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Marine Aircraft Group 16
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Encl: ✓(1) Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 Command Chronology for
January 1968

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 Joseph L. SADOWSKI 1 Jan 1968 -
 X.O. LtCol Charles H. NORTHFIELD 1 Jan 1968 -
 S-1 Maj James B. BROWN 1 Jan 1968 -
 S-2 Capt John T. CHAPMAN 1-8 Jan 1968
 S-2 Capt Donald F. MOTZ 8 Jan 1968 -
 S-3 Maj Victor M. LEE 1 Jan 1968 -
 S-4 Capt Jack R. HOWELL 1 Jan 1968 -
2. (C) Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of South Vietnam, 23 May 1967 - 31 Jan 1968.
3. (C) Average Monthly Strength:
 Officers: 48 NA 4 A/G 1 USN(MC)
 Enlisted: 245
4. Important Visitors to the Command: None

PART II Narrative Summary

4 Jan 1968 - In support of operation Kentucky two (2) CH-53A's flew 67 sorties in 15.5 flight hours lifting 76 troops and 101.5 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Con Thien, Alpha-3 and Gio Linh.

11 Jan 1968 - In support of operation Kentucky and Lancaster I three (3) CH-53A's flew 51 sorties for 9.2 flight hours lifting 59 troops and 104.1 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Alpha-3 and Ca Lu.

12 Jan 1968 - In support of operation Flying Dragon three (3) CH-53A's flew 45 sorties for 22.2 flight hours lifting 151 troops and 53.0 tons of cargo from ROK LSA to BT 064583 and LZ-411.

15 Jan 1968 - In support of operation Kentucky and Lancaster I four (4) CH-53A's flew 58 sorties for 16.8 flight hours lifting 120 troops and 123.2 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Alpha-3 and Ca Lu.

16 Jan 1968 - In support of operation Flying Dragon three (3) CH-53A's flew 28 sorties for 9.1 flight hours lifting 73 troops and 54.0 tons of cargo from the ROK LSA to LZ-411 and from BT 137447 to BT 025341.

17 Jan 1968 - In support of operation Flying Dragon five (5) CH-53A's flew 42 sorties for 22.8 flight hours lifting 401 troops and 27.6 tons of cargo from ROK LSA to LZ-411, BT 082625 and BT 133627.

24 Jan 1968 - In support of operation Kentucky four (4) CH-53A's flew 97 sorties in 21.4 flight hours lifting 97 troops and 117.6 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to YD 115701.

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24 Jan 1968 - In support of operation Scotland four (4) CH-53A's flew 19 sorties for 2.3 flight hours lifting 94 troops and 20.6 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

26 Jan 1968 - In support of operation Lancaster II four (4) CH-53A's flew 38 sorties in 14.2 flight hours lifting 151 troops and 68.6 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Ca Lu and Camp Carroll.

26 Jan 1968 - In support of operation Scotland five (5) CH-53A's flew 33 sorties for 13.2 flight hours lifting 42 troops and 50.0 tons of cargo from Khe Sanh to Quang Tri.

26 Jan 1968 - In support of operation Kentucky two (2) CH-53A's flew 49 sorties for 8.5 flight hours lifting 143 troops and 69.8 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Con Thien and Alpha-3.

26 Jan 1968 - In support of operation Flying Dragon one (1) CH-53A flew 19 sorties for 5.3 flight hours lifting 128 troops and 8.3 tons of cargo from the ROK LSA to LZ Robin, LZ Blue Jay, LZ-411 and BT 115635.

28 Jan 1968 - In support of operation Kentucky six (6) CH-53A's flew 108 sorties for 11.7 flight hours carrying 320 passengers and 161.1 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Con Thien.

28 Jan 1968 - In support of operation Scotland two (2) CH-53A's flew 25 sorties in 8.6 flight hours lifting 39 passengers and 43.7 tons of cargo from LZ-23 and Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

28 Jan 1968 - In support of operation Flying Dragon two (2) CH-53A's flew 20 sorties for 9.1 flight hours carrying 132 passengers and 9.7 tons of cargo from ROK LSA to LZ-411 and BT 1164.

PART III Significant Events

1. (C) Personnel

- a. Transferred: 5 Officers 31 Enlisted
- b. Promoted: 0 Officers 4 Enlisted
- c. Joined: 6 Officers 12 Enlisted

2. (U) Administration: None

3. (U) Awards:

- a. One (1) officer was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.
- b. Squadron Officers awarded Air Medals:

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Tenth Award	8
Eleventh Award	2
Twelfth Award	4
Thirteenth Award	3
Seventeenth Award	1

d. One Officer and one Enlisted man were awarded the Purple Heart.

