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Marine Aircraft Group 16  
3d Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMFPac  
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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3 June 1971

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d MAB (Attn: G-3)

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-31 May 1971

Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1D

Encl: (1) Command Chronology of Marine Aircraft Group 16

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.
2. Upon removal of enclosure (1), this letter is downgraded to Unclassified.

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PART IOrganizational Data

<u>1. Designation</u>	<u>Commander</u>	<u>1-31 May 71</u>
CO, MAG-16	Col STREET, L. C. III	1-31 May 71
XO, MAG-16	LtCol GILLIS, J. E.	1-31 May 71
H&MS-16	Maj SILARD, C. D. Jr.	1-31 May 71
H&BS-16	LtCol SPURLOCK, D.	1-31 May 71
MLE-167	LtCol BLANC R. J.	1-31 May 71
H&M-262	LtCol WEST, F. K.	1-7 May 71 <sup>19-</sup>
HEE-367	LtCol REESE, C. E.	1-31 May 71
M&H-463	LtCol REAP, T. S.	1-18 May 71
M&H-463	Maj EDWARDS, H. E.	19-29 May 71 <sup>27-</sup>

2. Location

1-31 May 1971: Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	LtCol GILLIS, J. E.	1-31 May 71
Adjutant	Capt FEASELMAN, C. H.	1-31 May 71
S-1	Capt FEASELMAN, C. H.	1-31 May 71
S-2	Capt GARCIA, A. J.	1-31 May 71
S-3	LtCol STEADMAN, H. W.	1-31 May 71
S-4	LtCol LEISY, R. R.	1-31 May 71

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
165	1221	3	15

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May was the final month of combat flying for MAG-16 in the Republic of Vietnam. Stand-down and redeployment schedules were initiated for the various squadrons and execution accomplished with all minor problems handled successfully. U. S. Army units arrived to assume control of Marble Mountain Air Facility and most previous MAG-16 air commitments.

In accordance with the Increment 7 schedule for unit stand-down/redeployment commencing 1 May 1971, HMM-263 ceased combat air operations and continued to prepare aircraft and equipment for embarkation. On 7 May 1971, HMM-262, the last tactical CH-46 squadron in RVN, officially ceased combat operations and also prepared to embark as scheduled. Both of these units detached from MAG-16 on 13 May 1971. On 18 May 1971, HMM-463 initiated the stand-down phase for redeployment and detached on 29 May 1971. They were followed by all remaining MAG-16 units stand-down on 26 May 1971, marking the termination of all tactical air operations with the exception of two (2) UH-1E's from HML-167 tasked for CG 3d MAB support.

Redeployment inspections were held by MajGen A. J. ARMSTRONG, CG 3d MAB, to insure readiness of unit personnel. The highest inspection grade was earned by HML-367 who received the mark of satisfactory/outstanding.

All logistics sections were extremely active in the planning and execution of the retrograde of MAG-16 units. A total of 48 CH-46's, 15 UH-1E's, 22 AH-1G's, 4 AH-1J's and 4,215,537 lbs. of cargo were loaded aboard 5 amphibious ships. Several of the loadings were accomplished in record time and were duly noted and impressively commented on by ships personnel.

On 6 and 7 May, General R. E. DAVIS, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, visited MAG-16 and was briefed on the aspects of embarkation, operations, transfer of facilities and the retrograde. MajGen M. E. CARL, Inspector General, visited MAG-16 on 9 May 1971 and was also briefed.

11th Combat Aviation Group (11th CAG), U. S. Army, became custodian of all facilities/equipment and continued all field services with practically no interruption.

This month also marks the end of MAG-16's responsibility for the security of the Marble Mountain area. The control of sub sector one (1) and the requirements to provide the majority of the security forces was passed to the Commanding Officer, 11th CAG as of the end of this month.

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MAG-16 continues to forge ahead with its stand-down and embarkation function while still providing air support for the CG of III MAB.

