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1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the subject report is submitted as enclosure (1).
2. This letter is downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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PART I ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. (C)	C.O.	LtCol. Raymond M. RYAN	1 June 1969 -
	X.O.	Maj. Harold F. MUTH	1 June 1969 -
	S-1	Maj. Paul B. WESTMILLER	1 June 1969 -
	S-2	Maj. Ira C. ANDERSON	1 June 1969 - 26 June 1969
	S-2	1stLt. William L. DAVILA	27 June 1969 - 30 June 1969
	S-3	Maj. Richard A. GOVONI	1 June 1969 -
	S-4	Maj. William A. ALLANSON	1 June 1969 - 26 June 1969
	S-4	Maj. Ira C. ANDERSON	27 June 1969 - 30 June 1969

2. (C) Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Vietnam, 23 May 1967 - 30 June 1969.

3. (C) Average Monthly Strength:

Officers: 26 N/A, 4 A/G

Enlisted: 153

4. (U) Important Visitors to the Command:

25 June 1969: Brigadier General W. G. JOHNSON, Assistant Wing Commander Rear, 1st MAW.

Air Commodore F. S. ROBEY, RAAF, Commander Royal Australian Air Forces, Vietnam.

28 June 1969: Brigadier General L. J. DULACKI, Assistant G-3, III Marine Amphibious Force.

PART II CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY OF MONTH'S MAJOR ACTIVITIES:

- 1 JUNE 1969: There were no major operations that HMH-463 participated in for this day.
- 2 JUNE 1969: Operation DARING REBEL today had one CH-53 which flew 6 sorties in 1.5 hours, transporting 33 troops and 2.6 tons of internal cargo from HOI AN to LZ's at BT 174528 and BT 222548.
- 3 JUNE 1969: In support of Operation VIRGINIA RIDGE one CH-53 flew nine sorties in 3.8 hours, transporting 7 troops and 10.4 tons of external cargo from the LSA's at Quang Tri and Vandergrift to LZ's Fuller and Shepherd.
- 4 JUNE 1969: In support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON XII one CH-53 flew four sorties in 1.2 hours transporting 2.8 tons of internal cargo and 14 troops from AT 142578 to LZ's at AT 186532 and AT 253255.

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In support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON XII one CH-53 flew 21 sorties in 6.5 hours transporting 24 troops and 19.6 tons of cargo (19.1 tons external and .5 tons internal) from the LSA's at Quang Tri and Vandergrift to FSB's at Fuller and Neville.

- 5 JUNE 1969: There were no major operations that HHM-463 participated in for this day.
- 6 JUNE 1969: There were no major operations that HHM-463 participated in for this day.
- 7 JUNE 1969: In support of Operation PIPESTONE CANYON two CH-53's flew 26 sorties in 5.7 hours, transporting 42 troops and 14.3 tons of cargo (13.3 tons external and 1.0 tons internal) from the LSA at Hill 55 to LZ's at AT986586, BT 014566, BT 024577, AT 973561, BT 000535, BT 018518, AT 998575, BT 009569, BT 023569 and BT 000557.
- 8 JUNE 1969: In support of Operation PIPESTONE CANYON four CH-53's flew 37 sorties in 9.9 hours, transporting 864 troops and 2.5 tons of cargo (1.0 tons internal and 1.5 tons external) from AT 977560 to the USS IWO JIMA.
- 9 JUNE 1969: In continuing support of Operation PIPESTONE CANYON six CH-53's flew 37 sorties in 8.3 hours, transporting 462 troops from BT 000560 to LIBERTY BRIDGE, HILL 55 and AT 945706; LIBERTY BRIDGE to HILL's 55 and 37.
- 10 June 1969: In support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON XII one CH-53 flew 31 sorties in 6.0 hours transporting 20 troops and 36 tons of cargo (35.3 tons external and .7 tons internal) from LZ 211 to LZ's located at BT 020571, 050534, 052532, 051530, 055535 and other LZ's within the ROKMC TAOR.
- In support of Operation PIPESTONE CANYON two CH-53's flew 30 sorties in 4.9 hours transporting 62 troops and 19.2 tons of external cargo from the LSA at HILL 55 to numerous LZ's within the Pipestone Canyon area.
- 11 JUNE 1969: In continuing support of operation PIPESTONE CANYON one CH-53 flew 31 sorties in 6.0 hours, transporting 20 troops and 36.0 tons of cargo (0.8 tons internal and 35.2 tons external) from LZ 211 to BT 055535, BT 020570, BT 049524, BT 075528, BT 061528, BT 049508 and BT 032510.
- 12 JUNE 1969: In support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON XII one CH-53 flew

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31 sorties in 2.0 hours, transporting 18 troops and 30.5 tons of cargo (0.5 tons internal and 30.0 tons external) from LZ 211 to BT 048542, BT 048542, BT 050534, BT 052532, BT 051530; BT 074514 to BT 051530.
One CH-46 TAR was field lifted from AT 932762 to AT 937747.