4. (C) Casualties: The following is a list of squadron personnel listed as missing in action as of 8 January 1968:

- a. CHAPMAN, John T. 091527 Capt 7564/0000/0000 SY 01463 1
- b. OLSON, Bennet W. 1631749 SSgt 6242/6243/0000 OY 01463 1

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- c. SCHRAM, Frederick L. 091884 Capt 7564/0000/0000 SY 01463 C
- d. STRAND, Phillip S. Jr. 2214120 Cpl 6311/6321/0000 OY 01463 1
- e. VENEGAS, Vernon B. 2250667 Cpl 6321/6341/0000 OY 01463 1

5. (U) The Civic Action/Personal Response Program is a systematic effort to establish a deeper rapport and understanding between Americans and Vietnamese. To promulgate this program, curriculum involving religions, customs, cultural perspectives, and participation in village affairs has been put into operation.

MAG-16 and HMH-463 operate congruently in the area directly south of Marble Mountain. Immediate future plans of the Group and Squadron include Vietnamese indoctrination, language classes, training lectures, village field work and special projects in the Da Nang TAOR. Nui Kim Son is the village assigned to MAG-16 and HMH-463.

The objective of this program is a greater American-Vietnamese understanding and the defeat of insurgent Communist forces with and through Vietnamese people.

- 6. (U) Morale/Welfare: NONE
- 7. (U) Informational services: NONE
- 8. (U) Intelligence/Counter-Intelligence:

A significant increase in the number of fire incidents was noted during the month of January. Of the 25 aircraft that received fire, 9 aircraft were hit. The majority of aircraft received these hits while flying in the areas of Khe Sanh and Hoi An.

On the morning of 30 January at approximately 0330 approximately sixty 82MM mortar rounds hit Marble Mountain Air Facility. No injury to Squadron personnel or damage to Squadron Property was sustained.

On the morning of 31 January at 0338 hours twenty-nine 122MM rockets hit Marble Mountain Air Facility. No injury to Squadron personnel resulted from this attack. One aircraft, Bmo 153311, received major battle damage in a revetment on the SE mat of the base. Five other aircraft sustained minor shrapnel damage.

9. (C) Air Operations:

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PA X 3706
 11,318

a. Hours Flown

1179.8

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- d. Cargo: Total 4,081.2 Tons
- Internal 1,120.0 Tons
- External 2,701.0 Tons
- Tar 260.2 Tons 55 Aircraft
- Type aircraft recovered Average Weight
- 29 UH-34 4.8 Tons
- 14 UH-1E 3.4 Tons
- 9 CH-46 5.7 Tons
- 3 A-4E 6.0 Tons
- 1 O-1C 1.0 Tons
- e. Average flight time per pilot: 49.1
- f. Average flight time per aircraft commander: 51.3

10. (C) Air Control:

- a. Actual instrument hours: 61.2
- b. Hours of GCA operation: 28.1
- c. Number of aircraft radar controlled: 57

11. (C) HMH-463 participated in the following operations: Dyemarket Flying Dragon, Kentucky, Lancaster I, II, Osceola I, II and Scotland.

12. (U) Ground Defense: NONE

13. (U) Command Relationships/Command and Control: NONE

14. (U) NBC Defense: NONE

15. (C) Training:

