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 (2) Operations Summary

1. In accordance with references (a), (b), and (c) the information contained in enclosures (1) and (2) is submitted for the period commencing 0001, 1 April 1965 and ending 2400, 30 April 1965.

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1. Reporting Unit: HMM-163.
2. Period Covered: 1 April 1965 to 30 April 1965.
3. Date Submitted: 3 May 1965
4. Commanding Officer: Norman G. SWERS, Lieutenant Colonel, USMC.
5. Location: Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam,

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1 APRIL - HMM-163. MAINTENANCE STAND DOWN. NO FLT OPS.

2 APRIL - HMM-163. 65 PAX, 49,911 LBS CGO LIFTED FM DANANG TO QUE SON (BT 045-350). 106 PAX, 29,880 LBS CGO LIFTED FM QUANG TIN PROV HQ (BT 292-229) TO TIEN PHUOC (BT 113-137). 2 O-1B ON ARTY RECON FOR DANANG SPCL SECTOR. 2 O-1B VISUAL RECON LZ (BT 034-648). A/C RECEIVED S/A FIRE FM (AT 863-825). TOOK ONE HIT IN LEFT BRAKE HOUSING ON WHEEL. A/C CONTINUED FLT W/O FURTHER INCIDENT. 2 O-1B VISUAL RECON TIEN PHUOC (BT 113-137) AND (YD 830-310).

3 APRIL - HMM-163. 25 PAX LIFTED FM DANANG TO LZ (BT 551-062). 1 PAX, 800 LBS CGO LIFTED FM DANANG TO HILL 69 (BT 468-057). 19 PAX, 700 LBS CGO LIFTED FM DANANG TO LZ (BT 550-050) ON VIP LIFT. 2 O-1B VISUAL RECON LZ (BS 924-220) AND LZ (AT 913-785). 2 O-1B PHOTO RECON OF LZ (ZD 160-080).

4 APRIL - HMM-163. 87 PAX, 17,140 LBS CGO LIFTED FM QUANG TIN PROV HQ (BT 292-229) TO TIEN PHUOC (BT 113-137). 40 PAX, 14,690 LBS CGO LIFTED FM HOI AN (BT 152-570) TO HA TAN (ZC 140-530). 24 PAX, 13,490 LBS CGO LIFTED FM DANANG TO NONG SON (AT 812-391). 1 WIA EVAC FM NONG SON TO DANANG. 18 PAX LIFTED FM HOI AN (BT 152-570) TO DIEN BA (BT 067-582). 2 O-1B PHOTO RECON LZ (AT 880-700). 2 O-1B VISUAL RECON TIEN PHUOC (BT 113-137).

5 APRIL - HMM-163. STRIKE MSN NO 4-297-1, 13 UH-34D ESCORTED BY 6 UH-1B (USA) (ARMED) LIFTED 267 TRPS OF THE VIETNAMESE MARINES AND THE 11TH RANGERS FM DANANG TO LZ'S (AT 865-708), LZ (AT 873-682). SUPPORTED BY HMM-162. TRPS UNLOADED W/O INCIDENT. NO GRND FIR ENCOUNTERED. RESULTS OF MSN NEGATIVE CONTACT. 1 WIA (ARVN) EVAC FM LZ (AT 918-579) TO DANANG. 16 PAX, 7620 LBS CGO LIFTED FM HOI AN (BT 152-570) TO DUI CHIEN (ZC 213-331). 21 PAX LIFTED FM DANANG TO HOI AN (BT 152-570). 24 PAX, 6540 LBS CGO LIFTED FM DANANG TO HEIP DUC (AT 916-246). 5 PAX LIFTED FM DANANG ON VIP RECON. 2 O-1B PHOTO RECON TAM KY (BT 307-187). 2 O-1B VISUAL RECON LZ (AT 865-708) AND LZ (AT 950-680).

