1 and a secondary school, which was completed in less than one day, due primarily to the enthusiasm displayed by the villagers involved. Early October rains had washed out the old bamboo bridge, limiting accessibility to the village intermediate school. By doing all of the work themselves, with only minor technical advice being offered by the S-5 personnel, the local people assumed full responsibility for their progress.

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9. Psychological Warfare Operations

a. Chieu Hoi Program:

PROVINCE RECEIVED RALLIER	TOTAL BY PROV.	REC'D BY RVNAF/ GVN	REC'D BY US/ FWMAF	CLASSIFICATION VC	CLASSIFICATION NVA	CLASSIFICATION POL	CLASSIFICATION OTHER	RALLIED WITH WEAPON
QUANG TRI	10	8	2	5	0	2	3	3
THUA THIEN	20	18	2	11	3	6	0	11
QUANG NAM	131	108	23	46	1	77	7	8
QUANG TIN	417	417	0	185	2	178	52	35
QUANG NGAI	186	182	4	101	0	38	47	8
TOTAL	764	733	31	348	6	301	109	65

b. Media Production and dissemination:

(1) 7th PSYOP Battalion Production:

Total basic (10 1/2" X 15") impressions: 7,247,775
Leaflets printed: 16,148,000
Posters printed: 290,000
Handbills printed: 104,000
Newspapers printed: 585,000

(2) Flight "A" 9th SOS operations - ICTZ

Total PSYOP sorties flown: 242
Total targets scheduled: 6,562
Total leaflet targets flown: 1,548
Total tape targets flown: 1,018
Total leaflets dropped: 56,395,000
Total tape time: 173:20

(3) Ground loudspeaker broadcast hours: 643:00

(4) Waterborne loudspeaker broadcast hours: 29:00

(5) Movie showings/hours: 258/274:58

(6) Cultural Drama Team Performances: 2

c. Campaign Support:*

	THEME	LFTS (AIR DROPPED)	AIR BROADCAST HRS
(1)	Chieu Hoi	33,396,666	152:10
(2)	Anti VC/NVA	3,647,000	82:50

*NOTE - Includes total support rendered by RVNAF/FWMAF agencies as well as by US military and civil PSYOP as reported to III MAF

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	THEME	LFTS (AIR DROPPED)	AIR BROADCAST HRS
(3)	Support GVN	20,645,666	36:20
(4)	Rewards	1,692,666	1:55

d. Tactical PsyOp in Support of Major III MAF Operations:

	OPERATION	LFTS DELIVERED	AIR/GND BDCST HRS
(1)	Republic Square	11,763,000	99:50/198:30
(2)	Iron Mountain	4,753,000	24:15/26:35
(3)	Geneva Park	2,885,000	7:40/26:00
(4)	Fredrick Hill	2,224,000	5:35/29:30
(5)	Pipestone Canyon	2,193,000	11:00/12:30
(6)	Nantucket Beach	1,885,000	3:45/40:45

e. Narrative Summary

(1) General

(a) All commands were hampered in their PsyOp effort due to record high rainfalls received during the month of October. Loudspeaker (HB) and audio-visual (HE) teams were not utilized at all during periods of extreme inclement weather and aerial PsyOp activity was at a virtual standstill for ten days during the month. The 101st Airborne Division and the 3d Marine Division distributed leaflets, posters and handbills that provided instructions and list of GVN resources available to the people to prevent disease and safeguard health.

(b) Redeployment PsyOp, especially in Quang Tri Province, continued to play a major role in I Corps. All media were utilized to explain to Vietnamese public and members of the RVNAF the reasons for the redeployment. The 3d Marine Division continued its campaign by scheduling HB and HE team visits throughout Quang Tri Province. The teams provided entertainment to the people and at the same time explained the redeployment. Special events were also conducted and included the 3d Marine Division Commanding General's farewell ceremony for religious leaders, province officials and advisors and farewell luncheons for the Commanding Officers of the 1st and 2nd ARVN Regiments. The Vietnamese Information Service assisted in the effort with newspaper articles, radio and television programs and face-to-face presentations.

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(c) The rice denial campaign received major PsyOp emphasis during the month by all commands. Close coordination between intelligence and PsyOp played an important role by identifying activities relevant to rice denial operations. The 101st Airborne Division developed a number of quick reaction leaflets that exploited successful military actions. In addition, news articles were prepared and submitted to provinces and 1st ARVN Division for radio, TV and newspaper coverage. The items were well received and used.

