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1. In accordance with the provisions set forth in reference (a),  
enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATADESIGNATION

1. MABS-16

COMMANDER

LtCol C. R. DUNBAUGH

1-28 May 1970

LtCol L. K. KECK

29-31 May 1970

2. LOCATION

1-31 May: Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Maj James O. BLACK, Executive Officer, 1-31 May 70  
 Maj Rudolph N. NEBEL, OIC, MATCU-68, 1-31 May 70  
 Capt Roger M. HENRY, Clubs Officer, 1-31 May 70  
 Capt David C. CASSELL, OIC, An Hoa, 1-31 May 70  
 Capt Jack W. WHEELER, Motor Transport Officer, 1-31 May 70  
 Capt Joseph C. MATTE, Communications Officer, 1-31 May 70  
 Capt Carl E. LANEY, Air Field Operation Officer, 1-31 May 70  
 Capt Earl P. BASHER, Operation Officer, 1-31 May 70  
 Capt James E. HOLK, Maintenance Officer, MATCU-68, 1-31 May 70  
 Capt Lester E. MASHBURN, Administrative Officer, 1-31 May 70  
 Capt Robert WALTMAN, Ordnance Officer, 1-31 May 70  
 Capt Gordon P. STIRLING Jr., GCA Officer, 1-31 May 70  
 Capt Frank J. CONTI, GCA Officer, 1-31 May 70  
 1stLt Francis L. GULANDRI, Material Officer, 1-31 May 70  
 1stLt John B. CHAMPEAU, Utilities Officer, 1-31 May 70  
 1stLt Richard C. JONELY, Tower Officer, 1-26 May 70  
 1stLt Bobby C. ARNSDORFF, Embarkation Officer, 1-15 May 70  
 1stLt William C. FOWLER, OIC, Zulu Company, 1-31 May 70  
 1stLt Malcom S. SMITH, OIC LZ Baldy, 1-31 May 70  
 1stLt Leonard H. WILLIS, Civic Action Officer, 1-31 May 70  
 1stLt Stephen B. MCNEIL, Heavy Equipment Officer, 1-31 May 70  
 1stLt Robert L. BARRY, GCA Officer, GCA, 1-31 May 70  
 1stLt Bruce D. LITTLE, Assistant Communications Officer, 1-31 May 70  
 1stLt Robert F. HEFNER, Legal Officer, 1-31 May 70  
 1stLt Ronald J. DERVISH, Industrial Relations Officer, 1-31 May 70  
 1stLt Francis J. CURNOW, Food Services Officer, 1-31 May 70  
 1stLt James A. WARD, TAFDS Officer, 1-31 May 70  
 1stLt Joseph R. CARLISLE, Officers Club Officer, 21-31 May 70  
 2ndLt Stanley J. MOSIEJ, Asst. OIC, Zulu Company, 1-31 May 70  
 2ndLt Billie F. NORWARK, Motor Transport Maint. Officer, 1-31 May 70  
 CWO-2 Francis E. L. BRIDGES, Air Freight, 1-31 May 70  
 CWO-2 Charles A. ZIMMERMAN, Assistant Administrative Officer, 1-15 May 70  
 CWO-2 Neil B. LABELLE, Aerology Officer, 1-31 May 70  
 LCDR Edward L. GALLAGHER, Catholic Chaplain, 1-31 May 70  
 LCDR James F. LYONS, Group Medical Officer, 1-2 May 70  
 Lt Archie V. LAWRENCE, Protestant Chaplain, 1-31 May 70  
 Lt Mercer L. MCCLURE, Squadron Medical Officer, 1-31 May 70

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
32	722	3	27	0	24

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. This report covers the period 1-31 May 1970. During this period MABS-16 continued to support the facilities at Marble Mountain Air Facility, An Hoa Air Field, and LZ Baldy.

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

## Significant Events

1. Administration

a. Lieutenant Colonel C. R. DUMBAUGH relinquished command to Lieutenant Colonel L. K. KECK at a formal change of command ceremony on 28 May 1970.

b. Personnel. One (1) Naval Officer was dropped, one (1) Navy Enlisted joined and three (3) Navy Enlisted were dropped. One (1) Marine Officer was joined, two (2) Marine Officers were dropped, one (1) Marine Officer reverted to enlisted ranks, forty-seven (47) Marine Enlisted were joined and fifty-five Marine Enlisted were dropped.

c. There were the following promotions: Two (2) to First Lieutenant, One (1) to Gunnery Sergeant, three (3) to Staff Sergeant, five (5) to Sergeant, eighty (80) to Corporal, fourteen (14) to Lance Corporal and one (1) to Private First Class.

d. During the month of May there were the following awards: Seven (7) Flight/Strike Air Medals.

e. Casualties

(a) Pfc W. J. PAPP 243 82 71 USMC. 1 inch laceration, stuck finger in fan while sleeping.