- a. Crew Chiefs in Training: 30
- b. Aerial Gunners in Training: 45

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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	10.2	26	20.1	189	10.2	26	20.1	189	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	18.6	97	74.6	515	13.8	81	68.2	308	-	-	-	-	4.8	16	6.4	207
3	42.2	162	151.2	1085	31.7	125	119.8	956	4.1	12	10.0	29	6.4	25	21.4	100
4	40.8	129	138.5	457	28.3	110	116.0	311	12.5	19	22.5	146	-	-	-	-
5	38.6	141	139.0	256	32.1	115	101.8	205	6.5	26	37.2	51	-	-	-	-
6	30.8	113	116.5	373	30.8	113	116.5	373	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	23.2	68	49.3	240	12.6	39	38.6	32	-	-	-	-	10.6	29	10.7	208
8	24.3	71	85.0	273	19.7	62	74.0	133	4.6	9	11.0	140	-	-	-	-
9	10.7	32	33.9	72	10.7	32	33.9	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	22.5	73	61.8	301	12.5	35	29.8	58	10.0	38	32.0	243	-	-	-	-
11	31.9	101	154.6	216	31.9	101	154.6	216	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	48.9	136	161.2	290	24.7	91	108.2	139	-	-	-	-	24.2	45	53.0	151
13	27.2	76	61.1	159	26.8	76	61.1	159	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	37.9	133	146.6	329	30.1	103	117.6	117	5.8	24	21.5	197	2.0	6	7.5	15
15	28.4	92	150.0	317	28.4	92	150.0	317	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	32.2	74	104.6	147	32.2	74	104.6	147	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	49.6	114	87.0	632	26.8	72	59.5	231	-	-	-	-	22.8	42	27.5	401
18	31.2	90	74.8	291	20.0	54	42.0	186	6.5	22	29.0	45	4.7	14	3.8	60
19	20.8	64	91.5	123	20.8	64	91.5	123	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	28.0	68	85.0	274	23.6	46	56.7	167	-	-	-	-	4.4	22	28.3	107
21	37.7	110	111.8	89	37.7	110	111.8	89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	65.7	118	174.2	628	53.4	83	132.5	565	8.3	9	14.5	23	4.0	26	27.2	40
23	43.2	127	105.8	554	43.2	127	105.8	554	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	53.2	196	242.7	369	48.2	170	208.7	307	-	-	-	-	4.8	26	34.0	62
25	28.9	94	95.9	361	25.3	74	64.9	342	-	-	-	-	3.6	20	31.0	19
26	55.8	177	227.3	359	50.5	158	216.6	231	-	-	-	-	5.3	19	8.7	128
27	57.9	196	244.6	996	50.7	145	180.6	814	-	-	-	-	7.2	49	64.0	182
28	64.6	199	250.6	566	55.5	179	240.9	434	-	-	-	-	9.1	20	9.7	132
29	38.9	178	12.6	105	38.9	178	12.6	105	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	60.7	137	411.2	581	48.2	96	397.0	367	7.6	20	10.2	209	4.9	21	34.0	5
31	46.1	162	214.2	220	33.1	117	125.7	214	-	-	-	-	13.0	55	88.5	6
TOTAL	1179.8	3354	4081.2	11040	982.1	2766	3437.6	8134	65.9	179	187.9	1083	131.8	409	455.7	1823

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HMH-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 2 JANUARY 1968

ALL MISSIONS WERE COMPLETE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FOLLOWING:

MISSION 30 CANCELLED BY PAST 14 DUE TO WEATHER
MISSION 29A INCOMPLETE DUE TO WEATHER
MISSION 32 CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER

MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED:

OPERATION SCOTLAND: AT 020715H ONE CH-53A FLEW 17 SORTIES LIFTING 21 TROOPS AND 20.0 TONS OF CARGO FROM DONG HA TO YD 335487 AND ALPHA 3.

INSTRUMENT APPROACHES: GCA

PHU BAI	2
DONG HA	2
QUANG TRI	1

TOTALS:	CARGO:	74.6	
	INT:	26.9	
	EXT:	43.4	
	TAR:	4.3	ONE UH-34 ADMIN
	PAX:	515	
FLIGHT TIME:		48.6	

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HMH-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 3 JANUARY 1968

ALL MISSIONS COMPLETE WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

MISSION # 9 WAS INCOMPLETE DUE TO AIRCRAFT ADVERTED TO OTHER MISSION.
MISSION # 10 WAS INCOMPLETE DUE TO AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY.
MISSION # 25 AND 33 WAS INCOMPLETE DUE TO WEATHER
MISSION # 20 (LATE ENTRY FOR 2 JAN 1968) INCOMPLETE DUE TO AIRCRAFT
MECHANICAL DIFFICULTIES.

MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED:

OPERATION SCOTLAND: AT 30735H ONE (1) CH-53A FLEW 16 SORTIES IN 4.0 FLT. HRS.
LIFTING 29 TROOPS AND 20.7 TONS OF CARGO FROM DA NANG TO PHU BAI AND
FROM DAONG HA TO CON THIEN.

OPERATION KENTUCKY: AT 30735H FIVE (5) CH-53A's FLEW 30 SORTIES LIFTING
120 TROOPS AND 24.2 TONS OF CARGO FROM DONG HA TO A-3 IN 10.3 FLT HRS.

INSTRUMENT APPROACHES: GCA
PHU BAI 3
QUANG TRI 2
DA NANG 1

TOTALS: CARGO: 151.2 T
INT: 45.4 T
EXT: 105.8 T
TAR: 4.5 T (1 UH-34 FIELD)
PAX: 1085
FLIGHT TIME: 42.2

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FMH-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 5 JANUARY 1968

ALL MISSIONS WERE COMPLETE.

MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED:

OPERATION KENTUCKY/LANCASTER: AT 050905H FOUR (4) CH-53A's FLEW 60 SORTIES LIFTING 67.7 TONS OF CARGO AND 58 U. S. PASSENGERS FROM DONG HA LSA TO CAILOU, A-3, AND GIO LINH. 13.2 Hours

OPERATION SCOTLAND: AT 050800H ONE (1) CH-53A FLEW 24 SORTIES LIFTING 26.6 TONS OF CARGO AND 56 PASSENGERS FROM PHU BAI AND CAMP EVANS TO KHE SANH AND HILL 881. 9.5 Hours

INSTRUMENT APPROACHES: NONE

TOTALS: CARGO: 139.0 T
INT: 29.6 T
EXT: 109.4 T
TAR: NONE
PAX: 256
FLIGHT TIME: 38.6

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FMH-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 4 JANUARY 1968

ALL MISSIONS WERE COMPLETE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FOLLOWING:

MISSION 20 LINE D - E INCOMPLETE - BROKEN SLING
MISSION 27 INCOMPLETE DUE TO WEATHER

MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED:

OPERATION KENTUCKY - SCOTLAND: AT 40720H 2 CH-53A's FLEW 67 SORTIES IN 15.5 FLIGHT HOURS LIFTING 101.5 TONS OF CARGO AND 76 U. S. TROOPS FROM DONG HA TO COM THIEN TO A-3 TO GIO LINH.

INSTRUMENT APPROACHES: GCA TACAN

PHU BAI 1 1

TOTALS: CARGO: 138.5
INT: 33.9
EXT: 101.5
TAR: 3.1 1 UH-1E FIELD
PAX: 457
FLIGHT TIME: 40.8

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FMH-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 6 JANUARY 1968

ALL MISSIONS WERE COMPLETE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FOLLOWING:

MISSION 21 LINE C INCOMPLETE NO HIGH T 5 A/C AVAILABLE.

MISSION 24 LINE D INCOMPLETE NO HIGH T 5 A/C AVAILABLE.

MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED:

OPERATION KENTUCKY-SCOTLAND: AT 060730H 2 CH-53A's FLEW 62 SORTIES LIFTING 76.2 TONS OF LOGISTIC CARGO AND 111 TROOPS FROM DONG HA TO YD015455, YD 838318 AND YD 176713. 14.5 Hours

INSTRUMENT APPROACHES: TACAN

PHU BAI 1

TOTALS:	CARGO:	116.5		
	INT:	17.7		
	EXT:	94.8		
	TAR:	4.0	(1	UH1E ADMIN)
	PAX:	373		
	FLIGHT TIME:	30.8		

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HMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR 11 JANUARY 1968

1. HMH-463 FLEW 101 SORTIES, 31.9 HOURS LIFTING 216
TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 154.6 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 30.2
TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 124.4 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQIN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE IE. (WEATHER, GROUND
ATTACK, ETC.)). NONE

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED (See Format)

DYE MARKER: AT 110810H THREE (3) CH-53A'S FLEW 51 SORTIES LIFTING 59
TROOPS AND 104.1 TONS OF CARGO FROM DONG HA TO "A-3" AND CA LU. 15.3

SCOTLAND: AT 111300H ONE (1) CH-53A FLEW 4 SORTIES LIFTING 85 TROOPS FROM
DONG HA TO KHE SANH AND CAMP CARROLL. 2.0

OSCEOLA: AT 110655H TWO (2) CH-53A'S FLEW 4 SORTIES LIFTING 5 TROOPS
AND 7.7 TONS OF CARGO FROM LZ-467 TO YD 355507. 1.5

3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify Reason)

#23 INC A/C AVAILABILITY (NO HIGH T-5 A/C TO LIFT A-4)

#40 INC MECHANICAL PROBLEMS

#45 INCOMPLETE A/C AVAILABILITY

4. TAR'S (List Field or Admin)

2 UH-34D ADMIN 8.8 TONS

1 UH-1E ADMIN 3.4 TONS

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HMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR 14 JANUARY 1968

1. HMH-463 FLEW 133 SORTIES, 37.9 HOURS LIFTING 329
TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 146.6 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 38.2
TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 108.4 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQIN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE IE. (WEATHER, GROUND
ATTACK, ETC.)).

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED (See Format)

KENTUCKY: AT 111050H ONE (1) CH-53A FLEW 46 SORTIES LIFTING 56 TROOPS
AND 38.9 TONS OF CARGO FROM DONG HA TO CON THIEN. 4.0

OSCEOLA: AT 110950H ONE (1) CH-53A FLEW 1 SORTIE LIFTING 4 TROOPS AND
6.8 TONS OF CARGO FROM LZ 467 to YD 33507 2.5

3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify Reason)

#35, 36, & 37 WERE INCOMPLETE DUE TO DARKNESS

4. TAR'S (List Field or Admin)

NONE

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