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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology, MASS-3, 1-31 March 1969

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the MASS-3 Command Chronology for March 1969 is submitted as enclosure (1).
2. This letter becomes unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

MARINE AIR SUPPORT SQUADRON 3

1-31 March 1969

Chu Lai, RVN

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- (U) Commanding Officer 1-3 Mar 69 Lt Col William J. SULLIVAN
 4-31 Mar 69 Lt Col William H. JACKSON JR.
- Executive Officer 1-31 Mar 69 Maj Jerry D. ODEN
- Operations Officer 1-31 Mar 69 Maj Donald S. CREAL JR.
- Services Officer 1-31 Mar 69 Capt Marvin L. CREEEL
- Administrative Officer 1-31 Mar 69 1st Lt John A. HODGES
- OIC, MASS-3 Det. #1 1-31 Mar 69 Maj Donald R. HUFFMAN
 Da Nang
- OIC, MASS-3 Det. #2 1-10 Mar 69 Capt Robert B. SCHOLL
 An Hoa
- (C) Marine Air Support Squadron 3, Chu Lai, RVN
- a. CP, Chu Lai ASRT, Chu Lai, RVN, 1-31 Mar 69
- b. Da Nang DASC, Da Nang ASRT, Da Nang, RVN, 1-31 Mar 69
- c. An Hoa DASC 1-10 Mar 69, An Hoa ASRT, An Hoa, RVN, 1-31 Mar 69
- (U) Average monthly strength of squadron:
- | | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Marine Officers | 39 |
| Marine Enlisted | 185 |
| Naval Officers | Ø |
| Naval Enlisted | 2 |
- (U) No VIP's visited the squadron during March.

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Part II Narrative Summary

(C) During the month of March 1969 MASS-3 continued to provide close air support and coordination for elements of the First Marine Division and the Americal Division in the Republic of Vietnam.

"Task Force Yankee" and the An Hoa Direct Air Support Center (DASC) were deactivated on 9 March 1969. The personnel and equipment from An Hoa DASC left on 10 March 1969 by convoy and arrived the same day at Da Nang. These resources are being used to augment the Da Nang DASC until a second DASC is required elsewhere.

As indicated by the statistics in Part III the volume of aircraft and ordnance dropped by Chu Lai ASRT and An Hoa ASRT increased during the month of March as the enemy offensive that started in February continued. The Da Nang AN/TPQ-10 that was damaged during the VC attack on 23 Feb 1969 was replaced by a system from CONUS which arrived on 25 March 1969. The new Radar Course Directing Central, serial no. A-11, was installed and became operational on 27 March 1969.

The DASC at Da Nang continued to provide effective control and coordination of fixed wing and helicopter aircraft operating in the First Marine Division tactical area of responsibility. In addition to previous duties, Da Nang DASC assumed control of aircraft working in the An Hoa area.

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Part III Significant Events

1. (C) Operations; Air Support Operations for the month of March:

DASC

	<u>Da Nang 1-31 Mar 69</u>	<u>An Hoa 1-10 Mar 69</u>	<u>Totals for Mar 69</u>
Fixed Wing Missions	1,644	344	1,988
Helo Missions	675	37	712
Med-Evac Missions	744	99	843

ASRT 1-31 March inclusive

	<u>Da Nang "Alfa"</u>	<u>Da Nang "Bravo"</u>	<u>Chu Lai</u>	<u>An Hoa</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Bombing Missions	7	49	455	419	930
Targets Hit	10	82	676	728	1,496
Visual Targets	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
Ordnance dropped (tons)	24.39	177.28	1,695.50	1,724.53	3,621.70
Sorties	7	66	567	509	1,149

2. System operating hours as of 31 March 1969:

	<u>Chu Lai</u>	<u>Da Nang "A"</u>	<u>Da Nang "B"</u>	<u>An Hoa</u>
	<u>A-7</u>	<u>A-9</u>	<u>A-11</u>	<u>A-1</u>
Total operating hours	21,045.8	23,511.3	4,598.4	*9,824.3
Hours since rehab.	16,651.8	12,511.3	198.0	9,824.3
Hours during March	680	6	69	581

*Reflects only hours of operations with MASS-3.

3. (U) MASS-3 units participated in the following operations during the month of March:

<u>Operation</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Russell Beach	1-31 Mar	Chu Lai ASRT
Iron Mountain	1-31 Mar	" " "
Frederick Hill	1-31 Mar	" " "
Geneva Park	1-31 Mar	" " "
Taylor Common	1-7 Mar	An Hoa ASRT, An Hoa DASC
Linn River	1-31 Mar	Da Nang DASC, Da Nang ASRT, An Hoa ASRT
Oklahoma Hills	1-31 Mar	" " " , " " " , " " " "
Victory Dragon 9	1-31 Mar	" " " , " " " " , " " " "

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4. (U) Civic Action

During the month of March 1969 the MASS-3 Civic Action Team spent 20 man-days on civic action activities in Trung Toan Hamlet.

General Walt Scholarships totaling \$6,000 VN were given out to eleven (11) recipients in the hamlets of Trung Toan and Sam Hai.

The Squadron Med-cap Team treated 223 Vietnamese civilians during the month.

The proposed Trung Toan school reconstruction and enlargement project was approved by Thiệu Ta^u Co, Ly Tin District Chief and the senior MACV advisor and was forwarded to province headquarters via Americal Division G-5 for final approval.

A total of 185 Vietnamese children were shown movies at MASS-3 area in March. A beach party was also held for 36 children by MASS-3 personnel.

Occupants of homes bordering the Chu Lai Base perimeter in Trung Toan Hamlet are being forced to move to new locations by persistent small arms fire from perimeter bunkers. Chu Lai Defense Command is exercising control to minimize such incidents in the future.

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