(d) On 14 October, a funeral ceremony was held for the approximately 350 victims of the Hue massacre found in mass grave during September 1969. The ceremony was covered and exploited by Thua Thien APA/PsyOp, 101st Airborne, XXIV Corps and VIS. President THIEU's address and other aspects of the ceremony, were given maximum dissemination by radio, newspaper and television media.

(e) PsyOp coordinating meetings continue to be held at both regional and provincial levels. In accordance with Vietnamization concept, US participants are encouraging the Vietnamese to take the leading role. The Combined Propaganda Development Center continues to function well, with an increasing effort to encourage the Vietnamese to make decisions and to do more on their own initiative.

(f) The 1st Marine Division and Co C, 5th Special Forces Group held PsyOp conferences during the month to indoctrinate newly arrived PsyOp personnel with PsyOp techniques, assets, and media - all designed to improve operations in the field. Personnel of III MAF, 7th PsyOp Bn and Flight "A", 9th SOS participated.

(g) During October, III MAF, CORDS/PsyOp and I Corps personnel devoted considerable effort to solving problems associated with the television translator atop Hill 724, Hai Van Pass. After testing by JUSPAO technicians and repair of shelter by III MAF Engineer, the translator was retransmitting TV signal to Danang area from Hue by the end of the month.

(2) Program Evaluation and Results

(a) Chieu Hoi

1 A new record high for Hoi Chanh was set during the month of October. The record 764 follows the record 3d quarter CY-69 total of 1569 and the third highest monthly total of 517 received during previous month of September.

2 Reports from various commands during the month emphasized success of "Earlyword" broadcasts, with some Hoi Chanh; crediting broadcast as the catalyst that

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brought about their rally. Face-to-face communication, letters from friends and relatives, and waterborne broadcasts were also cited as being effective methods for inducing enemy to rally.

3 Noteworthy exploitation of Hoi Chanh during month of October was achieved by Thang Binh District Chief of Quang Tin Province. A VC leader, who rallied on 25 September 1969, was convinced by District Chief that he and his men would be well received and was released to rejoin and return with his men. During the month the Hoi Chanh along with returnees from his VC unit, disarmed numerous quantities of mines and booby-traps and were also used to find and destroy local VC forces and VCI. Approximately 270 Hoi Chanh from Thang Binh District had been reported by month's end, directly or indirectly attributed to exploitation by Thang Binh District Chief and his unique techniques.

4 The Nguyen Trai II Campaign concluded on 15 October. The campaign, which started on 16 June 1969, was directed against the NVA/VC/VCI and people in enemy controlled areas. Major objective of campaign was to induce enemy to Chieu Hoi or surrender in large numbers. A summary of results for ICTZ follows:

a Aerial loudspeaker missions - 471 (each mission approximately one hour)

b Leaflets distributed - 56 million

c Total returnees - 2,088 (618 over goal of 1470 set by campaign central committee)

d Military Returnees - (198 NVA; 82 Local Force; 712 guerrillas)

e Political Returnees - 1098 Cadre

f Weapons - 5 crew served; 153 individual weapons.

(b) Pro GVN. One of the objectives of the redeployment campaign is to enhance the image of the GVN. 101st Airborne Division working with ARVN units has effectively accomplished this by large representation of ARVN units in cordon force operating in Phu Thu District. The force was planned for maximum display of ARVN strength and proficiency. Also, all commands are stressing pro-GVN messages by HB and HE teams, leaflet drops and aerial broadcasts.

(c) Anti NVA/VC. The 101st Airborne Division reports PsyOp exploitation of dissension between VC and NVA. The report stated that NVA/VC personnel were on the verge of

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"fist fights." Sources of friction that were exploited are feelings of superiority of VC over NVA because of their familiarity of battle area; and NVA opinion that they possess greater fighting ability.

(3) PsyOp Intelligence

(a) With the exception of a very modest increase in enemy initiated activity during the period of 19-25 October, the month was generally characterized by a continuation of the trend of decline in enemy initiated activity. Of special significance was the enemy's prompt exploitation of the Peace Moratorium conducted on 15 October in the United States. Claiming that the Peace Moratorium clearly demonstrated the discontent of the American people regarding the role of the United States in the Vietnam conflict, enemy propaganda proclaimed that President NIXON would be forced to accede to the peace proposals tendered by NLF/PRG. Enemy propaganda cadre personnel in SVN claimed that NLF had dispatched cadre personnel to organize and direct the demonstrations that took place in the United States.