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PART IIIStatistical Data

1. Awards. There were two Distinguished Flying Crosses, three Navy-Marine Corps Medals, 21 good Conduct Awards and 56 Strike/Flight Air Medals awarded during the month of May.
2. Intelligence Information. 3 Aircrew spot reports of intelligence value were received from aircrews and other sources.
3. Enemy Casualties and Damage Inflicted. MAG-16 inflicted: 6 KMA (prob) 2 Hootches destroyed, and 2 Secondary explosions.
4. Sequential Listing of Significant Events
  - 1 May 1971: HMM-263 Stood-down.
  - 3 May 1971: Two Cobras from HML-367 were credited with two (2) hootches and two (2) secondary explosions while on mission 70.
  - 5 May 1971: Lieutenant General W. K. JONES, CG, ILEFPac, visited MAG-16 for briefings and inspections of the units standing down.
  - 6 May 1971: General R. G. DAVIS, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, visited MAG-16 for predeployment briefings. The General also flew in a Cobra piloted by LtCol C. E. REESE, CO of HML-367 who demonstrated the aircraft's firepower.
  - 6 May 1971: Two Cobras from HML-367 were credited with six (6) KMA (prob) during mission 74.
  - 7 May 1971: Major General A. J. ARMSTRONG, CG 3d MAB, and LtCol F. K. WEST CO, HMM-262 flew the last combat mission of HMM-262 in RVN.
  - 7 May 1971: HMM-262 Stood-down.
  - 9 May 1971: Major General M. E. CARL, the Inspector General, visited IMAF and was briefed on the facilities/equipment transfer and retrograde plans of MAG-16.
  - 13 May 1971: Control of HMM-262 was transferred from the 3d Marine Amphibious Brigade to the 1st Marine Brigade.
  - 13 May 1971: Control of HMM-263 was transferred from the 3d Marine Amphibious Brigade to the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing.

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- 18 May 1971: Major M. E. EDWARDS relieved Lieutenant Colonel T. S. REAP as the Commanding Officer of HHH-463.
- 18 May 1971: HHH-463 Stood-down.
- 19 May 1971: The largest convoy of aircraft to this date, Forty-seven (47) aircraft, ~~were~~ moved a distance of ten (10) miles from Marble Mountain Air Facility to the Danang Deep Water Pier with no incidents.
- 21 May 1971: HML-167 flew a VR of the FLC perimeter which became the last tactical mission to be flown in RVN by MAG-16 aircraft. Comprise continues to fly the CG 3d MAB VIP mission only.
- 24 May 1971: All of the Marble Mountain Air Facility real estate was signed over to Philco Ford, acting in behalf of the U. S. Army.
- 26 May 1971: Responsibility for the TAFDS, TOWER, OCA, HAVAIDS, Air Freight, Crash Crew and Structural Fire Prevention was transferred to the CO of the 11th Combat Aviation Group.
- 26 May 1971: MAG-16 and remaining units Stood-down.
- 26 May 1971: Remaining CH-53's of HHH-463 embarked in USS Okinawa.
- 29 May 1971: Control of HHH-463 was transferred from the 3d Marine Amphibious Brigade to the 1st Marine Brigade.

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5. Air OperationsHML-167(UH-1E)

Hours 445.2  
Sorties 1144  
Pax 1168  
KLMA (Confirmed) 0

HML-367(AH-1G/J)

470.8  
412  
0  
0

HMM-262(CH-46D)

Hours 150.4  
Sorties 620  
Pax 1223  
Medevac 13  
Cargo(Tons) 4.0  
TAR's

HMH-463(CH-53D)

214.4  
718  
4283  
0  
563.5  
0

H&MS-16(CH46D)

Hours 0  
Sorties 0  
Pax 0  
Cargo(Tons) 0

MAG-16 TOTAL

Hours 1280.8  
Sorties 2894  
Pax 6674  
Cargo(Tons) 567.5  
Medevac 13  
KLMA (Confirmed) 0  
TAR's 0

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6. Enroute Fire Incidents

	<u>OVER 500'</u>	<u>UNDER 500'</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
INCIDENTS	5	0	5
HITS	1	0	1

