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MARINE HEAVY HELICOPTER SQUADRON 462
Marine Aircraft Group 36
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
FPO San Francisco 96602

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5750
17 May 1975



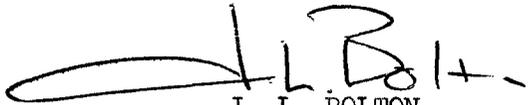
From: Commanding Officer, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462
To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 13 May - 17 May 1975

- Ref: (a) FMFPacO 5750.1D
- (b) CTF 79 130920Z MAY 75 (S)(U)
- (c) CINCPACFLT 151003Z MAY 75 (S)(U)
- (d) COMSEVFLT 151506Z MAY 75 (S)(U)

Encl: (1) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with reference (a) the following report is submitted.


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ENCLOSURE (3)

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

A. DESIGNATION:
 Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462

LOCATION:
 NAS CUBI POINT, Ashore, 13 May 1975
 USS Hancock, Embarked, 14-17 May 1975

B. PERIOD COVERED:
 130900Z MAY 1975 to 170100Z MAY 1975

C. COMMAND:
 Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462

Executive Officer:
Staff Officers:
 S-1 Officer
 S-2 Officer
 S-3 Officer
 S-4 Officer
 Maintenance Officer
 NATOPS Officer
 Aviation Safety Officer

COMMANDER:
 Lieutenant Colonel
 J. L. BOLTON
 Major J. R. CIVELLI
 Major G. R. AMOS
 CWO-3 M. P. GALASKY
 Major J. E. GIVAN
 Major A. A. GLOSE
 Major H. M. BARTEL
 Captain R. W. GILLESPIE
 Captain K. A. SCHRADER

D. PERSONNEL STRENGTH:

	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
USMC	50	238
USN	1	2
OTHER	0	0

PART II

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 13 May 1975: 1300H Squadron received verbal warning directing preparation for an 1800H embarkation aboard the USS Hancock.
- 1700H HMM-462 chopped to OPCON 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade. In compliance with reference (b) embarkation was initiated.
- 1800-2300H 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.
- 14 May 1975: 0300H All Squadron assets located aboard the USS Hancock.
- 1230H USS Hancock underway for Gulf of Thailand.
- 15 May 1975: 1700G Warning order received requesting squadron to configure 4 CH-53's for possible contingency launch at 0300G 16 May 1975.
- 2030G Pilots attended an intelligence brief.
- 2330G Seven CH-53's were readied for a possible 4 plane launch at 0300 G 16 May 1975.
- 16 May 1975: 0030G Reference (d) received directing USS Hancock and escorts to return to Subic Bay to offload.

PART III

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

At 1300H 13 May 1975, HMM-462 was given a verbal warning to prepare for a possible 1800H embarkation of ~~all~~ squadron assets aboard the USS Hancock. At 1700H reference (b) was received which directed execution of the embarkation. Reference (b) further directed preparation for a possible contingency operation to seize Paulo Wai Island complex and/or Kompong Som as required. HMM-462 was chopped to control by the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade. 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.

Between 1800-2300H 13 May 1975 HMM-462 flew 9 CH-53's, 3 AH-1J's, 2 UH-1E's and 2 CH-46's aboard the USS Hancock. Two CH-53's and 1 AH-1J were ferried aboard. Embarkation of squadron personnel and cargo continued until 0300H 14 May 1975. At 1230H 14 May 1975, the USS Hancock was underway enroute to the Gulf of Thailand.

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Narrative Summary Cont.

At 1730G 15 May 1975, reference (c) was received. This warning order called for a possible execution at 0300G 16 May 1975. Pilots were given an intelligence brief at 2030G 15 May 1975. 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. Each CH-53 was to be configured with 2 internal auxiliary tanks. 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 (d) was received directing the USS Hancock and its escorts to return to Subic Bay to offload. Throughout 16 May 1975, the USS Hancock steamed enroute to Subic Bay with a planned offloading beginning at 0715H 17 May 1975.

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