6 APRIL - HMM-163. 45 PAX, 60,384 LBS CGO LIFTED FM DANANG TO QUE SON (BT 045-350). 30 PAX, 14,550 LBS CGO LIFTED FM DANANG TO DAI LOC (AT 918-579). 2 O-1B VISUAL RECON OF QUE SON (BT 045-350).

7 APRIL - HMM-163. 36 PAX, 48,360 LBS CGO LIFTED FM QUANG TIN PROV HQ (BT 292-229) TO TIEN PHUOC (BT 113-137). 50 PAX, 10,100 LBS CGO LIFTED FM QUANG TIN PROV HQ (BT 292-229) TO TIEN PHUOC (BT 113-137). 9 PAX, 100 LBS CGO LIFTED FM DANANG TO HOI AN (BT 152-570). 2 O-1B VISUAL RECON OF NONG SON (AT 812-391), AND LZ'S (ZD 117-027) AND (ZC 085-673). 2 O-1B PHOTO RECON KHE TRA (BT 328-082). 30 PAX LIFTED FM DANANG ON CLASS MSN. 2 O-1B VISUAL RECON LZ (ZC 020-670). 2 PAX LIFTED FM DANANG TO QUANG TIN PROV HQ (BT 292-229). 14,840 LBS CGO LIFTED FM DANANG TO ARO (YC 666-254). 2 UH-34D ON SEARCH FOR MISSING ARVN PARACHUTIST AREA (BT 067-742). 2 O-1B VISUAL RECON OF NONG SON (AT 812-391) AND ARO (YC 666-254).

8 APRIL - HMM-163. 1 KIA, 4 WIA (1 US) EVAC FM LZ (BS 924-220) TO DANANG. 71 PAX LIFTED FM DANANG TO HA THAN (BS 493-680). 2 O-1B VISUAL RECON KA TRA (BT 328-082).

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16 APRIL - HMM-163. 2 UH-34D ON CLASSIFIED USAF MSN. 2 PAX, 9,400 LBS CGO LIFTED FM DANANG TO QUANG TRI (YD 328-526). 128 PAX, 14,180 LBS CGO LIFTED FM QUANG TIN PROV HQ (BT 292-229) TO HIEP DUC (AT 916-246). 167 PAX, 1700 LBS CGO LIFTED FM HOI AN (BT 152-570) TO DUI CHIEN (ZC 213-331). 2 O-1B VISUAL RECON (AT 943-804) AND (AT 915-645). 2 O-1B LIAISON MSN FOR MAG-16 AND HMM-163. 2 O-1B PHOTO RECON LZ (BS 740-750).

17 APRIL - HMM-163. STRIKE MSN NO 4-724-1. 16 UH-34D, SUPPORTED BY 7 UH-34D OF HMM-162, ESCORTED BY 4 UH-1B (USA) (ARMED), 3 O-1B (2 USMC/1 VNAF) AND 2 A-1H (VNAF) LIFTED 138 USSF "NUNGS" (HMM-163 80, HMM 162 58) FM DANANG TO LZ (YC 678-603). MSN ABORTED DUE TO COMM FAILURE BETWEEN SUPPORT A/C AND HELOS. 169 PAX, 24,850 LBS CGO LIFTED FM QUANG TIN PROV HQ (BT 292-229) TO TIEN PHUOC (BT 113-137). 2 UH-34D VISUAL RECON LZ (AT 947-810). 1 O-1B PHOTO RECON NUI VAN (AT 90-91).

18 APRIL - HMM-163. 2 UH-34D CLASSIFIED SAR. 146 PAX, 77,940 LBS CGO LIFTED FM HOI AN (BT 152-570) TO QUE SON (BT 045-350).