- 13 June 1969: In continuing support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON XII one CH-53 flew 10 sorties in 1.3 hours, transporting 1 troop and 12.0 tons of external cargo from LZ 211 to BT 062550, BT 059549, and BT 067544.
- 14 June 1969: In support of Operation PIPESTONE CANYON three CH-53's flew 57 sorties in 21.2 hours, transporting 167 troops and 53.3 tons of cargo (4.7 tons internal and 48.6 tons external) from LZ 211 to BT 051530, BT 049539, BT 050539, BT 052532, BT 071537, BT 056536, BT 061526, BT 075528, BT 074514; AN HOA to HILL 55, BT 003534, BT 018521, AT 828469 and LZ 211; HILL 55 to LZ 467 and AT 971524.
- 15 JUNE 1969: In continuing support of Operation PIPESTONE CANYON one CH-53 flew 25 sorties in 4.5 hours, transporting 4 troops and 24.1 tons of cargo (4.0 tons internal and 20.1 tons external) from AN HOA to HILL 55 to BT 017529, AT 983725; AT 983725 to BT 015536.
In support of Operation VIRGINIA RIDGE three CH-53's flew 116 sorties in 24.6 hours transporting 232 troops and 144.2 tons of cargo (143.0 tons external and 1.2 tons internal) from Vandergrift to FSB's Shepherd, Fuller, Neville, Quantico, Cates and Henderson.
- 16 JUNE 1969: In support of operation PIPESTON CANYON one CH-53 flew 20 sorties in 4.4 hours, transporting 15.8 tons of external cargo from HILL 55 to AT 983725 to BT 015536.
- 17 JUNE 1969: In support of Operation PIPESTONE CANYON one CH-53 flew 29 sorties in 4.8 hours transporting 48 troops and 31.9 tons of cargo (30.9 tons external and 1.0 tons internal) from the LSA at HILL 55 to numerous LZ's within the PIPESTONE CANYON Operations area.
- 18 JUNE 1969: In support of Operation PIPESTONE CANYON one CH-53 flew 35 sorties in 6.1 hours transporting 150 troops and 54.4 tons of external cargo from the LSA at HILL 55 to various LZ's in the PIPESTONE CANYON Operations area.
- 19 JUNE 1969: In support of operation PIPESTONE CANYON one CH-53 flew 25

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sorties in 5.0 hours, transporting 17 troops and 35.1 tons of cargo (1.5 tons internal and 33.6 tons external) from HILL 55 to BT 018539, BT 004546, BT 040547, and LZ 413; HILL 37 to HILL 55; LZ 413 to LZ 60A.

20 JUNE 1969: In continuing support of operation PIPESTONE CANYON two CH-53's flew 42 sorties in 7.7 hours, transporting 254 troops and 29.9 tons of external cargo from HILL 55 to BT 015536, BT 983725, BT 004546, and BT 966534.

21 JUNE 1969: In support of Operation PIPESTONE CANYON three CH-53's flew 61 sorties in 12.2 hours, transporting 624 troops and 17.6 tons of cargo (6.5 tons internal and 11.1 tons external) from HILL 55 to BT 015536, AT 983725; AT 983725 to BT 015536; LZ 413 to BT 099664 and BT 057717. One TAR was hauled today. UH-34 was administratively lifted from USS WHETSTONE to USS IWO JIMA.

22 JUNE 1969: In support of Operation PIPESTONE CANYON two CH-53's flew 21 sorties in 3.2 hours, transporting 20 troops and 31.8 tons of external cargo, from HILL 55 to BT 985532, BT 975540, and BT 983725; BT 983725 to AT 015536. Three TAR's were performed today. Two CH-46's were field lifted from AT 833623 and LZ 495 to MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY. One UH-1H was administratively lifted from 1st MEDICAL BATTALION to MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY.

23 JUNE 1969: In support of Operation PIPESTONE CANYON two CH-53's flew 42 sorties in 5.4 hours transporting 18 troops and 55.6 tons of cargo (55.3 tons external and .3 tons internal) from the LSA at HILL 55 to numerous LZ's in the PIPESTONE CANYON Operating area. In support of Operation VIRGINIA RIDGE one CH-53 flew 37 sorties in 6.1 hours transporting 22 troops and 52.7 tons of external cargo from Vandenberg to LZ's Cates, Fuller and Hill 691.

24 JUNE 1969: In support of Operation PIPESTONE CANYON two CH-53's flew 17 sorties in 3.7 hours transporting 136 troops and 13.3 tons of external cargo from HILL 55 to various LZ's in the PIPESTONE CANYON area. Two Ch-46 TAR's one administratively lifted from AT 875425 and one field lifted from BT 074529, both were taken to MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY.