7. FLT TIME/FIRE INCIDENT/HLT ANALYSIS

	<u>FLT TIME</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>INCID</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>HITS</u>	<u>%</u>
LEDEVAC	46	3	1	9	0	0
STRIKE	223	18	3	24	0	0
MISC.	1011	79	7	65	1	100
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1280</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>100</u>

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PART IVSupporting DocumentsMAG-16 Indentification/  
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May* { - Command Chronology of HIL-167

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- Command Chronology of HIL-262, 1-70 May 71

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- Command Chronology of HIL-367

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- Command Chronology of H&MS-16

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- Command Chronology of MALS-16

CO, MABS-16 ltr 2 June 71

- Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-1

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- Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-2

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MABS-16* - Command Chronology of <sup>MABS-16</sup> MAG-16 Motor Transport

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Of 30 May 1971

- Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-4

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## GROUP S-1 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

## Part 1 Organizational Data

MAG-16, Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Vietnam

TASK ORGANIZATION

H&MS-16  
MABS-16  
HML-167

HML-367  
HMH-463

COMMAND AND RANK COMPOSITION

BILLET	NAME	RANK	PERIOD
CO, MAG-16	L. C. STREET III	COL	1-31 MAY 71
XO, MAG-16	J. E. GILLIS	LTCOL	1-31 MAY 71
S-1	C. H. FEASELMAN	CAPT	1-31 MAY 71
S-2	A. J. GARCIA	CAPT	1-31 MAY 71
S-3	H. W. STEADMAN	LTCOL	1-31 MAY 71
S-4	R. R. LEISY	LTCOL	1-31 MAY 71
Adj	C. H. FEASELMAN	CAPT	1-31 MAY 71
CO, H&MS-16	C. C. SILARD	MAJ	1-31 MAY 71
CO, MABS-16	D. A. SPURLOCK	LTCOL	1-31 MAY 71
CO, HML-167	R. J. BLANC	LTCOL	1-31 MAY 71
CO, HML-367	C. L. REESE	LTCOL	1-31 MAY 71
CO, HMH-463	T. S. REAP	LTCOL	1-17 MAY 71
CO, HMM-463	H. E. EDWARDS	MAJ	18-31 MAY 71
CO, HMM-262	F. K. WEST	LTCOL	1-13 MAY 71
CO, HMM-263	D. N. ANDERSON	MAJ	1-15 MAY 71

AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		NAVY	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
H&MS-16	39	245	0	0
MABS-16	32	542	3	15
HML-167	22	98	0	0
HML-367	20	79	0	0
HMH-463	11	85	0	0
HMM-262	41	172	0	0
HMM-263	37	134	0	0

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From: Intelligence Officer  
To: Operations Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16  
Subj: Intelligence Input for the Command Chronology (U)  
Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1D  
Encl: (1) Narrative Summary

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), the intelligence input for the MAG-16 Command Chronology for May 1971 is hereby submitted.
2. This letter is unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

*A. J. Garcia*  
A. J. GARCIA

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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Intelligence Section, MAG-16, FMFPac, FPO San Francisco 96602  
Captain Anthony J. GARCIA 089404/7562 USMC has filled the billet of  
Intelligence Officer from 16 January 1971 to Present.

PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Ground Activity. During the month of May, the enemy did not conduct  
any attacks Marble Mountain Air Facility.
2. Anti-Aircraft Activity.
  - a. 11 fire incidents were reported during this period; 1 of which  
resulted in aircraft hits.
  - b. There were no .50 caliber incidents for this reporting period.
3. Intelligence Information.
  - a. 3 aircrew spot reports of intelligence value were received from  
aircrews and other sources.
  - b. No reports of intelligence value were received from indigenous  
sources.
4. Statistical Data.
  - a. Flight Hours per Fire Incident: 84.5
  - b. Flight Hours per Hit: 929.5
  - c. Flight Hours per Spot Report: 303.2
5. Enemy Casualties and Damage Inflicted. MAG-16 inflicted: 6 KBMA (prob),  
2 Hootches destroyed, and 2 Secondary Explosions.

