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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing (Attn: G-3)

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 - 31 January 1968

Ref: (a) WgO 5750.1C

- Encl:
- ✓(1) Command Chronology, Marine Air Control Group Eighteen
 - ✓(2) Command Chronology, Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron Eighteen
 - ✓(3) Command Chronology, Marine Air Support Squadron Two
 - ✓(4) Command Chronology, Marine Air Support Squadron Three
 - ✓(5) Command Chronology, Marine Air Control Squadron Four
 - ✓(6) Command Chronology, 1st Light AntiAircraft Missile Battalion
 - ✓(7) Command Chronology, 2nd Light AntiAircraft Missile Battalion

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (7) are hereby submitted.

2. This letter is downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED upon removal of enclosures.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP EIGHTEEN
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Enclosure (1)

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
Organizational Data

1. Unit Designation and Location

Marine Air Control Group Eighteen	Da Nang, RVN
Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron Eighteen	Da Nang, RVN
Marine Air Support Squadron Two	Da Nang, RVN
Marine Air Support Squadron Three	Chu Lai, RVN
Marine Air Control Squadron Four	Da Nang, RVN
1st Light AntiAircraft Missile Battalion	Da Nang, RVN
2nd Light AntiAircraft Missile Battalion	Chu Lai, RVN

2. Period Covered by this Report. 1 January — 31 January 1968

3. Task Organization. Same as in paragraph 1 above.

4. Name and Rank of Commanding Officer and Staff, MACG-18

Commanding Officer	COL L. V. TOPE
Executive Officer	LtCOL J. W. DILLON
Adjutant	1stLt J. D. CALDWELL
S-1	Major T. S. DUNLAP
S-2	None Assigned
S-3	LtCOL C. P. BUSCHMANN
S-4	LtCOL J. O. GREGGERSON
CEO	1stLt M. C. CHASE
CAO	Capt. M. E. FRANCHS

5. Name and Rank of Commanding Officers of Subordinate Units

H&HS-18	1-13 January 1968	LtCOL J. B. MONTAGUE
	14-17 January 1968	Major L. A. TAYLOR
	18-31 January 1968	LtCOL T. W. RIGGS
MASS-2		LtCOL J. M. JOHNSON JR.
MASS-3		LtCOL H. R. BUMPAS
MACS-4		LtCOL W. A. COHN
1st LAAM Bn		LtCOL M. J. TREADO
2nd LAAM Bn		LtCOL S. A. HERMAN

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~6. Average Monthly Strength of MACG-18 During the Period 1-31 January

<u>Officers</u>		<u>Enlisted</u>	
<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
19/182	4	1727	30

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. General (U) Marine Air Control Group Eighteen continued to operate air control/anti-aircraft warfare and air support facilities for the First Marine Aircraft Wing.
2. Personnel (C) MASS-2, MASS-3 and MACS-4 all joined sufficient personnel to offset normal rotation losses, and remain in a C-1 category. The 1st and 2nd LAAM Battalions are considered C-2; while H&HS-18 is placed in category C-3.
3. Administration (U) Routine administration progressed throughout the month of January.
4. Morale/Welfare (U) Liberty remained secured in Da Nang and Hoa Phut Village, outside Da Nang Air Base, throughout January. As a result, the majority of recreation was provided through the utilization of the facilities offered by Special Services. In addition, R&R flights to the following locations were conducted during the month of January:

HAWAII	26 Personnel
BANGKOK	24 Personnel
SYDNEY	9 Personnel
TOKYO	9 Personnel
OKINAWA	6 Personnel
MANILA	4 Personnel
SINGAPORE	4 Personnel
PENANG	5 Personnel
KUALA LUMPUR	3 Personnel
HONG KONG	15 Personnel
TAIPEI	12 Personnel

5. Casualties (C) Twenty-One (21) casualties were experienced by the Group during January: Eight (8) Hostile and Thirteen Non-Hostile.
6. Intelligence (U) The following tasks were completed by the S-2 section during January:

- 2 Top Secret clearances were issued
- 2 Top Secret clearances were requested
- 25 Secret clearances were issued
- 3 Secret clearances were requested
- 1 Interim Secret clearance was requested

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7. Air Operations (C) During the month of January MASS-2 provided air support control for the Dong Ha and Phu Bai areas; while MASS-3 provided air support control for the Chu Lai, Da Nang and Khe Sanh areas. MACS-4 provided air control facilities for the above mentioned areas. The monthly data tally is as follows:

a. MASS-2

<u>Air Support Radar Teams:</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u> 2009	<u>BOMBS</u> 6006.6 tons	<u>TARGETS HIT</u> 2274
<u>Direct Air Support Center:</u>	<u>HELO MISSIONS</u> <u>MED EVACS/OTHERS</u> 394/1611	<u>MISSIONS</u> <u>FIXED WING A/C</u> 2877	

b. MASS-3

<u>Air Support Radar Teams:</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u> 1193	<u>BOMBS</u> 3087.9 tons	<u>TARGETS HIT</u> 2133
<u>Direct Air Support Center:</u>	<u>HELO MISSIONS</u> <u>MED EVACS/OTHERS</u> 538/1173	<u>MISSIONS</u> <u>FIXED WING A/C</u> 1702	

c. Target Coverage = $\frac{9094.5 \text{ tons}}{3202 \text{ targets}}$ = 2.84 tons per target

d. MACS-4

<u>A/C Provided NAV Ass't</u> 11,131	<u>GCI/GCA</u> 2652	<u>IFF/SIF</u> <u>CHECKS</u> 10,168
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8. Training (U)

a. Troop indoctrination lectures and individual weapons safety lectures for newly joined personnel were conducted.

b. General Military Subjects training was conducted by units of this command.

c. Technical training, on the unit level, took the form of technical instruction and on-the-job training.

9. NBC Defense (U) No significant events occurred during the reporting period.

10. Communications/Electronics (U) The communications section of all units of this command, during the month of January, provided the communications to support the air control defense system for the First Marine Aircraft Wing operations in the Republic of Vietnam.

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(1) Administrative and Material inspections were conducted by all sections within the S-4. The squadrons/battalions inspected were MACS-4 and 2nd LAAM Battalion.

(2) The S-4 is continuing to coordinate the transfer of H&HS-18 personnel and material to the new cantonment at 1st LAAM Battalion.

b. Military Construction

(1) All outstanding Minor New Construction Projects were screened for completed construction and Special Projects Requests were reviewed for validity.

(2) A review of Group Basic Facility Requirement Analysis and updating of required Military Construction for FY68 and FY69 was made.

c. Motor Transport. The cargo/mileage for MACG-18 vehicles was 4,379 short tons of cargo transported and a total mileage driven of 109,471. Total POL transported was 211,782 gallons.

d. Embarkation

(1) On 21 January 31,399 lbs. of radio and communication gear was air-lifted by KC-130 to Quang Tri for further transfer to Khe Sanh.

(2) On 27 January 23,350 lbs. of equipment was air-lifted by KC-130 to Khe Sanh for MASS-3 Bravo.

e. Supply. During the month Group Supply was completely reorganized and now functions as per T/O breakdown, i.e., Administration, Navy Support, Marine Corps Support.

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