19 APRIL - HMM-163. STRIKE MSN NO 4-754-1. 10 UH-34D ESCORTED BY 4 UH-1B (USA) (ARMED) LIFTED 134 TRPS OF THE 522 REGIONAL FORCES CO FM DANANG TO LZ's (BT 059-680) AND (BT 059-660). 78 PAX, 8,600 LBS CGO LBS CGO LIFTED FM QUANG TIN (BT 292-229) TO KY TRA (BT 328-082). 2 ARVN MED EVAC FM LZ (YC 465-852) TO DANANG.

20 APRIL - HMM-163. 2 UH-34D CLASSIFIED SAR. 87 PAX, 19,440 LBS CGO FM QUANG TIN (BT 292-229) TO PHUOC CHAU (BT 005-095). 99 PAX, 16,900 LBS CGO LIFTED FM HOI AN (BT 152-570) TO HA TAN (ZC 140-330) AND DUI CHIEN (ZC 213-331).

21 APRIL. 100 PAX, 1400 LBS CGO FM HOI AN (BT 152-570) TO DAI LOC (AT 918-597). 30 PAX, 16,465 LBS CGO FM DANANG TO NONG SON (AT 812-391).

22 APRIL - HMM-163. 4 VC PRISONERS FM LZ (XD 990-345) TO DANANG. 152 PAX FM DANANG TO LZ (XD 990-345). 10 PAX, 11,040 LBS CGO FM DANANG TO HUE PHU BAI (YD 890-155).

23 APRIL - HMM-163. 2 UH-34D CLASSIFIED SAR. 2 PAX, 24,010 LBS CGO FM DANANG TO NONG SON (AT 812-239). 81 PAX, 26,225 LBS CGO FM DANANG TO QUE SON (BT 045-350). 31 PAX, 45,925 LBS CGO FM ARO (YC 666-254) TO KHAM DUC (ZC 006-092).

24 APRIL - HMM-163. 7 PAX, 4,700 LBS CGO FM QUANG NGAI (BS 650-235) TO SA HUYNH (BS 925-224). 121 PAX FM DANANG TO DUC DUC (AT 864-473). 175 PAX, 9,100 LBS CGO FM ARO (YC 666-254) TO KHAM DUC (ZC 006-092).

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25 APRIL HMM-163. MSN 4-952-1, 12 UH-34D, ESCORTED BY 2 UH-34D (SAR/MAINT) AND 2 UH-1B (USA) (ARMED) OF THE 7TH AIR LIFT PLAT., DEPARTED DANANG 0640 TO HUE (YD 756-233) TO QUANG TRI (YD 328-526); AIR LIFT OF BLACK PANTHER CO INTO 2 LZ'S, 140 TRPS LIFTED INTO LZ NO 1 (YD 250-526) AT 1515, RTN TO QUANG TRI (YD 328-526), LIFTED 114 TRPS INTO LZ NO 2 (YD 264-526) AT 1535, 4,130 LBS CGO, A/C RTN DANANG VIA PHU BAI (YD 890-155), LANDED DANANG 1653. MSN 4-959-1, 2 O-1B DEPART DANANG 0827, PATHFINDER FOR HMM-162 STRIKE, SMOKE LZ (AT 855-716), RTN DANANG 1237. MSN 4-935-4, 7 UH-34D ESCORTED BY 2 UH-1B (USA) (ARMED) OF THE 7TH AIR LIFT PLAT., DEPART DANANG 1003 FOR ARO (YC 666-254) TO HKAM DUC (ZC 006-092) SHUTTLE 79 PAX, 7000 LBS CGO, RTN DANANG 1340. MSN 4-967-2, 2 UH-34D DEPART DANANG 0942, FOR CLASS. SAR MSN, RTN DANANG 1637. MSN 4-970-2, 2 UH-34D, ESCORTED BY 2 UH-1B (USA) (ARMED) OF THE 7TH AIR LIFT PLAT., DEPART DANANG 1645 TO QUANG NGAI (BS 650-735) TO QUE SON (ZC 030-350) PICK UP 3 WIA (ARVN), RECEIVED ANOTHER MSN ENROUTE. MSN 4-970A-2 DEPART QUESON (ZC 030-350) 1740 TO DAI CHIEN (ZC 213-331) PICK UP 1 WIA (ARVN), PROCEEDED TO DANANG ARVN HOSP, RTN DANANG 1815. MSN 4-952-6, 2 O-1B DEPART DANANG ON DANANG SPECIAL SECTOR RECON OF LZ (BT 054-112), RTN DANANG 1900.

