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 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
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Marine Aircraft Group 16
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Marble Mountain, Republic of Vietnam

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY 1 JANUARY TO 17 JANUARY 1969

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HMM-263

LTCOL R. E. HOFSTETTER 1-17Jan69

2. LOCATION

During the period 1-17 January, 1969, HMM-263 was located at Marine Corps Air Facility, Santa Ana, California, 92709, in the process of deploying to Marble Mountain Air Facility, Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

| | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Executive Officer | Major L. I. BLAKENSHIP | 1-17Jan69 |
| Operations Officer | Major R. D. FOWNER | 1-17Jan69 |
| Administrative Officer | Major B. R. TERHORST | 1-17Jan69 |
| A/C Maintenance Officer | Major F. P. ACCOMANDO | 1-17Jan69 |
| Logistics Officer | Major R. W. CARR | 1-17Jan69 |
| PARCS Officer | Capt. J. J. BARRETT | 1-17Jan69 |
| Aviation Safety Officer | Major G. M. SHIFFLER JR. | 1-17Jan69 |
| Intelligence Officer | 1stLt. J. L. BUTTS | 1-17Jan69 |
| Motor Transport Officer | 1stLt. J. C. SHORT | 1-17Jan69 |
| Sergeant Major | SgtMaj. D. N. SIMS | 1-17Jan69 |

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| | <u>USMC</u> | <u>USN</u> | <u>OTHER</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|----------|-------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Officers | 47 | 0 | 0 | 47 |
| Enlisted | 182 | 0 | 0 | 182 |

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During the period 1-17 January, 1969, the squadron was engaged in deployment to WestPac. The advance party arrived early in the month and immediately began making preparations for the arrival of the main portion of the squadron. All squadron aircraft and equipment left COMUS late in December and arrived in Danang at the Deep Water Pier in mid January. The small detachment of officers and men that had accompanied the aircraft and equipment on the trans-pacific voyage, together with the advance party did a yeoman's job in moving all squadron cargo, vehicles, and aircraft from the Deep Water Pier, at the base of Monkey Mountain, to Marble Mountain Air Facility, a distance of over 5 miles. This job was finished in slightly over 8 hours. The main body of squadron personnel began to arrive at Marble Mountain on the 17th of January. Due to the deployment no flight operations were conducted during this period.

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- 1-15 Jan 1969 All squadron equipment and aircraft aboard USS Point Cruz enroute to Danang RVN. A squadron detail of 2 officers and 12 enlisted men accompanied the shipment.
- 2 Jan 1969 Advance Party arrives at Marble Mountain Air Facility and begins to make preparations for the arrival of the squadron.
- 16 Jan 1969 USS Point Cruz arrives at Danang. Squadron equipment and aircraft moved by road to Marble Mountain. First plane load of squadron personnel departs COMUS with squadron colors. Second half of squadron follows 3 days later.
- 17 Jan 1969 Squadron colors and first half of the main body of the squadron arrive at MMAF and begin squadron operations.

PART IVSUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE SUBMITTED

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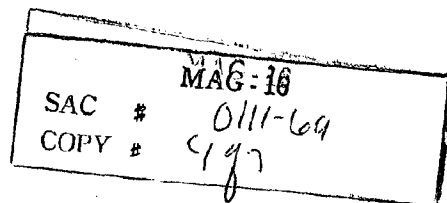
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 1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), Enclosure (1) is submitted.
 2. Downgrading instructions: Group 4. Unclassified when Enclosure (1) is removed.

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. STAFF OFFICERS

| | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Commanding Officer | LtCol R. E. HOFSTETTER | 18-31 Jan |
| Executive Officer | Major L. I. BLANKENSHIP | 18-31 Jan |
| Operations Officer | Major R. D. FOWNER | 18-31 Jan |
| Administrative Officer | Major B. R. TERHORST | 18-23 Jan |
| | Capt D. S. VAN LIEN | 24-31 Jan |
| Aircraft Maintenance Officer | Major F. P. ACCOMANDO | 18-31 Jan |
| Logistics Officer | Major R. W. CARR | 18-23 Jan |
| | Major B. R. TERHORST | 24-31 Jan |
| NATOPS Officer | Capt J. J. BARRETT | 18-23 Jan |
| | Capt R. B. GRUNDY | 24-31 Jan |
| Aviation Safety Officer | Major G. M. SHIFFLER Jr. | 18-23 Jan |
| | Maj D. P. RIECHERT | 24-31 Jan |
| Intelligence Officer | 1st Lt J. L. BUTTS | 18-23 Jan |
| | 1st Lt W. A. PHILLIPS | 24-31 Jan |
| Motor Transport Officer | 1st Lt J. C. SHORT | 18-31 Jan |
| Sergeant Major | Sgt Maj D. N. SIMMS | 18-31 Jan |

2. UNIT LOCATION

HMM-263 18-31 January 1969 Marble Mountain Air Facility, Danang,
Republic of Vietnam.

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| | <u>USMC</u> | <u>USN</u> | <u>OTHER</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
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| Officer | 47 | 0 | 0 | 47 |
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4. IMPORTANT VISITORS

None

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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1. Daily Summary of Events

18 January 1969 HMM-263 transferred from MAG-56, CONUS to MAG-16, Marble Mountain, Republic of Vietnam.

19-22 January 1969 No flight operations or significant events this period.

