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Marine Aircraft Group 16  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing FMF Pacific  
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To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16 (Attn: S-3)

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 November 1970 - 30 November 1970

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Enclosure (1)

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## PART I

## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 LtCol Robert R. LEISY  
1-30 November 1970

2. LOCATION

1-30 November 1970: Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

X-0.	Major P.W. KOPF	1-30 November 1970
S-1	Major R. L. PHILLIPS	1-30 November 1970
S-2	1/LT W. G. AUTREY	1-30 November 1970
S-3	Major M. E. EDWARDS	1-30 November 1970
S-4	Major E. N. HARWELL	1-14 November 1970
S-4	1/LT B. D. CERRA	15-30 November 1970
Aviation Safety	1/LT W. R. JONES	1-30 November 1970
NATOPS	Captain H. HALL	1-30 November 1970
Flight Surgeon	LT (USN) R. H. BADE	1-30 November 1970

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
35	187	1	0

## PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Flight operations of HMH-463 continued to decrease during the month of November due to poor weather conditions and decreasing operational commitments. A total of 4,352 sorties and 384 tasks were flown in 762.0 hours. Of the 3520.8 tons of cargo carried, 3323.8 was external and 197.0 internal. A total of 15,232 passengers were carried (11,682 U.S., 3,000 ROK Marines, 373 ARVN and 177 other).

The Squadron completed 7 Tactical Aircraft Recoveries (TARS), all of which were field.

HMH-463 participated in 5 strikes with a total of 15 aircraft (1,3,4,5 and 2 aircraft) and 2 troop extractions with a total of 9 aircraft (4 and 5). Two aircraft took part in one tri-service mission in a denied access area. Five CH-53D's took part in emergency evacuation of civilian and military personnel during a flood.

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PART III  
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Awards: 3 Good Conduct Medals.

- 1NOV70: One field TAR was flown, a UH-1H.  
 4NOV70: Two CH-53D's participated in a tri-service mission in a denied access area.  
 5NOV70: One field TAR was flown, an AH-1G.  
 10NOV70: One field TAR was flown, a CH-46D.  
 11NOV70: One field TAR was flown, a UH-1E.  
 17NOV70: Flight operations cancelled due to weather conditions.  
 18NOV70: Two CH-53D's participated in a strike.  
 19NOV70: THREE CH-53D's participated in a strike, with one taking one hit suffering limited damage.  
 20NOV70: Four CH-53D's participated in a troop extraction.  
 23NOV70: Two strikes were flown, with five and two aircraft taking part respectively.  
 24NOV70: One field TAR was flown, a UH-1E. One CH-53D took three hits on a priority resupply, suffering limited damage.  
 25NOV70: One CH-53D participated in a strike. One field TAR was flown, a UH-1E.  
 27NOV70: One CH-53D took three hits on a priority resupply, suffering limited damage.  
 30NOV70: Five CH-53D's participated in emergency flood evacuation. One field TAR was flown, an AH-1G.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None.