(b) Pfc M. A. BURNS 261 39 16 USMC. Pulling meat out of oven in messhall, spilled grease onto arm causing 2nd degree burns.

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(c) Cpl D. I. COPELAND 243 93 75 USMC. Pulling on pipe hand slipped causing laceration of right middle finger and palm.

(d) Cpl R. P. VEROSKO 244 54 51 USMC. Accidentally put finger in fan blade while working on engine.

(e) Cpl G. L. HARVEY 240 11 80 USMC. 1 inch laceration while cutting steak at beach party.

(f) LCpl M. K. SALAZAR 250 63 34 USMC. Cut finger in meat slicer. 3rd finger left hand amputated.

2. Base Operations

a. 20 May 1970 2230 - MMAF under rocket attack. One 122mm rocket hit north of ECHO taxiway. Damage was limited to a small crater and runway light wire was severed.

3. Air Freight

a. <u>Weight</u>	<u>Cu. Ft</u>	<u>Passengers</u>
96,484 lbs	2,569	259

4. Crash Crewa. Emergency Responses

## (1) Marble Mountain Air Facility

<u>Aircraft</u>	<u>Aircraft</u>	<u>Structural</u>
<u>Emergency Responses</u>	<u>Fires</u>	<u>Fires</u>
38	0	1

5. TAFDS

a. During the month of May 1970, TAFDS issued the following amounts of fuel at the locations indicated below.

	<u>115/145</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
Marble Mountain	N/A	1,151,139
An Hoa	910	218,723
LZ Baldy	N/A	262,410
Total	<u>910</u>	<u>1,632,272</u>

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b. Training Vietnamese on TAFDS operations under the operation Buddy program.

6. An Hoa

a. An Hoa Combat Base received three enemy attacks during the month of May. Incoming enemy ordnance consisted of five 122 and 140mm rockets on 8 May, three 140mm rockets on 19 May, and two mortar rounds on 26 May. No damage to the An Hoa Detachment resulted from these attacks.

b. Crash Crew. Crash Crew responded to the following incidents:

2 May 1970 - Eight Army UH1E's came in with wounded Recon personnel on ladders at night. MATCU personnel provided radar vectors for expeditious handling. Entire Detachment responded to assist wounded and A/C.

c. TAFDS. TAFDS provided Jp-4 and AV/Gas in the following amounts:

	<u>115/145</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
Gallons Received	800	227,872
Gallons Issued	110	218,723
Gallons on Hand	690	9,149

d. Ordnance. The MAG-16 detachment issued the following amounts of ordnance by type:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>On Hand</u>
HE Rockets	1,178	1,017
WP Rockets	142	471
7.62 Belted	12,000	24,000
40MM Belted	3,000	5,000
.50 Cal. Belted	8,800	200
Red Smoke	20	12
Green Smoke	0	66
Yellow Smoke	16	1

e. MATCU-68. During May 1970, MATCU-68 section provided air traffic control services consisting of control tower, ground control approach, AN/TRN-29 Tacan, and AN/TRN-16 Radio Beacon. Airfield operations for the month are as follows:

Helicopter	6693
Fixed Wing	208
Total Operations	6901

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7. LZ Baldy

- a. On 1 May all GCA Radar equipment was returned to MMAF.
- b. Fuel farm capacity was reduced from 100,000 to 60,000 gallons.
- c. On 13 May Baldy Radio Beacon became operational.
- d. TAFDS. TAFDS provided JP-4 refueling services to transient U. S. Army and Marine Corps Aircraft.

<u>JP-4 Opening Inventory</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>On Hand</u>
34,556	248,980	262,410	21,126

e. ORDNANCE.