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From: S-4 Officer  
 To: S-3 Officer  
 Subj: Command Chronology  
 Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1D

1. In accordance with reference (a), significant events within the Logistic's Field for the period of 1 May 1971 through 31 May 1971 were as follows:

a. 1-31 May - The MAG-16 Embarkation Section planned and executed the retrograde of HMM-262, HMM-263, elements of HMM-463, HML-367 and HML-167 aboard five U. S. Navy amphibious ships.

b. 3 May - A predeployment embarkation inspection was held on HMM-463.

c. 3 May - Eleven (11) CH-46D's were convoyed from Marble Mountain Air Facility through populated Danang, to the Deep Water Pier; total distance of ten (10) miles.

d. 4 May - MAG-16 loaded eleven (11) CH-46D's plus four (4) AHLJ's and 220,000 lbs of cargo aboard the USS DUBUQUE.

e. 6 May - Briefed General DAVIS (Ass't Commandant) on logistical and embarkation planning including the transfer of facilities to the Army's 11th CAG and the retrograde of MAG-16.

f. 6 May - A predeployment embarkation inspection was held on HMM-16.

g. 8 May - A meeting was held with Army rep's from the Far North Support Company, Red Beach, to set up Army maintenance and supply support for ~~four (4)~~ <sup>TWO (2)</sup> UH1E aircraft which will be operating ~~three~~ <sup>two</sup> weeks following the stand down of HML-167.

h. 9 May - Briefed Major General M. CARL (I.G.) on the MAG-16 logistical and embarkation plans and impending transfer of property and equipment to the Army.

i. 10 May - A predeployment embarkation inspection was held on MABS-16.

j. 10 May - The organic cargo and equipment of HMM-262 and HMM-263 was staged at Deep Water Pier.

k. 12 May - All staged cargo and equipment of HMM-262 and HMM-263 (872,154lbs) was loaded aboard the USS OGDEN.

l. 14 May - All of the facilities utilized by HMM-263 were transferred to the 11th CAG.

m. 18-19 May - A total of forty-seven (47) aircraft (37 CH-46D's, 3 CH-53D's, and 7 UH1E's) were towed in three convoys commencing at 2300 and completed at 0500 from Marble Mountain Air Facility to the Danang Deep Water Pier.

n. 19 May - Utilizing two cranes and two forklift loading points; forty-seven (47) aircraft and 1,211,137 lbs of cargo were loaded aboard the USS IWO JIMA in only ten (10) hours.

o. 19 May - All of the facilities utilized by HMM-262 were transferred to the 11th CAG.

p. 24 May - Philco Ford acting on behalf of the Army officially signed for all Marble Mountain Air Facility real estate.

q. 25 May - Garrison property and T/E items were transferred to the 11th CAG. Authority for this action was CMC msg 211802Z May 1971 and MACV Dir 735.3 of 26 Nov 1970.

r. 26 May - Transferred the responsibilities for the following to the Commanding Officer, 11th CAG: TAFDS, Airfield Tower, GCA, Navigation aids, Air Freight, and crash and structural fire responsibilities.

s. 26 May - In nine (9) hours, thirteen (13) CH-53D's, eight (8) UH1E's, and 1,094,714 lbs of cargo were loaded aboard the USS OKINAWA.

t. 29 May - The final "Fabulous Four" party in RVN was held with its usual success.

u. 31 May - "Letter of Understanding" between MAG-16 and the 11th CAG was approved. This letter states the Army approval of the condition of Marble Mountain Air Facility as transferred and states the 11th CAG's acceptance of perimeter of defense commencing 1 June 1971.

v. 31 May - Twenty-two (22) AH1G's were ferried to the Deep Water Pier Helo Pad for staging. Commencing at 2210, the aircraft plus 817,532 lbs of cargo was loaded aboard the USS DUBUQUE in the record time of four (4) hours and 40 minutes.

  
R. R. LEISY  
for By direction