26 APRIL - HMM-163. MSN 4-952-6, 2 O-1B DEPART DANANG 0815 ON PREPLANNED RECON OF LZ (YD 560-230), RTN DANANG 1121. MSN 4-967-2, 2 UH-34D ESCORTED BY 2 UH-1B (USA) (ARMED) OF THE 7TH AIR LIFT PLAT., DEPARTED DANANG FOR SA HUUNG (BS 920-219) PICK UP 3 WIA (ARVN), TO DANANG HOSP, RTN DANANG 1638. MSN 4-952A-6, 2 O-1B DEPART DANANG 1714 ON DANANG SPECIAL SECTOR RECON OF LZ (AT 867-7375), RTN DANANG 1833.

27 APRIL - HMM-163. MSN 4-982-6, 2 O-1B DEPARTED DANANG 0730 ON WX RECON LCL AREA, RTN DANANG 0824. MSN 4-949-4, 6 UH-34D DEPARTED DANANG 0802, 59 PAX, 6,840 LBS CGO, RESUPPLY FROM HOI AN (BT 152-570) TO DAI LOC (AT 913-579). MSN 4-954-4, 6 UH-34D, 30 PAX, 5,990 LBS CGO RESUPPLY FROM HOI AN (BT 152-570) TO THUONG DUC (ZC 138-523). MSN 4-951-4, 6 UH-34D 44 PAX, 800 LBS CGO, RESUPPLY FROM HOI AN (BT 152-570) TO QUE SON (BT 045-350), RTN DANANG 1142. MSN 4-950-4, 3 UH-34D, DEPART QUE SON (BT 045-350) 1130, 14 PAX, NO CGO TO DUC DUC (AT 875-476), RTN DANANG 1205. MSN 4-987-2, 2 UH-34D DEPARTED DANANG 1135 ON CLASS. SAR MSN, RTN DANANG 1910. MSN 4-982A-6, 2 O-1B DEPARTED DANANG 1310 ON AERIAL PHOTO MSN, RTN DANANG 1415. MSN 4-981-6, 2 UH-34D DEPARTED DANANG 1300, 16 PAX, 600 LBS CGO. MILK RUN TO LZ (BT 041-790) TO DANANG, TO HOI AN (BT 146-573) TO LZ (BT 032-504) TO LZ (BT 232-315) TO HILL 159 (BT 282-159) TO LZ (BT 307-156) TO LZ (BT 338-239) TO HILL 69 (BT 468-058) TO THANG BINH (BT 166-413) TO QUE SON (BT 044-346) TO DIEN BAN (BT 069-575) TO LZ (BT 041-790), RTN DANANG 1627. MSN 4-974-6, 2 UH-34D DEPARTED DANANG 1327 4 PAX, 1,500 LBS CGO, TO QUANG TIN (BT 292-229) TO TIEN PHUOC (BT 113-137). MSN 4-971-4, 3 UH-34D DEPARTED DANANG 1640, 2 PAX, 4,000 LBS CGO, TO NONG SON (AT 825-390), RTN DANANG 1812. MSN 4-973-4, 9 UH-34D DEPARTED DANANG 1327, 7 PAX, 22,579 LBS CGO, TO DAI LOC (AT 915-582), RTN DANANG 1426. MSN 4-975-4 9 UH-34D DEPARTED DANANG 1436, 64 PAX, 19,610 LBS CGO, TO QUANG TIN (BT 292-229) TO PHUOC LAM (BT 072-061) RTN DANANG 1736. MSN 4-982B-6, 2 O-1B DEPARTED DANANG 1720 ON LCL AREA RECON RTN DANANG 1850.