23 January 1969 HMM-263 flew 46 sorties for 20.6 flight hours, lifting 317 troops/passengers and 8.5 tons of cargo, in support of the following Operation and units: TAYLOR COMMON, 1st MARDIV, III MAF and HMM-263.

24 January 1969 HMM-263 flew 27 sorties for 9.7 flight hours, lifting 79 troops/passengers and 5.5 tons of cargo, in support of Operation TAYLOR COMMON, 1st MARDIV, III MAF and HMM-263.

25 January 1969 HMM-263 flew 64 sorties for 21.7 flight hours, lifting 124 troops/passengers and 12.8 tons of cargo, in support of Operation TAYLOR COMMON, 1st MARDIV, III MAF and HMM-263. One fire incident was reported at ZC079432.

26 January 1969 HMM-263 flew 103 sorties for 31.1 flight hours, lifting 34 troops/passengers and 23.2 tons of cargo. One Emergency, 27 Priority and 1 Routine med-evacs were also flown in support of Operation TAYLOR COMMON, 1st MARDIV, III MAF and HMM-263.

27 January 1969 HMM-263 flew 179 sorties for 56.9 flight hours, lifting 368 troops/passengers and 37.1 tons of cargo. One Emergency, 2 Priority and 1 Routine med-evacs were performed in support of Operation TAYLOR COMMON, 1st MARDIV, III MAF and HMM-263.

28 January 1969 HMM-263 flew 380 sorties, for 111.3 flight hours, lifting 830 troops/passengers and 51.1 tons of cargo. Eight Emergency, 3 Priority and 10 Routine med-evacs were flown in support of Operation TAYLOR COMMON, 1st MARDIV, III MAF and HMM-263.

29 January 1969 HMM-263 flew 206 sorties for 62.9 flight hours, lifting 770 troops/passengers and 27.0 tons of cargo. One Emergency, 2 Priority and 3 Routine med-evacs

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were flown in support of Operation TAYLOR COMMON, 1st MARDIV, III MAF and HMM-263. Two fire incidents were reported with EG-5 receiving 4 hits and EG-21 receiving 5 hits and 1 WIA.

30 January 1969

HMM-263 flew 66 sorties for 22.4 flight hours, lifting 153 troops/passengers and 3.1 tons of cargo with 2 Emergency and 2 Priority med-evacs also flown in support of Operation TAYLOR COMMON, 1st MARDIV, III MAF and HMM-263.

31 January 1969

HMM-263 flew 160 sorties for 52.0 flight hours, lifting 266 troops/passengers and 31.9 tons of cargo plus 5 Emergency, 2 Priority and 3 Routine med-evacs were flown in support of Operation TAYLOR COMMON, 1st MARDIV, III MAF and HMM-263. Two fire incidents were reported with EG-23 receiving 2 hits and EG-22 receiving 1 hit.

2. HMM-263 flew a total of 1,231 sorties, 405.9 flight hours, lifting 2,941 troops/passengers and 201.0 tons of cargo with an average aircraft availability of 9 aircraft for the period.

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| | <u>OFFICER</u> | <u>ENLISTED</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| a. Personnel Joined | 15 | 60 | 75 |
| b. Personnel Dropped | 17 | 73 | 90 |

2. ADMINISTRATION

| | <u>OFFICER</u> | <u>ENLISTED</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| a. Personnel Promoted | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| b. Personnel Reduced | 0 | 1 | 0 |

3. CASUALTIES FOR THE MONTH

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>SERVICE NO.</u> | <u>SERVICE</u> | <u>KIA/WIA</u> |
|------------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| MC CAULEY, R. M. | CPL | 2213071 | USMC | WIA |

4. INTELLIGENCE

a. The Squadron Intelligence Section received and recorded Intelligence information on a daily basis for adjacent headquarters and high headquarters through pilot debriefs, spot reports, and Intelligence documents.

b. During this reporting period, there were 5 incidents of hostile fire directed against this units aircraft, which resulted in 4 aircraft sustaining hits and 1 minor casualty.

c. The FMM-263 Squadron area received negative incoming during this reporting period.

d. A narrative summary of this sections activity during the reporting period is as follows: Attending briefings at higher headquarters, conducting liason with adjacent units, briefing and debriefing pilots, presenting a weekly update of the general enemy situation at the AOM's, keeping the Commanding Officer and Executive Officer abreast of the daily situation, and the routing of messages and documents of Intelligence value to the appropriate sections and personnel.

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5 February 19695. LOGISTICS

a. NORS "G" Resume

- (1) Submitted. 55
- (2) Completed. 52
- (3) Pending. 3 against 1 aircraft

b. NORS "N" Resume

- (1) Submitted. 0
- (2) Completed. 0
- (3) Cancelled. 0

6. OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

a. Major Operations Supported:

(1) Sixty-eight aircraft of HMM-263 flew 1,116 sorties for 337.4 flight hours lifting 2,932 troops/passengers, 200.2 tons of cargo. Forty-four med-evac missions carried, 15 Emergency, 16 Priority, 13 Routine evacuees and expended 200 rounds of .50 Caliber ordnance in support of Operation TAYLOR COMMON.

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| b. Total Flight Hours | 405.9 |
| c. Total Tasks | 327 |
| d. Total Sorties | 1,231 |
| e. Total Troops/passengers | 2,911 |
| f. Total Tons of Cargo lifted | 201.0 |
| g. Total Med-Evac Carried | 55 |

7. AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

The following Squadron aircraft received battle damage during the period 18-31 January 1969. 154792, 154795, 154810, 154815

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