25 JUNE 1969: In continuing support of Operation PIPESTONE CANYON one CH-53 flew 9 sorties in 2.0 hours, transporting 4 troops and

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12.8 tons of cargo from HILL 55 to AT 051536;
AT 051536 to AT 051536.

26 JUNE 1969: In support of Operation PIPESTONE CANYON three CH-53's flew 27 sorties in 5.7 hours, transporting 31 troops and 26.4 tons of cargo (0.3 tons internal and 26.1 tons external) from LZ 413 to BT 099664; HILL 55 to BT 007544, BT 015536 and AT 990536; AT 983725 to BT 015536 and HILL 55. One UH-1E TAR was administratively lifted from RED BEACH to MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY.

27 JUNE 1969: In continuing support of Operation PIPESTONE CANYON one CH-53 flew 19 sorties in 3.0 hours, transporting 16 troops and 17.0 tons of external cargo from HILL 55 to AT 983725, LZ 490, BT 015536, AT 995535 and BT 038546; BT 037548 to AT 983725 and HILL 55. Three CH-46 TAR's were performed today. One field lifted from AT 946443 and two were administratively lifted from AN HOA and HILL 10, all three were taken to MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY.

28 JUNE 1969: In support of Operation PIPESTONE CANYON two CH-53's flew 9 sorties in 2.0 hours transporting 9.5 tons of external cargo from HILL 55 to LZ's at AT 983725 and BT 015536.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ In support of Operation VIRGINIA RIDGE two CH-53's flew 50 sorties in 14.5 hours transporting 134 troops and 59.7 tons of external cargo from the FSB at Vandergrift to FSB's Russell, Saigon, Cates, Neville, Signal Hill and Hill 691.

29 JUNE 1969: Two Administrative TAR's of UH-34's were completed from Camp Eagle to Danang.

29 JUNE 1969: In support of Operation PIPESTONE CANYON three CH-53's flew 80 sorties in 9.4 hours transporting 433 troops and 116.1 tons of cargo (115.6 tons external and .5 tons internal) from Hill 55 to LZ's located in Grid squares BT 0354 and 0654.

27 JUNE 1969: In support of Operation VIRGINIA RIDGE three CH-53's flew 96 sorties in 25.4 hours transporting 150 troops and 119.8 tons of external cargo from Vandergrift to LZ's Saigon, Russell, Temaru and Neville.

30 JUNE 1969: There were no major operations that HHM-463 participated in this day. One administrative TAR of a UH-34 was completed from BT 044745 to Danang AFB.

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PART III Significant Events

1. (C) Personnel

A. Transferred:	6 Officers	21 Enlisted
B. Promoted:	1 Officer	10 Enlisted
C. Joined	5 Officers	15 Enlisted

2. (U) Administration: None

3. (U) Awards: A squadron awards ceremony was held on the 14th and 21st of June 1969. Air Medals presented: 9 enlisted.

4. (U) Casualties: None

5. (U) Civic Action: None

6. (U) Morale/Welfare: A squadron All Hands Beer Party, sponsored by the squadron Staff NCO's, was held on 13 June 1969.

7. (U) ISO: Fifty-eight fleet home town news releases have been issued this month.
One article has been submitted to both the Marine Corps Gazette and the Stars and Stripes; relating the addition of the Ch-53D to the HMR-463 aircraft inventory.

8. (U) Intelligence/counter intelligence: The daily, 0930 intelligence brief continues to relate local fire incidents, along with updated friendly and enemy information in the I Corps area.

9. (C) Air Operations:

a. Hours Flown:	564.6
b. Sorties:	2030
c. Passengers:	6472
d. Cargo: Total:	1862.1 tons
Internal:	189.7 tons
External:	1572.4 (less TAR weight)
TARs:	100.0 tons