(b) Enemy propaganda activity conducted during the month of October reflected continued adherence to the "three pronged attack policy", which emphasized concerted political and proselyting efforts coupled with economy of force military tactics. Gaining the allegiance and loyalty of the population through political indoctrination and utilization of selected cadre personnel, who sympathize with the people and who would not be permitted to collect money from the populace, were cited in enemy plans as means to be employed for achievement of the goal of re-establishing and strengthening the political hold on the civilian population. Toward achieving this goal, guerrilla and local forces were to be employed to supplement the VCI proselyting and propaganda activity directed toward residents of contested and outlying GVN controlled areas. Additionally, enemy plans call for expansion of various front organizations (Women, Youth, Farmer, etc.) on a priority basis.

(c) In preparation for territorial and population control in conjunction with possible cease-fire agreement, which the enemy anticipates as possibly occuring as early as the end of 1969, or a political settlement, the enemy issued instructions to transfer quasi-government functions to Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG) in order to enhance the PRG image as a functioning government. Appeals to the populace to participate in and promote the political struggle, which includes anti-GVN demonstrations, against the present GVN continue to be made as part of the enemy effort to weaken and topple existing GVN. Reports of plans to infiltrate reliable cadre personnel into suitable positions in order to conduct the political within the expected framework of a coalition government have been received. On the more active side of the enemy effort to undermine and topple the present

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GVN, the security elements of the GVN pacification effort have become special targets of attacks. As part of an effort to destroy the credibility of GVN to provide security for the populace, especially in rural areas, these attacks exhibit a continued determination to cripple the GVN pacification program, which remains a significant threat to the enemy's political plans.

(d) ICTZ achieved a new monthly record of 764 ralliers during October. Information obtained from ralliers and PW indicates that the general morale of enemy military personnel was low primarily due to shortage of food (rice), lack of medical supplies, and physical hardships encountered in the field. These same contributions to low enemy morale are usually cited as the primary reasons why an individual rallies.

(f) Most frequent propaganda themes employed by the enemy during the month of October dealt with the following topics:

1 Redeployment of US troops as a result of tactical defeat and high casualty rate of US forces.

2 GVN government is a puppet government and not truly representative of the Vietnamese people. After withdrawal of US forces, GVN will not be able to provide adequate protection of population.

3 Populace should demand immediate end of the war, departure of all foreign troops and establishment of coalition government with PRG represention.

4 The people of United States, including many political leaders, demonstrated their support of the NLF/PRG cause during Peace Moratorium conducted in the United States on 15 October.

5 Achievement of goals as advocated by Ho Chi Minh.

6 Appealing to RVN military personnel and civilian officials to join the just cause of NLF/PRG now and prior to inevitable victory near at hand. Propaganda directed toward RVN military personnel emphasizes greater risks inherent in US policy of Vietnamization of conflict. Civilian officials are repeatedly told that present GVN is a corrupt government soon to be completely deserted by US and that present leaders of GVN are prepared to flee to foreign countries.

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10. Communications

a. Message volume through the III MAF Communication Center:

	Sept	Oct	Increase	Decrease
Incoming	33683	38388	4705	
Outgoing	11355	16669	5314	
Total	45038	55057	10019	

b. Combat Operations Center Communication Center traffic:

	Sept	Oct	Increase	Decrease
Incoming	6193	5478		715
Outgoing	6643	5804		839
Total	12836	11292		1554

c. Headquarters, III MAF message traffic originated:

September	4446
October	3932
Decrease	514

d. The average daily subscriber call rate through the III MAF AN/TT-28 was 17,126 this figure does not include a daily average of 862 operator processed trunk calls.

e. The Mobile Communication Central AN/TGC-37 was airlifted to 3rd MarDiv at Dong Ha on 2 October 1969.

f. The public address system for the Commanding Generals briefing room was received from Headquarters Marine Corps on 2 October 1969 and was installed in the Commanding Generals briefing room on 10 October 1969.

g. Cutover from the fixed plant teletype equipment to the Mobile Communications Center, AN/TGC-37 at the 3rd MarDiv, was completed on 11 October 1969.

h. LtCol R. A. CASH, assigned as Electronics-Maintenance Officer on 14 October 1969.

i. Capt P. A. MYERS visited FLC G-3 to discuss provisioning of radio set AN/TRC-27 and AN/TRC-97 on 14 October 1969.

j. LtCol R. A. CASH performed pre-embarkation inspection on Communication Equipment at 7th Comm Bn on 17 October 1969.

