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Encl: (1) MASS-2 Command Chronology, January 1968

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 January thru 31 January

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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2. LOCATION

a. Marine Air Support Squadron 2 (-)  
   - Da Nang, RVN

b. Detachment 1
   - Direct Air Support Center
   - Air Support Radar Team "A"
   - Air Support Radar Team "B"
   - Dong Ha, RVN in direct support of the 3rd Marine Division

b. Detachment 2
   - Direct Air Support Center
   - Air Support Radar Team "C"
   - Phu Bai, RVN in direct support of the 1st Marine Division (FWD)

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Operations

a. Direct Air Support Centers (DASC) operations for the month of January showed an increase over the previous month. The DASCs controlled 4882 missions of which 2877 were fixed wing and 2005 helicopter missions with 394 of the helicopter missions being Medical Evacuations. MASS-2 Detachments supported the following operations: Detachment 1 - operations Scotland, Lancaster, Lancaster II, Osceola, Osceola II, Kentucky, Fortress Attack, Badger Catch and Napoleon; Detachment 2 operation Badger Tooth. Additionally, ARVN operations Lam Son 179 and 182, were supported by Detachment 2. MASS-2 operated an airborne DASC in support of the 26th Marines at Khe Sahn on 22 and 23 January flying three (3) sorties consisting of 31 flight hours.

b. Air Support Radar Teams (ASRT) conducted 2009 missions, controlled 2760 aircraft, delivering 12,013,385 pounds of bombs on 2274 targets. Three new squadron records were established for aggregate ASRT performance in one month: 2009 missions (old record 2000), aircraft controlled 2760 (old record 2287) and dropped 6006.693 tons of bombs (old record 5627.375).

2. Supply. A review of present stocks was conducted and a schedule for disposing of excesses has been established. TR tubes for the radar subsection of the radar course directing central AN/TPQ-10 remain a high usage item for which replenishment has been a critical problem.

3. Motor Transport. The lack of sufficient MOS 3500 personnel to support the squadron headquarters and its two detachments continues to be a problem. Consequently, vehicle repair has been delayed and some administrative deadlining of vehicles because of the driver shortage was required.

4. Utilities. During the month the utilities section continued working on camp maintenance and improvement projects of which twenty-eight were completed.
PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

11 January
ASRT "A" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD117414, one (1) secondary explosion at YD28385 and three (3) secondary explosions at YD11743.
ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported three (3) secondary explosions at YD068764.

12 January
ASRT "A" (Dong Ha) reported five (5) large secondary explosions and three (3) secondary fires at YD086764.
ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported two (2) secondary explosions at YD17758.

14 January
DASC (Phu Bai) visited by MajGen ANDERSON, MajGen ROBERTSON and BrigGen LA HUE for the purpose of DASC orientation.

18 January
ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported five (5) secondary explosions at YD075616 and one (1) secondary explosion at YD07863.

19 January
DASC (Dong Ha) visited by MajGen METZGER and BrigGen GLICK.
ASRT "A" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD250797.

20 January
ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported two (2) secondary explosions and three (3) secondary fires at YD245858, two (2) secondary explosions at YD228870 and one (1) secondary explosion at YD245085.

21 January
DASC (Dong Ha) visited by MajGen TONKINS and MajGen ANDERSON.

22 January
DASC (Airborne) activated this date.
ASRT "B" reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD273760 and one (1) secondary explosion at YD24456.

24 January
DASC (Dong Ha) visited by BrigGen KELLER.

25 January
DASC (Dong Ha) visited by BrigGen ANDERSON.

27 January
ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD277522 and one (1) secondary explosion at YD275516.

29 January
DASC (Phu Bai) visited by BrigGen LA HUE.
ASRT "A" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary fire at YD068746.
ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported four (4) secondary explosions at YD068772, five (5) secondary explosions and one (1) large fire at YD068773 and one (1) secondary explosion at YD071750.

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30 January  DASC (Phu Bai) visited by Gen KENNEDY U.S. Army for briefing on DASC operations. ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD073705.

31 January  DASC (Phu Bai) visited by BrigGen LA HUE.
TAB A STATISTICAL DATA FOR JANUARY 1968

1. Direct Air Support Centers (DASC)

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<td>1611</td>
<td>394</td>
<td>4882</td>
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* MED EVAC missions are NOT included in helicopter totals.

2. Air Support Radar Teams (ASRT)

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Target Coverage = \(\frac{6006.693 \text{ Tons}}{2274 \text{ Targets}}\) = 2.642 tons/targets

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