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21 May 1963

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

THRU: Commanding General  
Aircraft, Fleet Marine Force Pacific  
Marine Corps Air Station  
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TO: Commanding Officer  
Marine Aircraft Group 36  
Marine Corps Air Facility  
Santa Ana, California

1. During the period of 29 April 1963 to 2 May 1963, members of your command supported flight tests of a target being developed to simulate the UH-1B helicopter. This target was towed by your aircraft suspended on two thousand (2,000) feet of nylon cable at Bicycle Lake Army Air Field.

2. I wish to express my appreciation of the efforts of your command in making these tests highly successful. I particularly wish to commend the following:

Capt. Wyman C. Blakeman	060824	USMC
Capt. Peter R. Worden	067181	USMC
1st Lt. Kenneth C. Carlon	083913	USMCR
2nd Lt. Allen E. Cates	066090	USMCR
Cpl. Byron J. Weekly	1234662	USMC
Cpl. Paul R. Senecal	1841967	USMC

Their high degree of professional skill and enthusiasm contributed immeasurably to the successful completion of the test flights in such a short period of time.

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These officers and men are a credit to themselves, their unit, the Marine Corps, and the Armed Forces. You are to be complimented on the high caliber of personnel and degree of morale within your command.

3. An historic film of these tests is being forwarded to you separately. Inclosed is a copy of the test report for your information.

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**JAMES W. SUTHERLAND, JR.  
Brigadier General, USA  
Commanding**

**Copy furnished:**

**Lt. Col. H. W. Stankus, U.S. Marine Corps La O  
Stanford Research Institute, Menlo Park, Calif.**