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MSN 4-976-4, 6 UH-34D DEPARTED DANANG 1736, 57 PAX, 900 LBS CGO TO DIEN BAN (BT 067-582) TO THUONG DUC (ZC 142-532) TO DIEN BAN (BT 067-582), RTN DANANG 1836. MSN 4-992-2, 2 UH-34D DEPARTED PHUOC LAM (BT 072-061) FOR KHE TRA (BT 008-328) MED EVAC, 1 WIA TO DANANG ARVN HOSP, RTN DANANG 1836.

28 APRIL - HMM-163, MSN 4-988-1, 17 UH-34D ESCORTED BY 4 UH-1B (USA) (ARMED) OF THE 7TH AIR LIFT PLAT., 2 O-1B (HMM-163) AND 4 F4B OF VMFA-531. EXECUTED A PREPLANNED RETROGRADE OPERATION (NO NAME, 368 TRPS, OF SPECIAL FORCES LIFTED IN 3 WAVES FROM PICK UP ZONE (YD 035-320) TO LZ (XD 858-384). A/C DEPARTED DANANG AT 0712 LIFTED 1ST WAVE 0845 LIFTED 2ND WAVE 0905 3RD WAVE 1025, A/C RTN DANANG 1200. NO INCIDENTS, NO INJURY. MSN 4-994A-6, 2 O-1B DEPARTED DANANG 1143 ON LCL AREA RECON, RTN DANANG 1537. MSN 4-1103-2, 2 UH-34D DEPARTED DANANG 1215 TO PHU BAI (YD 840-140) MED EVAC 7 WIA (USMC) TO PHU BAI DISPENSARY, RTN DANANG 1235. MSN 4-989-4, 8 UH-34D ESCORTED BY 2 UH-1B (USA) (ARMED) OF THE 7TH AIR LIFT PLAT., 2 A-1H (VNAF), 1 O-1F (VNAF) DEPARTED DANANG 1550 DIRECT QUANG NGAI (BS 650-735), RESUPPLY HA THANH (BS 386-704), 185 PAC, 1,600 LBS CGO, RTN DANANG 1832. MSN 4-994B-6, 2 O-1B DEPARTED DANANG 1710 ON LCL AREA RECON, RTN DANANG 1855. MSN 4-1116-2, 2 UH-34D, ESCORTED BY 2 UH-1B (USA) (ARMED) OF THE 7TH AIR LIFT PLAT. DEPARTED DANANG 2040 DIRECT (BT 065-582) AT 2050, PICK UP 3 MED EVAC 2 (ARVN) 1 (US) AND 1 PAX, DIRECT DANANG 2110.

