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Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1 July - 9 August 1973

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 (b) FMFPacO 5750.8
 (c) BdeO 5750.1
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Encl: (1) Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with provisions of references (a) through (d), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

2. This letter may be downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED upon removal of Enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION (U)

COMMANDER (U)

MARINE HEAVY HELICOPTER SQUADRON 463

1 July 1973 - 9 August 1973
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1 July 1973 - 6 July 1973
 7 July 1973 - 8 July 1973
 8 July 1973 - 18 July 1973
 18 July 1973 - 19 July 1973
 20 July 1973 - 21 July 1973
 22 July 1973 - 23 July 1973
 21 July 1973 - 1 August 1973
 24 July 1973 - 27 July 1973
 28 July 1973 - 9 August 1973
 1 August 1973 - 9 August 1973

USS INCHON, USS OGDEN
 (VINH COASTAL AREA, NORTH VIETNAM)
 USS INCHON, USS OGDEN
 (GULF OF TONKIN)
 USS INCHON, USS OGDEN
 (HAIPHONG HARBOR, NORTH VIETNAM)
 USS INCHON, USS OGDEN
 (ENROUTE SUBIC BAY)
 USS INCHON, USS OGDEN
 (SUBIC BAY)
 SUBIC BAY, P. I. (DET. "D")
 USS OGDEN (ENROUTE MCAS
 KANEOHE BAY, HAWAII)
 USS DUBUQUE (SUBIC BAY)
 USS DUBUQUE (ENROUTE MCAS
 KANEOHE BAY, HAWAII)
 MCAS KANEOHE BAY, HAWAII

3. STAFF OFFICERS (C)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER	1 Jul - 9 Aug 73	MAJ. B. L. SHAPIRO
S-1	1 Jul - 9 Aug 73	CWO-4 N. C. VANDERDOES
S-3	1 Jul - 9 Aug 73	MAJ. R. W. RENSCH
S-4	1 Jul - 9 Aug 73	CAPT. D. J. ELKINGTON
AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE OFFICER	1 Jul - 9 Aug 73	CAPT. E. G. NOLL
AVIATION SAFETY OFFICER	1 Jul - 9 Aug 73	CAPT. J. M. O'BRIEN
NATOPS OFFICER	1 Jul - 9 Aug 73	CAPT. M. P. PHILBIN

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH (C)

MONTH	USMC		USN		OTHER		TOTALS	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
JUL	37	158	0	2	0	0	37	160
AUG	37	162	0	0	0	0	37	162

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of July, HMH-463 flew 123 sorties for a total of 131.4 hours of flight time. AMCM hours totaled 57.2 with 46.2 hours spent in actual minefields. Minesweeping operations were conducted in the Vinh area from 1-5 July 1973 (Doc 1-5). On 2 July, Capt P.C. GLEIM, flying from the USS Ogden in YH-09, crashed while minesweeping (Doc 6). The crew was rescued immediately with no injuries incurred. On 5 July HMH-463 completed all assigned minefields and assumed a standby condition. On 7 and 8 July, HMH-463 aboard INCHON and OGDEN suffered minor aircraft damage due to high winds in an unsuccessful attempt on the part of Task Force 78 to evade Typhoon Anita in the Gulf of Tonkin. Storm damage sustained was not severe and within 48 hours all damaged aircraft, with one exception, were repaired and the squadron was once again ready to sweep.

The squadron remained off the coast of North Vietnam or in Haiphong Harbor awaiting further minefield assignments, but none were assigned. On 18 July, Operation End Sweep ended and HMH-463 proceeded to and arrived at Subic Bay on 20 July. On the morning of 21 July the squadron crossdecked 128 officers and men, eight aircraft, all organic equipment and a supply packup from INCHON to OGDEN in less than 12 hours. At approximately 2020H that evening, OGDEN with the command element and main body of personnel embarked, departed Subic Bay. For the remainder of July, OGDEN was enroute to MCAS Kaneohe, Hawaii. The second and final increment of the squadron, designated Detachment "Delta", consisted of 43 officers and men plus seven aircraft. Detachment "D" remained in Subic Bay from 21-28 July, embarking 24 July on the USS DUBUQUE. On 28 July, Detachment "D" departed Subic Bay for MCAS Kaneohe, Hawaii.