10. (C) Air Control

a. Actual Instrument Hours:	5.7
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- b. Hours on GCA Operations: 13.2
- c. Number of Aircraft Radar Controlled: 132
- 11. (C) HMH-463 participated in the following Operations: PIPESTONE CANYON, VICTORY DRAGON XII, DARING REBEL, and VIRGINIA RIDGE.
- 12. (U) Ground Defense: The HMH-463 Reactionary Platoon was mustered on 7 June at 0045, 12 June at 0110 and 13 June at 0300 when MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY came under enemy mortar and rocket attack.
- 13. (U) Command Relationship/Command and Control: None
- 14. (U) NBC Defense: None
- 15. (U) Training: The following Squadron personnel attended JEST school during June. Capt. R. R. MCCORMICK, 1stLt. N. H. RACKLEY 1stLt. R. D. PRESTON, Cpl. G. D. TERRY and Cpl. R. A. WEAVER. Sea Survival School was attended by Capt. E. R. SEINFELT. Basic Infantry Weapons Repair School was attended by L/Cpl. J. G. WARD. Seventeen Squadron enlisted personnel were fam. fired with the .50 Cal. machine gun. Forty-six Squadron personnel attended PERE Lectures presented by Wing G-2 at MARBLE MOUNTAIN.
- 16. (C) Logistics:
 - a. In support of Operation DARING REBEL HMH-463 flew 6 sorties in 1.5 hours, transporting 33 troops and 2.6 tons of internal cargo from HOI AN Air Port to BT 174528 and BT 222548.
 - b. In support of Operation VIRGINIA RIDGE HMH-463 flew 329 sorties in 80.9 hours, transporting 569 troops and 406.4 tons of cargo (404.7 tons external and 1.7 tons internal) from the LSA's at Vandergrift and Quang Tri to FSB's Fuller, Russell, Neville, Cates and Hill 691.
 - c. In support of Operation PIPESTONE CANYON HMH-463 flew 679 sorties in 135.6 hours transporting 3372 troops and 618.4 tons of cargo (596.5 tons external and 21.9 tons internal) from the LSA at Hill 55 to numerous designated LZ's within the PIPESTONE CANYON Operating area.
 - d. In support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON XII HMH-463 flew 76 sorties in 12.3 hours transporting 53 troops and 81.3 tons of cargo (77.3 tons external and 4.0 tons internal) from LZ 211 to various LZ's within the ROYME TAOR.

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17. (U) Supply: None
18. (U) Motor Transport: None
19. (U) Engineering: None
20. (U) Maintenance:
 - a. Both normal and unscheduled was performed on all squadron aircraft.
 - b. The following is a list of the ten high usage items for the month of June 1969:

1. RT 384/ARN 52 Receiver Transmitter	30
2. Damper	22
3. Servocylinder and control arm	21
4. Housing	18
5. Rotary Wing Blades	14
6. ATH 55/ARC Antenna Coumer	12
7. RT 829/APN 471 (V) PCUR XMTR	11
8. Tachometer - Generator	10
9. APP Clutch	10
10. AFCS Amplifier	9
21. (U) Avionics: None
22. (U) Base Development and Construction: None
23. (U) Communication/Electronics: None
24. (U) Combat Missions Assigned:
 - a. Missions Assigned: 165
 - b. Missions Completed: 159
 - c. Missions Cancelled: 0
 - d. Missions incomplete: 6
25. (U) Weather: During the month of June the weather effect has been insignificant on the conduct of operations by HTH-463 in the I Corps Area.

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DATE	TOTAL				III MAF				ARVN				ROKMC			
	HRS	SOR	CGO	PAX	HRS	SOR	CGO	PAX	HRS	SOR	CGO	PAX	HRS	SOR	CGO	PAX
1	5.2	7	1.6	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	9.4	19	8.1	41	2.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	7.6	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	21.8	49	42.9	117	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.2	4	2.8	14
5	7.1	14	2.6	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	12.5	42	43.4	40	3.5	10	12.8	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	20.8	55	33.3	112	4.6	9	3.6	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	15.2	62	23.8	888	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	18.7	68	7.5	598	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	9.9	19	16.5	111	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	31.2	126	135.8	202	0.7	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	6.0	31	36.0	20
12	20.7	84	74.4	176	6.6	12	12.0	32	0	0	0	0	3.8	31	30.5	18
13	17.2	49	36.1	210	11.4	26	14.6	184	0	0	0	0	1.3	10	12.0	1
14	21.2	77	64.3	249	3.6	7	1.0	58	0	0	0	0	4.9	32	39.5	46
15	34.6	155	170.0	271	4.0	13	1.7	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	16.0	66	61.7	136	3.0	13	17.1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	17.3	77	62.0	309	5.4	21	21.4	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	11.4	52	62.5	273	1.0	5	0	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	11.1	45	40.6	66	2.0	4	1.8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	24.1	94	78.7	364	5.4	21	20.3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	14.7	69	24.6	624	1.5	4	2.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	15.0	57	62.3	155	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	35.5	134	196.2	148	2.2	5	11.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	22.6	91	102.4	269	2.4	6	5.1	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	14.4	43	54.0	18	9.8	31	38.4	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	14.9	41	32.8	48	1.0	4	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	24.0	78	95.7	54	3.3	7	22.5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	32.0	104	94.6	337	3.1	17	9.5	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	35.5	183	213.4	433	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	21.9	59	20.3	145	2.6	9	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31																
TOTAL	563.5	2028	1862.1	6472	79.1	226	199.2	680	0	0	0	0	17.2	108	120.8	99

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