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

2. Upon removal of enclosure (1), this letter is downgraded to unclassified.


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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 167

LtCol D. A. MCCAUGHEY (1-30Jun70)

2. LOCATION

1-30 June 1970: Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major J. L. THIESSE (1-30Jun70)

Operations Officer

Major D. A. SHARR (1-30Jun70)

Logistics Officer

Capt R. T. ADAMS (1-30Jun70)

Administrative Officer

Capt L. E. BOWYER (1-30Jun70)

A/C Maintenance Officer

Major J. S. MARTIN (1-30Jun70)

Intelligence Officer

Capt J. B. BARR (1-30Jun70)

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USM</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of June, HML-167 continued its high tempo of operations with a total of 2482.3 hours flown. After May's record-breaking month of 2702.3 hours, the "Checkmates" were still able to total the third highest monthly flight time in their history, with an average daily availability of 24 aircraft.

"Gunships" showed only a very slight decrease in time from 1244.5 hours in May to 1232.1 total "Gun" hours for June. However "Slick" hours decreased more than 200 hours for a June Total of 1259.2 "Slick" hours. In doing this the slicks carried 223 more passengers than May for 3846 total passengers with 503 of them being VIP's. This is also 313 more VIP's than May's total. The squadron accounted for 7028 sorties and 881 tasks during the month.

Engine failures during the month accounted for the loss of one aircraft and "Charlie" damage to another. "Alpha" damage was sustained to one aircraft after experiencing an engine failure over approximately 50 feet of water. All occupants escaped with no injuries. Earlier in the month one engine failure occurred over land. The pilot made a very successful autorotation and the aircraft sustained "Charlie" damage with no injuries to the crew once again.

Our Intelligence Section confirms 17 KBA's and 10 probable KBA's during June. Also 1 WIA, 2 hootches and 2 bunkers destroyed. Squadron aircraft were involved in 5⁴ fire incidents taking a total of 6 hits in 5 different aircraft. All of these resulted in only temporary loss of aircraft for repairs.

On 26 June the Secretary of the Navy visited MAG-16 and was briefed by 1stLt Jenkins on HML-167's mission and the capabilities of the "Huey".

The outlook for July is excellent, however, HML-167 will feel the loss of eight experienced aviators due to rotation, with only two replacements now aboard. The "Comprise Checkmates" are confident that their high esprit and outstanding record will be sustained, proving again their right to the title of "MAF-16's Finest".

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- ✓ 12 June 1970 Loss of aircraft BuNo 154775, no injuries, Charlie damage
- ✓ 25 June 1970 Loss of aircraft BuNo 151284, no injuries, Alpha damage
- ✓ 26 June 1970 Secretary of the Navy visited HML-167
- 30 June 1970 Ordnance Expended (June)
 - 7.62 - 191,500 rounds
 - 2.75 Folding Fin Aircraft Rocket - 2,020

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

No supporting documents for June 1970