On 1 August, HMH-463 minus Detachment "D" departed from OGDEN and flew to MCAS Kaneohe. Upon arriving at KMCAS, Major W.J. SMITH presented the squadron colors in a return ceremony attended by the CG, FMFPac, CG, 1st MarBde, and CO, MAG-24. Detachment "D" debarked from DUBUQUE on 9 August, thereby ending an 8½ month deployment to the Western Pacific for HMH-463. During the period 1-9 August, the squadron flew 25 sorties for 28.0 flight hours, carrying 97 passengers and 16,000 pounds of cargo.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

2nd Jul 73 Capt P. C. GLEIM crashed while minesweeping in the Vinh area.

5 Jul 73 HMH-463 completed all assigned minefields in the Vinh area.

18 Jul 73 Operation Endsweep ends. HMH-463 commenced retrograde to MCAS Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

21 Jul 73 HMH-463 crossdecked from the USS Inchon to the USS Ogden and departed Subic Bay for MCAS Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

24 Jul 73 Det. "D" embarked aboard the USS Dubuque at Subic Bay.

28 Jul 73 Det. "D" departed Subic Bay for MCAS Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

1 Aug 73 HMH-463 arrived at MCAS Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

9 Aug 73 Det. "D" arrived at MCAS Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii and ended an 8½ month deployment for HMH-463.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1.(U) The below listed documents are submitted as supporting documents (Docs) to this enclosure.

Doc (1) HMM-463 Flight Schedule for 1 July 1973
Doc (2) HMM-463 Flight Schedule for 2 July 1973
Doc (3) HMM-463 Flight Schedule for 3 July 1973
Doc (4) HMM-463 Flight Schedule for 4 July 1973
Doc (5) HMM-463 Flight Schedule for 5 July 1973
Doc (6) Det. "D" Flight Schedule for 2 July 1973

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MAINTENANCE HELICOPTER SQUADRON 403
 Aircraft Group 26
 1st Fleet, Fleet Marine Force
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30 June 1973

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Distribution List

Subj: Flight Schedule for Sunday 2 July 1973

Duty Sections: 43
 SNO: Capt FARRIS
 OOD: Capt McDONOUGH

Flight Time
 22.9
 Headb 348.7

Julian Date: 3182
 Sunrise: 0623
 Sunset: 1938

EVENT	A/C	CALL	BRIEF	FLY/CO-PILOT	FSN	REMARKS
1-1	H-46	---	0525/0610/1130	Capt HERBERG/Lt COX	AFD	SAR II
1-2	H-46	---	0525/0610/1130	Capt FARMER/Lt MARSH	AFD	SAR III Note#1
1-1	H-46	---	1045/1130/1640	Capt FARMER/Lt ROBINSON	AFD	SAR II
1-2	H-46	---	1045/1130/1640	Capt ANEY/Lt MYERS	AFD	SAR III Note#2
1-3	H-46	---	1545/1630/1840	Capt BUNDA/Lt HATHCOCK	AFD	SAR IV Note#3
2-1	H-53	---	0455/0610/0910	Capt SMITH/Lt FORSTER	AQ5	Note#6
2-2	H-53	---	0455/0645/1145	Lt EDWARDS/Capt ELKINGTON	AQ5	Notes#5&7
2-3	H-53	---	0730/1120/1420	Lt WATSON/Lt BERRY	AQ5	Notes#5&7
4-1	H-46	---	0830/0930/1030	Capt FARMER/Lt MARSH	AR4	P/M/C
2-4	H-53	---	1005/1355/1655	Capt O'BRIEN/Capt PHILLIPS	AQ5	Notes#5, 7&8
	H-53	---	1240/ TE1/ TE1	Capt GAYNOR/Lt PRICE	AQ5	Notes#5&7
	H-46	---	1400/1500/1630	Maj ANEY/Lt MYERS	AR4	P/M/C Back-up
	H-46	---	1645/1745/1815	Capt BUNDA/Lt HATHCOCK	AR4	Vinh
9-1	H-53	---	T / B / A	Lt THOMAS/Lt WALT	AL2	Stby Test

