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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16 (Attn: S-3)

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Ref: (a) WgO 5750.1C  
(b) GruO 5750.1B

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology 1-30 January 1968

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

  
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By direction

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MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY, DANANG, VIETNAM, MABS-16, 1-31 JAN 1968

## PART ONE

Organization Data

1. LtCol Samuel J. FULTON, Commanding Officer, 1-31Jan68  
 LtCol Edward R. MODZELEWSKI, Executive Officer, 1-13Jan68  
 LtCol William E. SMILANICH, Executive Officer, 14-31Jan68  
 LtCol Joe R. WALKER, Base Operations Officer, 1-31Jan68  
 Maj Edward J. ANDERSON, Commanding Officer Zulu Company/Provost  
 Marshal, 1-31Jan68  
 Maj Casey NIX, Communications Officer, 1-31Jan68  
 Capt Kenneth P. MOTT, Clubs Officer, 1-22Jan68  
 Capt Robert F. WEMHEUER, Clubs Officer, 23-31Jan68  
 Capt Laurance A. NOWAK, Industrial Relations Officer, 1-31Jan68  
 1stLt George J. HOFFMAN, Weather Officer, 1-31Jan68  
 1stLt Ralph A. MILTON, Motor Transport Officer, 1-31Jan68  
 1stLt Charles R. WILEMAN, Ordnance Officer, 1-31Jan68  
 1stLt Robert C. ANDERSON, Assistant Communications Officer, 1-31Jan68  
 1stLt George E. LENHART, Officer in Charge, An Hoa, 1-31Jan68  
 1stLt Cary C. SMITH, Training/Legal Officer, 1-31Jan 1968  
 1stLt Michael L. SCHOTT, Assistant Base Operations Officer, 1-31Jan68  
 1stLt John M. WEATHERSBY, TAFDS Officer, 1-31Jan68, Crash Crew  
 Officer, 1-31Jan68  
 1stLt James E. GWIN, Base Services Officer, 19-31Jan68  
 1stLt Richard J. KERCH, Administrative Officer, 1-31Jan68  
 2ndLt James H. WEBB, Base Services Officer, 1-18Jan68, Assistant  
 Base Services Officer, 19-31Jan68  
 CWO-3 Charles H. DOWLING, Assistant Motor Transport Officer, 1-31  
 Jan68  
 WO-1 Winfred B. HENSON, Motor Transport Maintenance Officer, 1-31  
 Jan68  
 WO-1 Arthur W. BARKER Jr., Materiel Officer, 1-31Jan68  
 WO-1 Ralph PALMER, Assistant Base Services Officer, 1-31Jan68  
 LtCdr George E. HAROLDSON, Protestant Chaplain, 1-31Jan68  
 Lt(JG) William J. KLAPPS, Catholic Chaplain, 1-31Jan68  
 Lt Dennis L. RANDALL, Group Medical Officer, 1-31Jan68
2. Marine Officers - 22 Marine Enlisted - 600  
 Navy Officers - 3 Navy Enlisted - 29

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## PART TWO

Narrative Summary

1. This report covers the period 1-31 January 1968. During this period, MABS-16 continued to support the facilities at Marble Mountain Air Facility and An Hoa Airfield.

Significant Events

1. Personnel. Ninety-four Marine Enlisted, 10 Navy Enlisted, 2 Marine Officers, and 1 Navy Officer were joined. There were 109 Marine Enlisted, 12 Navy Enlisted, 2 Marine Officers, and 1 Navy Officer dropped.

2. Awards. During the month of January, there were two Purple Heart Medals, one Air Medal, two Certificates of Commendation, and one Letter of Appreciation awarded to MABS-16 personnel.

3. Civic Action. The Med-Cap held a total of 12 sick calls and 1,000 people were treated. Nine Vietnamese Nationals are presently under medical training.

4. Ground Defense. During the month of January at Marble Mountain Air Facility, additional bunkers were built and perimeter observation towers have been installed and are completed. Defensive wire is constantly being worked on and improved. On the 30th of January, the Marble Mountain Air Facility came under enemy mortar attack, and on 31 January came under enemy rocket attack.

5. Supply/Material. The following occurred in the Materiel Section during the month of January 1968:

a. The Marine Corps Property Section started receiving Garrison Property. Continuity folders were updated. An inventory was taken of all custodial equipment. Requisitions were resubmitted for items that are still required, which were cancelled by FLC.

b. The Navy Section completed an inventory of all custodial equipment, and continuity folders were updated.

6. Motor Transport. During the month of January, the Marble Mountain Air Facility Motor Transport Section traveled 63,721 miles, hauled 1,271,000 gallons of water, 32,400 gallons of MOGAS, 35,678 gallons of diesel fuel, 2,170 gallons of A/C oil, 5,973 short tons of cargo, 31,781 passengers, and had no JPL trucks on the flight line.