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k. Col S. A. DRESSIN attended monthly MACV-J6 Conference in Saigon on 19 October 1969.

l. The ICTZ/Area Coordinator Communication Conference was held at III MAF on 22 October 1969.

m. LtCol R. A. CASH and MGySgt VESEY provided coordination effort with the CEO of FLC, Western Electric Company Field Engineers and AFVN radio personnel to adjudicate the responsibility and action necessary to reduce and ultimately remove Radio Frequency Interference from AFVN radio transmitter site at FLC on 26 October 1969.

n. Maj R. B. AUSTENFELD assigned as Assistant Operation/Projects Officer vice Maj E. S. RISLER, transferred to CONUS on 27 October 1969.

o. LtCol Charles ELLER, Chief of Operations Division, DCA-SAM, Tan Son Nhut visited III MAF Facilities 29 and 30 October 1969.

p. G-6 Section Staff members attended the following meetings and conferences.

DATE	ATTENDEES	CONFERENCE/MEETING	LOCATION
11 Oct	LtCol DELONG	Sea Lords Communication Support	HQ MACV
15 Oct	Maj RISLER Maj FRY	AUTOSEVOCOM	Saigon

q. ICTZ Staff Visits

4 Oct	1972 Comm Sqdn	Capt MORT
9 Oct	FLC	Col DRESSIN, MGySgt JOHNSTON
15 Oct	37th Sig Bn	LtCol CASH, Capt MYERS
16 Oct	1st FSR and FLC	LtCol CASH, Capt MYERS
18 Oct	5th Comm Bn	LtCol CASH, Capt MYERS
20 Oct	Sea Anchor	LtCol CASH, Capt MYERS
28 Oct	1st MarDiv	Col DRESSIN, MGySgt JOHNSTON
30 Oct	FLC	Col DRESSIN

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R. Liaison Visits

12 Oct	FLC	Capt MYERS, MGySgt JOHNSTON
20 Oct	DEP CORDES	Maj FURLONG, Capt MORT
23 Oct	NSA	LtCol CASH
25 Oct	FLC	MGySgt VESEY
31 Oct	5th Comm Bn	LtCol CASH

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12. CHRONOLGY OF VIP VISITS

DATE	NAME	RANK/SERVICE	BILLET
1-4Oct69	N. ADAMS	Mr.	"Readers Digest"
3-5Oct69	R. R. TAYLOR	BGen:USA	
5Oct69	REISS	Dr:	Lutheran Minister
6Oct69	BOAK	Mr:GS-16	
7Oct69	J. J. CATTON	Gen:USAF	MAC
9Oct69	CICCOLELLA	MGen:USA	COMUSMAG China
10-11Oct69	LONG	RAdm:USN	COMSERVGRUTHREE
14-15Oct69	J. S. HYLAND	ADm:USN	CINCPACFLT
14Oct69	SHINN	VAdm:USN	COMNAVAIRPAC
15Oct69	W. K. JONES	MGen:USMC	CG 3d MARDIV
15-16Oct69	LAMBERT	RAdm:USN	Bupers
15Oct69	C. B. ROSSOTTI	Hon:Mr.	Dep Ass't SECDEF (SA)
17-19Oct69	L. SULLIVAN	Mr:(GS-18)	Dep Dir Def R&E for SEASIA
20-21Oct69	N. GAYLER	VAdm:USN	Dir of national Security Agency
23-26Oct69	R. E. HAINES	Gen:USA	CINCUSARPAC
25Oct69	H. G. SPARROW	MGen:USA	Chief of Army Audit Agy
27-28Oct69	F. C. WEYAND	LTGen:USA	SNR military Adv, US-UN Delegation to the Paris talks
27-30Oct69	J. W. ALBRITTAIN	RAdm:USN	(MC) Dep Surgeon Gen
28Oct69	L. P. RAMAGE	VAdm:USN	COMSTS
28Oct69	J. D. LAVELLE	LTGen:USAF	Dir DCPG, Wash D.C.
29-31Oct69	H. W. BUSE	LTGen:USMC	CG FMFPac
29-31Oct69	R. J. GALLAGHER	Bishop	C. R. S.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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