<u>Opening Inventory</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>On Hand</u>
HE Rockets 402	None	137	265
WP Rockets 146	480	59	567
7.62 18,400	32,000	14,400	36,000

- f. MATCU-68. MATCU-68 provided air traffic control services. Total operations for the month of May:

VFR OPERATIONS 6034

8. Civic Action

a. Medical. There were three Dent-Caps held during the month of May; one at Binh Ky, one at My Da, and one at Xom Son Thuy. Participation remained good with a total of 80 teeth being extracted. Six Med-Caps were held; three at Binh Ky, two at Xom Son Thuy, and one at My Da. A total of 1489 Vietnamese were treated. We have arranged for an 11 year old boy from Xom Son Thuy to receive an artificial hand, through the Vietnamese government. He lost his right hand and right eye last August when a grenade exploded.

b. Agriculture. The hog project at Khue Bac is much improved since last month. The pens are kept much cleaner since the problem of water has been reduced. The boars were loaned to the Wing CAO for a few days to be used for mating at another hog project.

c. Education. The twenty General WALT Scholarships for the month of May were delivered to Hoa Long School. A total of 20,000VN\$. That concludes our scholarship program.

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d. Ten pens and tablets were taken to Hoa Long School and six sets were taken to the My Da school. These were presented to the top student in each class at the closing of school.

e. 1840 cans of Chocolate Milk have been taken to the Buddhist school in Nui Kin Son as part of our milk program.

f. Additional Projects. 1175 pounds of food was distributed to the China Beach Orphanage and the Sacred Heart Orphanage. 375 pounds of clothing and 50 pounds of toys, along with 11 hotplates were delivered to the Sacred Heart Orphanage.

g. The materials for four bulletin boards were provided Binh Ky. The bulletin boards are complete and in use. We also provided the Hoa Long Village office with materials for four bulletin boards. They are in the process of making them at this time.

h. Materials have been supplied to three hamlets for the building of archways at the entrance to each hamlet. Materials were given to Trung Tay, Son Thuy, and Dong Hai Hamlets. These three hamlets, together, comprise Nui Kin Son. This project was well received and has progressed very rapidly.

i. Additional Remarks. Binh Ky Hamlet remains the most insecure area in our AO. Enemy activity has increased in that area during the month of May. The VC set fire to 10 homes one night as a warning to the people that if they continued to cooperate with the Americans their entire hamlet would be burned. There has also been an increase in boobytraps in the area. Despite this activity, we still get good cooperation from the people.

## 9. Clubs

a. Officer's Club. The new restrooms within the club have been completed. The new sound system has been installed and is operational.

b. SNCO Club. Construction on the new snack bar is in progress and should finish in June. Indoor restrooms have been completed.

c. Zulu Club. The patio has been covered and is ready for floor shows. The inside of the club has been completely redecorated.

d. All Clubs. Vietnamese bartenders are now being used in all the clubs.

## 10. Heavy Equipment

a. This section opened twenty-two (22) work orders, of this number eight (8) were closed out. Six (6) generators, one (1) scooploader and two (2) forklifts were sent to Rehab.



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11. MATCU-68

a. TPN-8A at An Hoa passed periodic flight check on 19 May 1970.

b. Air Control

MMAF Tower - VFR	35,017	MMAF GCA - VFR	660
SVFR	19	IFR	6
IFR	6		666
	<u>35,032</u>		

An Hoa Tower - VFR	6835	An Hoa GCA - VFR	6
SVFR	0	IFR	0
	<u>6835</u>		<u>6</u>

Baldy Tower - VFR	6106	Baldy GCA - VFR	0
SVFR	0	IFR	0
	<u>6106</u>		<u>0</u>

12. Materiel

a. The Marine Corps turned in one (1) URM-48 to FLC for LTI.

b. Issued Communications sixteen (16) PRT-48s, nineteen (19) AN/PRR-9's and two (2) Water Coolers.

c. Provided Zulu Company with three (3) Starlight Scope, one (1) 50 Caliber Machine Gun, and one (1) 81MM M29 Mortar Infantry.

d. The Navy transferred five (5) Radio AN/URC-77 to MAG-13.

e. Surveyed three (3) Forklift ART30, two (2) 75KW Generators, three (3) 10KW Generators, and one (1) Saw Circular.

f. The following occurred in the Weapons Section of Materiel.

(1) Held a complete reconciliation on all Squadron Weapons.

(2) Issued thirty seven (37) weapons to individuals entering RVN.

(3) Recovered thirty five (35) weapons from individuals departing RVN.

(4) The weapons Section has thirty eight (38) weapons in stock.

g. The following occurred in the Embarkation Section.

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(1) Held a complete inspection of MABS-16 Embarkation.

