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1. THERE WAS LIGHT ACTIVITY ON FEBRUARY 1 IN THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE (DMZ) WITH MOST ACTION TAKING PLACE AROUND CAM LO.

2. IN QUANG TRI CITY THE VIET CONG (VC) BROKE OFF THE FIGHT DURING THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 1 AND WERE CAUGHT UP WITH BY ALLIED TROOPS WHEN ATTEMPTING TO EXIT CITY. AN ESTIMATED 300 NVA KIA IN GENERAL AREA AROUND QUANG TRI - 85 OF THESE INSIDE CITY.

3. AT PHU BAI A WAREHOUSE WAS BLOWN UP WHEN FOUR ROUNDS OF MORTAR RECEIVED.

4. IN HUE THE ENEMY CONTROLLED THE SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST AREAS OF THE CITY AS OF 2200 HOURS FEBRUARY 1. TWO ARVN ARMORED

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BATTALIONS WERE TO TAKE CITADEL. GEN. LAM REQUESTED UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TROOPS (USMC) TO MOVE ON JAIL TO PREVENT RELEASE OF 2000 PRISONERS. HOUSE TO HOUSE FIGHTING CONTINUED WITH AVERAGE 4 - 6 VC SNIPERS PER HOUSE. ATTEMPTS TO CLEAR TOWN CEASED AT 0300 HOURS FEBRUARY 2 AND U.S. FORCES RETURNED TO MACV COMPOUND. U.S. 12 KIA 55 WIA; 50 ENEMY KIA; TWO DETAINEES. 14 UNIDENTIFIED U.S. CIVILIANS WIA, 5 OF WHICH WERE MEDEVAC.

5. USMC CAMP NEAR PHU LOC WAS OVERRUN.

6. IN VICINITY OF DANANG CITY USMC PATROLS RAN INTO TWO LARGE GROUPS OF 125 AND 75 OF ENEMY. REPUBLIC OF KOREA (ROK) INTELLIGENCE REPORTS 2ND NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY (NVA) DIVISION MOVING UP RAILROAD TRACKS FROM QUE SON TO DANANG. LAST LOCATED WEST OF HOI AN, 25 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF DANANG. HOI AN CITY CONSIDERED SECURED AS OF 1 FEBRUARY.

7. THERE ARE REPORTS OF ENEMY MORTAR STARTING AROUND MIDNIGHT IN TAM KY AND QUANG NGAI.

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