- NOTES: 1. Fly event 4-1
- Stand-by to fly event 4-2. P/M/C back-up and data p/u. A/C will fly only if 373 is down or needs assistance.
 - Fly event 4-3
 - Capt BUNDA fly event 3-1 as co-pilot on 373. 0810 T/O
 - All MOP hops are triple MOPS
 - P/U triple MOP on CGEN at 0615
 - Back-up preceding event
 - Drop MOPS at CGEN at 1645
 - Emergency Procedures: Two engine failure during flight over water (5-18)

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1 Jul 1973

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Distribution List

Subj: Flight Schedule for Monday, 2 July 1973

DUTY SECTION: A
 SDO: Lt ELKINGTON
 ODO: Lt VAUGHAN

FLIGHT TIME:
 DAY: 13.5
 MONTH: 13.5

JULIAN DATE: 3183
 SUNRISE: 0623
 SUNSET: 1938

EVENT	A/C	CALL	BRIEF	ETD/ETA	PILOT/CO-PILOT	ASW	REMARKS
1-1	H-46	---	0715/0800/1015	CAPT FABINSKY/LT MARSH	AFO	SAR II	
1-2	H-46	---	0715/0800/1015	CAPT MC DONOUGH/LT HATHCOCK	AFO	SAR III #5	
1-1	H-46	---	1000/1045/1330	MAJ AMEX/LT COX	AFO	SAR II	
1-2	H-46	---	1000/1045/1330	CAPT BUNDA/LT MYERS	AFO	SAR III #6	
1-3	H-46	---	1245/1330/0630	LT SPENCER/LT LETOURNEAU	AFO	SAR IV	
4-1	UH-1	---	0800/0900/1100	CAPT MASSIE/LT WHIGHAM	AA1	CQ	
4-2	H-46	---	0830/0930/1100	CAPT MC DONOUGH/LT HATHCOCK	AR4	P/M/C	
2-1	H-53	---	0645/0800/1100	MAJ SHAPIRO/LT SHILLITO	AQ5	NOTE 1	
2-2	H-53	---	0645/1015/1315	LT KLINE/LT KARBURG	AQ5	NOTE 2	
	H-53	---	T B A	CAPT PHILBIN/LT CALKINS	AQ5	NOTE 3	
	H-53	---	T B A	CAPT RENSCH/LT COOK	AQ5	NOTE 3	
	H-53	---	T B A	CAPT CORNER/LT THOMAS	AQ5	NOTE 3	
9-1	H-53	---	T B A	CAPT WENDELLER/LT PORTER	AL2	TEST STD-BY	
4-3	H-46	---	1300/1400/1530	CAPT BUNDA/LT MYERS	AR4	P/M/C	

- NOTES: 1. SINGLE HOP HOP FROM INCHON.
 2. BACK-UP EVENT 2-1. EVENT 2-2 WILL GO ON IF 2-1 DOES NOT COMPLETE SCHEDULED TRACKS.
 3. BACK-UP CREWS. THE ODO WILL INFORM IF THERE IS A NEED TO FLY.
 4. APM AT 1915 IN READY ROOM FOR HHM-463.
 5. FLY EVENT 4-2.
 6. FLY EVENT 4-3.
 7. ALL HANDS FORMATION AT 0730 ON THE HANGARDECK.