29 APRIL - HMM-163, MSN 4-1103-1, 16 UH-34D ESCORTED BY 2 UH-1B (USA) (ARMED) OF THE 7TH AIR LIFT PLAT., 8 F4B OF VMFA-531, AND 2 O-1B (HMM-163) EXECUTED A PREPLANNED STRIKE OPERATION 65/19 DANANG SPECIAL SECTOR, 200 TRPS OF 11TH RANGER BN, 80 TRPS OF 1 CO 11TH RANGERS AND, 65 TRPS OF 708 REGIMENTAL FORCES STAGED AT DANANG WERE LIFTED AT 0730 IN TWO WAVES, RANGER BY INTO LZ (AT 963-617), 1 CO 11TH RANGERS LZ (AT 986-643), 708TH REGIMENTAL FORCES LZ (AT 951-625, THE FIRST WAVE WAS IN THE RESPECTIVE ZONE AT 0735, THE SECOND WAVE WAS IN THE ZONE AT 0750, A/C RTN DANANG 0806. NO INCIDENT, NO INJURY. MSN 4-1104-4, 3 UH-34D ESCORTED BY 2 UH-1B (USA) (ARMED) OF THE 7TH AIR LIFT PLAT. DEPARTED DANANG 1445, 25 PAX TO NONG SON (AT 812-391), RTN DANANG 1545. MSN 4-1104-6, 4 UH-34D ESCORTED BY 2 UH-1B (USA) (ARMED) OF THE 7TH AIR LIFT PLAT. DEPARTED DANANG 1350, 21 PAX, 5,850 LBS CGO TO DAI LOC (AT 918-579), RTN DANANG 1440. MSN 4-1105-6, 6 UH-34D ESCORTED BY 2 UH-1B (USA) (ARMED) OF THE 7TH AIR LIFT PLAT. DEPARTED DANANG 1320, 23 PAX, 5,850 LBS CGO, TO NONG SON (AT 812-391) RTN DANANG 1350. MSN 4-1106-4, 11 UH-34D ESCORTED BY 2 UH-1B (USA) (ARMED) OF THE 7TH AIR LIFT PLAT. DEPARTED 1520, 34 PAX, 56,850 LBS CGO. STAGED AT DANANG. RESUPPLY TO QUE SON (BT 045-350), RTN DANANG 1845. MSN 4-1119-4, 4 UH-34D ESCORTED BY 2 UH-1B (USA) (ARMED) OF THE 7TH AIR LIFT PLAT. DEPARTED DANANG 1410, AIR LIFTED 12 DRUMS OF AV GAS TO QUANG TRI (YD 328-526), RTN 1616.

30 APRIL - HMM-163, MSN 4-1123-6, 2 O-1B DEPARTED DANANG 1205, 1 PAX, STRIKE PATHFINDER FOR HMM-163 LZ (BT 025-678), RTN DANANG 1306. MSN 4-1123A-6, 2 O-1B DEPARTED DANANG 1408, 2 PAX, VISUAL RECON OF JUNK FLEET (BT 140-820) AND (BS 730-650), RTN DANANG 1447. MSN 4-1124-4, 4 UH-34D ESCORTED BY 2 UH-1B (USA) (ARMED) OF THE 7TH AIR LIFT PLAT. DEPARTED DANANG 1410, 84 PAX, RESUPPLY DIEN BAN (BT 067-582) TO NONG SON (AT 824-392), RTN DANANG 1545.

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MSN 4-1127-1, 2 O-1B DEPARTED DANANG 0806, STRIKE PATHFINDER FOR HMM-162 CONTROLLED ARTILLERY PREP LZ (DT 863-763), SMOKED LZ FOR VMFA-531 CAS STRIKE, RTN DANANG 0955. MSN 4-1139-1, 12 UH-34D ESCORTED BY 4 F4B OF VMFA-531, 2 O-1B EXECUTED A PREPLANNED STRIKE OPERATION, 134 TRPS OF THE 708TH CO RANGERS STAGED AT DANANG LIFTED IN TWO WAVES TO LZ'S (BT 025-678) AT 1240, AND LZ (BT 032-693) AT 1245, RTN DANANG 1308. NO INCIDENT, NO INJURY. MSN 4-1140-2, 2 UH-34D DEPARTED HUE (YD 756-253) 1135 DIRECT QUANG TRI (YD 323-526) MED EVAC, NO CASUALTIES, RTN HUE (YD 756-253) AT 1236. MSN 4-1141-2, 4 UH-34D DEPARTED DANANG 0625 ON CLASS. SAR MSN, RTN DANANG 0825 1 MAY, DETAINED OVERNIGHT AT PHU BAI (YD 890-155) DUE TO WX. MSN 4-1142-2, 2 UH-34D, DEPARTED DANANG 0915 ON MED EVAC MSN TO PHU BAI, MSN NOT ACCOMPLISHED DUE TO WX, RTN DANANG 1015.

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