7. Bulk Fuel. During the month of January 1968, this section issued the following amounts of fuel at the locations indicated:

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	<u>115/145</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
Marble Mountain	137,929 gallons	620,172 gallons
An Hoa	3,417 "	35,981 "
ROK C. P.	0 "	0 "
Total	<u>141,346</u> gallons	<u>656,172</u> gallons

8. Base Operations. During the month of January 1968, the reconstruction of runway, shoulders and overrun neared completion. The completion of airfield reconstruction is estimated to be 15 February 1968. The GCA pad was completed and unit installed by MATCU-68 personnel. To complete the installation, a GCA reflector remains to be installed after the runway is completed. GCA personnel are required to man the unit. Also the GCA flight pattern is to be checked, and RAPCON landlines are to be installed to DaNang Air Base before Marble Mountain GCA is operational.

a. The Crash Crew responded as follows:

<u>FIELD</u>	<u>AC STANDBYS</u>	<u>AC FIRES</u>	<u>STRUCTURAL EMER</u>	<u>VEHICLE ACCIDENT</u>
MMAF	46	2	2	0
An Hoa	5	1	1	0

During the month of January 1968, this section continued supporting all Marine Aircraft Group 16 aircraft operations in the An Hoa and Marble Mountain areas.

b. The Air Freight and Passenger Section loaded freight and passengers as follows:

<u>MARBLE MOUNTAIN TO</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>CU.FT.</u>	<u>PASSENGERS</u>
Phu Bai	47,843	2,860	220
Dong Ha	1,923	182	60
Quang Tri	19,235	873	37
Khe Sanh	33,000	1,083	0
Ky Ha	3,120	356	35
An Hoa	56,371	2,209	56
Miscellaneous	32,337	2,964	23
Total	<u>193,829</u>	<u>10,527</u>	<u>431</u>

c. During the month of January 1968, the Weather Section continued to support all Marine Aircraft Group 16 aircraft operations in areas at An Hoa and Marble Mountain.

9. Food Services. There were approximately 187,000 meals served at the Marble Mountain Air Facility Messhall during the month of December.

#### 10. Base Services/Utilities

a. Water Point. The Water Point Personnel processed

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a total of 1,562,725 gallons of water during the month of January 1968. Of this total, 1,441,325 gallons was potable water and 81,400 gallons was non-potable water.

b. Paint Shop. During the month of January, the Paint Shop personnel completed eighteen (18) work orders.

c. Electric Shop. The Electric Shop personnel completed one hundred-seven (107) work orders during the month of January 1968.

d. Plumbing Shop. The Plumbing Shop personnel completed nineteen (19) work orders during the month of January 1968.

e. Refrigeration Shop. The Refrigeration Shop personnel completed thirteen (13) work orders during the month of January 1968.

f. Generator Shop. During the month of January the Generator Shop personnel performed all first and second echelon maintenance with a minimum amount of breakdown.

g. Carpenter Shop. During the month of January 1968, the Carpenter Shop personnel completed sixty-five (65) work orders.

h. Base Laundry. During the month of January 1968, the Base Laundry personnel processed 39,899 pounds of clothing and collected organizational gear to turn over to the civilian laundry service. The laundry is continuing the individual bundle service to all ranks.

11. Exchange. During the month of January 1968, the exchange sales were \$49,124.60. Sales for James S. LEE totaled \$2,082.05. The sales for Saehan Photo Service totaled \$2,884.95. The Huynh Phung Gift Shop sales totaled \$6,321.00. The LOC SVP LTD Barber Shops had total sales of \$1,037.30, and during the month of January the sales of Sax Tailor totaled \$10,129.50.

12. Ordinance. During the month of January 1968, the MABS-16 Ordinance Section issued a total of 6,391 2.75" High Explosive and White Phosphorus rockets, 592,000 rounds of assorted small arms munitions, 987 rounds of other assorted High Explosive items, and 13/4 tons of assorted smoke and chemical agents.

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13. Resume of An Hoa Detachmenta. Flight Operations

- operations: (1) Total number of Fixed Wing Aircraft 216.  
 (2) Total number of Helicopter operations: 1,602.

b. Air Freight and Passengers(1) Cargo/Mail (lbs)

<u>Aircraft</u>	<u>Off Load Cargo</u>	<u>Off Load Mail</u>	<u>On Load Cargo</u>	<u>On Load Mail</u>
AF C-130	103,912	4,568	23,800	2,324
AF C-123	575,958	7,789	164,515	7,364
USMC A/C	223,960		59,870	2,969

(2) Passenger Handling

<u>Aircraft</u>	<u>On Load</u>	<u>Off Load</u>
AF C-130	159	264
AF C-123	394	135
USMC A/C	518	228

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