13. Food Service

a. There were approximately 237,338 meals fed at the Marble Mountain Air Facility Messhalls during the month of May, which includes all normal meals and party rations. This is an increase of 11,520 total meals fed over the month of April, due to the feeding of 128 Seebecs of Delta Company.

b. There were approximately 2,248 party rations prepared by the MAG-16 Enlisted Mess from 1May70 through 31May70.

c. There were approximately 4,020 noon bag lunches prepared by the MAG-16 Enlisted Mess from 1May70 through 31May70.

d. Construction. During the month of May the following improvements were completed at the Officer's mess.

e. New windows were cut into the Galley area to provide air circulation.

f. The two ice machines formerly located within the galley were relocated in the rear of the Messhall in a newly constructed shed.

g. A new hood fan has been installed and the present hood has been extended to draw up fumes, heat and grease from galley area.

h. The ceiling and bulkheads have been repainted in the galley.

i. The Vietnamese change room has been relocated in a newly constructed hut across the street from the Messhall. A new shower has been provided within the hut.

j. A new scullery has been constructed at the old change room located. New windows were cut for added light and ventilation.

k. The pot shack has been relocated within the scullery and the previous pot shack located is now utilized in the salad preparation room.

l. One bulkhead that had separated the salad room/pot shack area has been ripped out.

m. New pot racks have been constructed for better storage of clean pots.

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- n. The Alaska Range has been removed from the galley.
- o. A new thaw box has been constructed and completely enclosed with a shed. The refrigeration unit is in operative at the present time due to electrical problems.
- p. New doors have been cut onto messdeck to provide better and faster access to scullery area for mess personnel.
- q. The sink previously located in the rear of the Enlisted Mess, has been relocated within the galley proper.
- r. Public Works is preparing; to replace a major portion of the Staff NCO Mess due to heavy termite damage.

#### 14. Motor Transport

- a. During the month of May 1970, the Motor Transport section has accomplished the following.

(1) Hauled	96,100 Gallons of Water
(2) Hauled	26,499 Gallons of MO-GAS
(3) Hauled	35,005 Gallons of Diesel
(4) Hauled	88,072 Gallons of JP-4
(5) Hauled	0 Gallons of AV-OIL
(6) Hauled	4,651 Gallons of 115/145
(7) Hauled	2,818 Tons of Cargo
(8) Traveled	124,417 Miles
(9) Passenger's	68,566 Passengers

#### 15. Ordnance

- a. During the month of May 1970, the below listed munitions were assembled and issued to units of Marine Aircraft Group 16.

- (1) 699,395 Rounds of Small Arms Ammunition
- (2) 45,198 Rounds of 40MM
- (3) 10,613 Rockets, 2.75" High Explosives
- (4) 3,492 Rockets, 2.75" White Phosphorus

- b. The following munitions were dispatched to LZ Baldy and An Hoa Combat Bases:

- (1) 20,000 Rounds of Small Arms Ammunition
- (2) 720 Rocket Motors, J106, 2.75" (LZ Baldy)
- (3) 480 Warheads, White Phosphorus, H861 (LZ Baldy)

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- (4) 192 Warheads, High Explosive, H842 (LZ Baldy)
- (5) 532 Rocket Motors, J106, 2.75" (An Hoa Combat Base)
- (6) 1300 Warheads, High Explosive, H842 (An Hoa Combat Base)

#### 16. Utilities

a. Electric Shop. The Electric Shop completed a total of 65 major and minor work orders during the month of May. Some of the minor work orders included the wiring of HAMS-16 Office, rewiring the old PMO Building, and taking down the electrical lines at the old refuelers.

b. Water Point. During the month of May, the Utilities Water Point distributed a total of 5,245,340 gallons of potable water. Of that total, 56,480 gallons was put out for truck distribution.

c. Base Laundry. From 1 May 1970 to 31 May 1970, the Base Laundry produced a total of 3,355 bundles of clothing. An additional 5,125 pounds of organizational gear was processed for a total of 55,450 pounds of clothing processed.

d. Refrigeration Shop. The Utilities Section Refrigeration Shop completed a total of 40 work orders during the month of May.

e. Carpenter Shop. The Carpenter Shop completed a total of 62 trouble tickets and 74 work orders (S-4). This shop was responsible for work done in all areas of Marine Aircraft Group 16. The carpenters remodeled the Officers' Mess, remodeled the new Heavy Equipment Building, installed a blast wall at ANGLICO, built 12 sets of steps for TAFDS fuel tanks, made repairs to Group Legal, constructed two 17" lifeguard towers, and relocated the Utilities Lumber Yard.

#### 17. Zulu Company

a. Ground Defenses have completed the building of 17 pre-cut bunkers.

PART IV  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None.