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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (A030)

Via: (1) Commanding Officer, Marine Air Control Group 18
      (2) Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing
      (3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

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     (b) FMFPac 0 5750.8
     (c) 1st MAW 0 5750.1C
     (d) MACG-18 0 5750.1

Enc: (1) MASS-2 Command Chronology, April 1968

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) through (d), Enclosure (1) is submitted.

2. Upon removal of Enclosure (1), this letter is downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED. Enclosure (1) is downgraded at 3 year intervals and automatically declassified after 12 years. DOD Directive 5200.10 applies.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 April thru 30 April

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. COMMAND AND STAFF

Commanding Officer  
Executive Officer  
Administrative Officer  
Operations Officer  
Services Officer  
Comm-Elect Officer  
Supply Officer  
OIC Detachment 1  
OIC Detachment 2  
OIC DASC Detachment 1  
OIC DASC Detachment 2  
OIC ASRT "A"  
OIC ASRT "B"  
OIC ASRT "C"  
OIC ASRT "D"

LtCol John N. JOHNSON
LtCol David S. TWIDDING (1-24 Apr66)
Lt John R. CUSACK
Maj Dennis R. HORN
Capt John W. STONE
Lt Donald F. PHILLIPS
Capt Richard H. CHICHE
Lt Col Gale HARLAN
Maj Edward J. DAHY III
Capt Richard A. DUNGAN
Capt John C. WEARE
Lt Thomas J. ZENS
Capt Andrew D. GLAD
Lt Julian J. MINTON
Capt Kenneth M. GARNER

2. LOCATION

a. Marine Air Support Squadron 2 (-)  
   Marine Air Support Squadron 2 (-)  
   Direct Air Support Center  
   Air Support Radar Team "A"  
   Air Support Radar Team "B"  
   Air Support Radar Team "D"

   Da Nang, RVN

b. Detachment 1  
   Direct Air Support Center  
   Air Support Radar Team "A"  
   Air Support Radar Team "B"  
   Air Support Radar Team "D"

   Dong Ha/Camp Carroll, RVN
   in direct support of the  
   3rd Marine Division

c. 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 April showed an increase from the previous month. The DASCs controlled 4657 missions of which 2696 were fixed wing and 2051 helicopter missions with 432 of the helicopter missions being Medical Evacuations.

b. Operations supported by MASS-2 were as follows: Detachment 1 - operations Saline, Napoleon, Kentucky, Lancaster II, Scotland II, Pegasus and Rice; Detachment 2 - operations Samurai IV, Samurai V, Houston, Carentan II, Jeb Stuart II, Delaware/Lam Son 216 and Baxter Garden.

c. Air Support Radar Teams (ASRT) conducted 1831 missions, controlled 3065 aircraft, delivering 13,876,834 pounds of bombs on 1918 targets.

d. ASRT "D" was established at Camp Carroll operating under Detachment 1.

e. As of 30 April MASS-2 AN/TPQ-10 systems operation hours were as follows:

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2. Supply. A semi annual inventory was accomplished at Detachment 2, Phu Bai. Inventories are in progress at Detachment 1, Dong Ha, and at the Squadron Headquarters, Da Nang. A total of two hundred and forty six (246) incoming requisitions were processed by the Supply Section during the past month. One hundred and sixty (160) were filled from stock and the remainder were ordered from the Marine Corps Supply System.

3. Communications-Electronics. The squadron communications-electronics section moved from Da Nang to Phu Bai, collocating with Detachment 2.

4. Motor Transport. During the month of April, MASS-2 motor vehicles logged a total of 12,751 miles. 1371 miles were attributable to convoys which carried 38 tons of supplies to the Phu Bai and Dong Ha detachments.
5. Utilities. Twenty-two (22) projects were undertaken during the month. Of these twenty-one (21) were completed.

6. Civic Action. During the month of April, MASS-2 acquired the hamlets of Phuoc Tuong and Hoa An. MedCaps were held twice a week and a total of 356 people were treated from 15 April to 30 April. MASS-2 has a Vietnamese woman under training as a nurse. MASS-2 has spent a total of 60 hours teaching English at the Phuoc Thanh Orphange in Red Beach.
PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 April
ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary explosion and one (1) secondary fire at YD 212223.

2 April
ASRT "A" (Dong Ha) reported two (2) secondary explosions at YD 236823.
ASRT "C" (Phu Bai) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YC 516932.

3 April
ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary explosion and five (5) secondary fires at YD 120735, also one (1) secondary explosion and one (1) secondary fire at YD 089628.

4 April
ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported two (2) secondary explosions at YD 157663.

5 April
ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported three (3) large secondary explosions at YD 039647.

6 April
ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported five (5) secondary explosions at YD 1140763.

8 April
ASRT "C" (Phu Bai) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 862242.

9 April
ASRT "A" (Dong Ha) reported two (2) secondary explosions at YD 123896.
ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 144761.

10 April
ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 075675.
ASRT "C" (Phu Bai) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YC 927987.

11 April
ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported two (2) secondary explosions at YD 039632 and one (1) secondary explosion at YD 075675.

13 April
ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported two (2) secondary explosions at YD 233778.

14 April
ASRT "A" (Dong Ha) reported two (2) secondary explosions at YD 056873.

17 April
ASRT "A" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 406035.

18 April
ASRT "C" (Phu Bai) reported six (6) secondary explosions at YD 406035. Commenced move of AN/TPQ-10 system (a-8)
to Camp Carroll, designated ASRT "B".

19 April
ASRT "A" (Dong Ha) reported two (2) secondary explosions at YD 216820.

20 April
ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported two (2) secondary explosions at YD 249708, and two (2) secondary fires at YD 235805.

21 April
ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported three (3) secondary fires at YD 163813.

22 April
ASRT "C" (Phu Bai) reported one (1) secondary explosion at ZC 128971. One (1) secondary explosion at ZC 130077 and one (1) secondary explosion at YD 345652.

23 April
ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported three (3) secondary fires at YD 245845.

27 April
ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 272779.

28 April
ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 230630. One (1) secondary explosion and one (1) secondary fire at YD 227828, also, one (1) secondary explosion and two (2) secondary fires at YD 225830.

29 April
DASC (Dong Ha) visited by MajGen. ANDERSON

30 April
ASRT "A" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 239761.
ASRT "B" (Camp Carroll) commenced operation.
### TAB A: STATISTICAL DATA FOR APRIL 1968

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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 = \( \frac{6938.147}{1918} \) tons = 3.62 tons/targets

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