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 Marine Aircraft Group 24
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2 Jul 1973

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Distribution List

Subj: Flight Schedule for Tuesday, 3 July 1973

DUTY SECTION: #1
 SDO: CAPT PHILBIN
 ODO: LT CALKINS

FLIGHT TIME:
 DAY: 11.4
 MONTH: 22.3

JULIAN DATE: 3184
 SUNRISE: 0624
 SUNSET: 1938

EVENT	A/C	CALL	BRIEF/ETD/ETR	PILOT/CO-PILOT	MSN	REMARKS
1-1	H-46	---	0700/0745/1245	LT SPENCER/LT LETOURNEAU	APO SAR II #1	
1-2	H-1	---	0700/0745/1345	CAPT MASSIE/LT WHIGHAM	APO SAR III	
1-1	H-46	---	1200/1245/1845	CAPT MCDONOUGH/LT HATHCOCK	APO SAR II #2	
1-2	H-1	---	1230/1315/1845	CAPT MASSIE/LT WHIGHAM	APO SAR III #3	
1-3	H-46	---	1800/1845/0700	CAPT BUNDA/LT MYERS	APO SAR IV	
1-4	H-46	---	0645/0730/1300	MAJ AMEY/LT COX	APO SAR II PILGRIM GIRL #4	
1-5	H-46	---	1200/1245/1830	LT SPENCER/LT LETOURNEAU	APO SAR II PILGRIM GIRL #4	
2-1	H-53	---	0630/0745/1045	CAPT WEMHEUER/CAPT FARRIS	AQ5 #6	
2	H-53	---	0630/1020/1320	CAPT VAUGHAN/LT COOK	AQ5 #6,10	
5	H-53	---	0900/1000/1330	LT KARBURG/CAPT GAYNOR	AQ5 #7,9	
2-3	H-53	---	0905/1255/1555	CAPT CORNER/LT PRENDERGAST	AQ5 #6,8	
2-4	H-53	---	1140/1530/1815	LT THOMAS/LT WALT	AQ5 #6,8	
4-1	H-1	---	1300/1400/1500	CAPT MASSIE/LT WHIGHAM	AR4 P/M/C	
5-4	H-53	---	1430/1530/1845	LT ECKERT/LT PRICE	AQ5 #7,8,11	
	H-53	---	1430/ TBA/ TBA	CAPT ELKINGTON/ LT SHILLITO	AQ5 #7,8	
4-2	H-46	---	1645/1745/1830	CAPT MCDONOUGH/LT HATHCOCK	AR4 VINH, DATA P/U	
9-1	H-46	---	T / B / A	CAPT FABINSKY/ TBA	AL2 TEST	
9-2	H-46	---	T / B / A	CAPT FABINSKY/ TBA	AL2 TEST	
9-3	H-46	---	T / B / A	LT KLINE/LT PORTER	AL2 TEST	

- NOTES:
1. A/C AND CREW WILL BE COND II SAR ON OGDEN EVENT 1-5.
 2. FLY EVENT 4-2.
 3. FLY EVENT 4-1.
 4. EVENT 1-4 LAUNCH FROM PILGRIM GIRL FOR RETURN CARSON ONCE RELIEF A/C IS UNDER PILGRIM GIRL CONTROL. 1-5 RTB UPON COMPLETION OGDEN FLT OPS.
 5. SAR DET AOM 1915 IN WARDROOM.
 6. SINGLE MOP WITH CHAIN.
 7. ALL OGDEN HOPS ARE TRIPLE MOPS.
 8. BACK-UP PRECEDING EVENT.
 9. OGDEN HOP 1030 - 1330. SHUT DOWN ON OGDEN AFTER COMPLETION OF HOP.
 10. BACK-UP EVENTS 2-1 AND 5-2 IF LT KARBURG'S A/C GOES DOWN FLY EVENT 5-2 BUT RETURN TO CARSON AT 1400.
 11. OGDEN HOP 1600 - 1815.

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 Marine Aircraft Group 24
 1st Marine Brigade
 FPO San Francisco, 96602

ODO: Capt MAGG

JULIAN DATE: 3183

FLIGHT SCHEDULE FOR MONDAY, 2 JULY 1973

EVT	MODEX	BRIEF/ETD/ETR	PILOT/COPILOT	FPC	RMKS
5-1	_____	1145/1300/1600	Lt FERROY/Lt KING	AQ5	T-MOP #1
5-2	_____	1130/1545/1845	Capt GLEIM/Lt MOODY	AQ5	T-MOP #1

NOTES:

1. PREFLIGHT TWO A/C WHEN AVAILABLE.
2. 1215 MUSTER AMCM DETAIL.

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