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1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), the MASS-3 Command Chronology for November 1968 is submitted as enclosure (1).
2. This letter becomes unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY (U)
MARINE AIR SUPPORT SQUADRON 3
1-30 November 1968
Chu Lai, RVN

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Part I Organizational Data

- (U) Commanding Officer 1-30 Nov 68 LtCol William J. SULLIVAN
- Executive Officer 1-30 Nov 68 Maj Myrl S. ENGEL, Jr.
- Operations Officer 1-30 Nov 68 Capt Kenneth P. CLARENDON
- Services Officer 1-30 Nov 68 Capt Charles W. FISH
- Administrative Officer 1-30 Nov 68 1st/Lt John A. HODGES
- OIC, MASS-3 Det. #1 1-30 Nov 68 Maj Kenneth L. SCARBOROUGH
Da Nang
- OIC, MASS-3 Det. #2 1-30 Nov 68 Maj Charles H. MANAZIR
Vandegrift Combat Base
- (C) Marine Air Support Squadron - 3, Chu Lai, RVN
- a. CP, Chu Lai ASRT Alfa, Chu Lai, RVN
- b. Da Nang DASC, Da Nang ASRT Alfa, Da Nang ASRT Bravo, Da Nang, RVN
- c. Vandegrift DASC, Vandegrift Combat Base, RVN
- (U) Average monthly strength of squadron:
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|-----------------|-----|
| Marine Officers | 37 |
| Marine Enlisted | 213 |
| Naval Officers | 0 |
| Naval Enlisted | 2 |

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Part II Narrative Summary

(C) From 1 November to 15 November Da Nang ASRT A (system A-9) was ordered to refrain from making bombing runs due to the bad drop they had on 29 October. During this time ASRT A ran computer checks, a Table two check, had a antenna rebuilt and ran 10 Calibration Hops. They were permitted to resume making bombing runs on 15 November. From that date until 30 Nov ASRT A made 95 day and 129 night TPQ-10 bombing runs for a total of 224 runs.

Da Nang ASRT B, system A-15, was down most of the month of November. Besides the MASS-3 technicians working on the system, there were two radar officers, and a civilian technical Representative as well as additional technical assistance from MASS-2 personnel. All this help was to no avail as the set could not be brought up to consistent working status. The main factor for this was the extremely poor condition in which the set arrived in Vietnam during the last week in September. System A-15 is now scheduled to go back to rehab and be replaced by system A-1. Preparations were being made at the end of the month to site system A-1 on hill 200 near ASRT A. This will enable the pooling of technicians and operators, and will simplify the resupply of parts since hill 200 is the site of the radar warehouse.

Chu Lai ASRT A, system A-7, is the most consistent ASRT in MASS-3. Not only the radar, but also the beacon, has been consistently up since mid September. The Chu Lai ASRT is used in support of the Americal Division of the U. S. Army. The ASRT has been getting, on the average, 14 targets each night from the Americal Division. However, the ASRT has been getting only an average of five fragged and about three divert aircraft each night. In addition many of the targets assigned to the ASRT are over 25 miles away, requiring the aircraft to have a working beacon aboard. Unfortunately out of 158 aircraft worked by the Chu Lai ASRT during November only 81 had working beacons aboard. Thus on many nights distant targets go without being hit because no aircraft comes on station with a working beacon. With the small number of aircraft assigned to work with the Chu Lai ASRT, plus the relatively small number of aircraft that come up with a working beacon, the ASRT is not being utilized to its full capacity.

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Part III Significant Events1. (C) Operations. Air Support Operations for the month of November:DASC

	<u>Da Nang</u>	<u>Vandegrift</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Fixed Wing Missions	1216	569	1785
Helio Missions	818	251	1069
Med-Evac Missions	630	231	861

ASRT

	<u>Chu Lai "A"</u>	<u>Da Nang "A"</u>	<u>Da Nang "B"</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Bombing Missions	158	173	76	407
Targets Hit	172	239	105	516
Visual Targets	4	Ø	Ø	4
Ordnance dropped (tons)	452.05	513.55	177.67	1143.27
Sorties	155	212	73	440

2. (U) System operating hours as of 30 November 1968:

	<u>A-7</u>	<u>A-9</u>	<u>A-15</u>
Total operating hours	18,358*	22,013*	14,825
Hours since rehab.	13,964*	11,013*	10,735
Hours during November	5,593	360	675

*Hours updated according to Maintenance Logbook

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

<u>Operation</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Wheeler-Wallowa	1-17 Nov	Chu Lai ASRT ALFA
Burlington Trail	1-17 Nov	-do-
Vernon Lake	2-30 Nov	-do-
Meade River	20-30 Nov	Da Nang DASC, ASRT ALFA, and BRAVO
Henderson Hill	1-30 Nov	-do-
Gerrard Bay	1-16 Nov	-do-
Nicollet Bay	7-14 Nov	Vandegrift DASC.
Scotland II	1-30 Nov	-do-
Nanking	1-8 Nov	-do-
Dawson River	28-30 Nov	-do-
Lancaster	1-23 Nov	-do-

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4. (U) Civic Action

During the month of November MASS-3 MEDCAP treated 128 children and 61 adults. 200 bars of soap were distributed throughout Trung Toan Hamlet for hygienic purposes.

On 9 November the MASS-3 Civic Action Officer passed out 12 scholarships to children of Trung Toan and Sam Hai hamlets.

On 10 November the MASS-3 Civic Action Team brought the Trung Toan hamlet officials to attend the Marine Corps birthday ceremony in the MASS-3 area.

On 14 Nov the MASS-3 Civic Action Team installed a hand pump on the main well in Trung Toan hamlet.

On 15 Nov the MASS-3 Civic Action Team, aided by several local farmers from Trung Toan hamlet, started an experimental garden using new farming techniques.

During the month of Nov 118 children were brought to the MASS-3 area to attend movies shown by the MASS-3 Civic Action Team.