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Encl: (1) Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), Enclosure (1) is submitted.

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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| <p>1. <u>Designation</u><br/>                 Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462</p> <p><u>Staff Officers</u><br/>                 Executive Officer</p> <p>S-1 Officer<sup>a</sup></p> <p>S-2 Officer</p> <p>S-3 Officer</p> <p>S-4 Officer</p> <p>Maintenance Officer</p> <p>NATOPS Officer</p> <p>Aviation Safety Officer</p> | <p><u>Commander</u><br/>                 Lieutenant Colonel J. L. BOLTON</p> <p><u>Names</u><br/>                 Major J. R. CIVELLI</p> <p>Major G. R. AMOS</p> <p>CWO-3 M. P. GALASKY</p> <p>Major J. E. GIVAN</p> <p>Major A. A. GLOSE</p> <p>Major H. M. BARTEL</p> <p>Captain R. W. GILLESPIE</p> <p>Captain K. A. SCHRADER</p> |
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| <p>2. <u>Location</u><br/>                 5-9 May 1975<br/>                 10-12 May 1975<br/>                 13 May 1975<br/>                 14-16 May 1975<br/>                 17-31 May 1975</p> | <p>USS Okinawa, in port, Manila Bay</p> <p>NAS Cubi Point, Subic Bay</p> <p>USS Hancock, in port, Subic Bay</p> <p>USS Hancock, Enroute, South China Sea</p> <p>NAS Cubi Point, Subic Bay</p> |
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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 5 May 1975, after the completion of Operations Frequent Wind the USS Okinawa arrived in Manila Bay, Republic of the Philippines. HMH-462 remained aboard the ship until 10 May 1975. During this period administrative and functional check flights were flown.

On 10 May 1975, the USS Okinawa was underway to Subic Bay. HMH-462 aircraft were flown off the ship and staged at the NAS Cubi Point Helo Ramp. Aircraft flew a total of 17.2 flight hours and carried 81 passengers and 23.3 tons of cargo in 27 sorties.

From 11-12 May 1975, HMH-462 received verbal warning directing preparations for an 1800H embarkation aboard the USS Hancock. At 1700H HMH-462 was chopped to OPCON 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade. In compliance with reference (c) embarkation was initiated. Reference (c) further directed preparation for a possible contingency operation to seize Poulo Wai Island complex and/or Kompong Som as required. Nine CH-53's, 3 AH-1J's, 2 CH-46's and 2 UH-1E's were flown aboard the USS Hancock. In addition, 2 CH-53's and 1 AH-1J were ferried aboard. Four of seven CH-53's in transit aboard the USS Okinawa were chopped to HMM-165 for inclusion in the composite helicopter squadron under the control of Command Task Group 79.4.

At 1230H 14 May 1975, the USS Hancock was underway enroute to the Gulf of Thailand. At 1730G 15 May 1975, reference (d) was received. This warning order called for a possible execution at 0300G 16 May 1975. Pilots were briefed at 2030G. Contingency plans called for a launch of 4 CH-53's at 0300G 16 May 1975 to the USS Coral Sea/Kog Tong Island to arrive at first light 0530G 16 May 1975. The CH-53's were to be used for the extraction of remaining Ground Security Forces located on the Poulo Wai Island complex. By 2330G, 7 CH-53's had been readied for this contingency. Then at 0030G 16 May 1975, reference (e) was received directing the USS Hancock and its escort to return to Subic Bay to offload.

On 17 May 1975, 9 CH-53's, 2 CH-46's, 2 UH-1E's, and 3 AH-1J's flew off the USS Hancock to NAS Cubi Point. On 19 May 1975, HMH-462 was chopped to OPCON CTG 79.4. On 15 May 1975, the USS Okinawa arrived at NAS Cubi Point, Subic Bay. On 21 May 1975, 6 CH-53's were flown off to join the squadron at NAS Cubi Point. During this period primary concern was for the painting and repairing of aircraft.

On 23 May 1975, 3 CH-53's were flown aboard the USS Midway for ferry to Atsugi, Japan for the ACE program. One crew remained aboard to fly the aircraft off upon reaching Atsugi.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY Cont:

On 26 May 1975, HMH-462 picked up a frag from HMM-165 for paratroops and food resupply for Grande Island.

On 27 May 1975, Colonel W. D. KENT, 9th MAB, was transported by UH-1E from Clark Air Force Base to NAS Cubi Point.

On 28 May 1975, Lieutenant Colonel HESTER, BLT 1/4, was afforded transportation by CH-46 to tour companies in the field. Additionally 10,080 pounds of ammunition was transported to Green Beach. HMH-462 assisted the SEALs by utilizing one CH-46 for paratroops in the local area. Transported Colonel W. D. KENT and Colonel H. G. EDEBOHLS on a visual reconnaissance of the local training area.

On 29 May 1975, 1 CH-53 dropped 20 UDT for freefall training. Additionally rice runs were flown to Grande Island.

On 30 May 1975, functional check flights were flown. Also HMH-462 supported additional food resupply to Grande Island.

On 31 May 1975, 3 CH-46's, 2 UH-1E's, and 3 AH-1J's were flown aboard the USS Duluth to form a separated detachment. Captain SUBLETTE was designated the OIC of this detachment.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

5 May 1975	Arrive Manila Bay, Republic of the Philippines
10 May 1975	Fly-off to NAS Cubi Point
13 May 1975	On-load aboard USS Hancock
14 May 1975	USS Hancock underway
15 May 1975	Warning order received and aircraft and crews readied for possible contingency
16 May 1975	USS Hancock directed to return to Subic Bay for off-load
17 May 1975	Fly-off to NAS Cubi Point
23 May 1975	Three CH-53's flown aboard USS Midway
27 May 1975	Colonel W. D. KENT, 9th MAB, afforded transportation from Clark AFB to NAS Cubi Point
28 May 1975	Transported Colonel W. D. KENT and Colonel H. G. EDEBOHLS on a VR of local area
31 May 1975	Detachment flown aboard the USS Duluth

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