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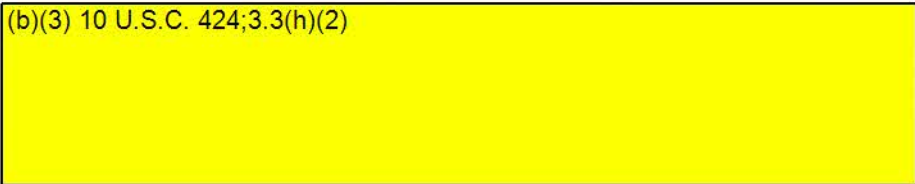
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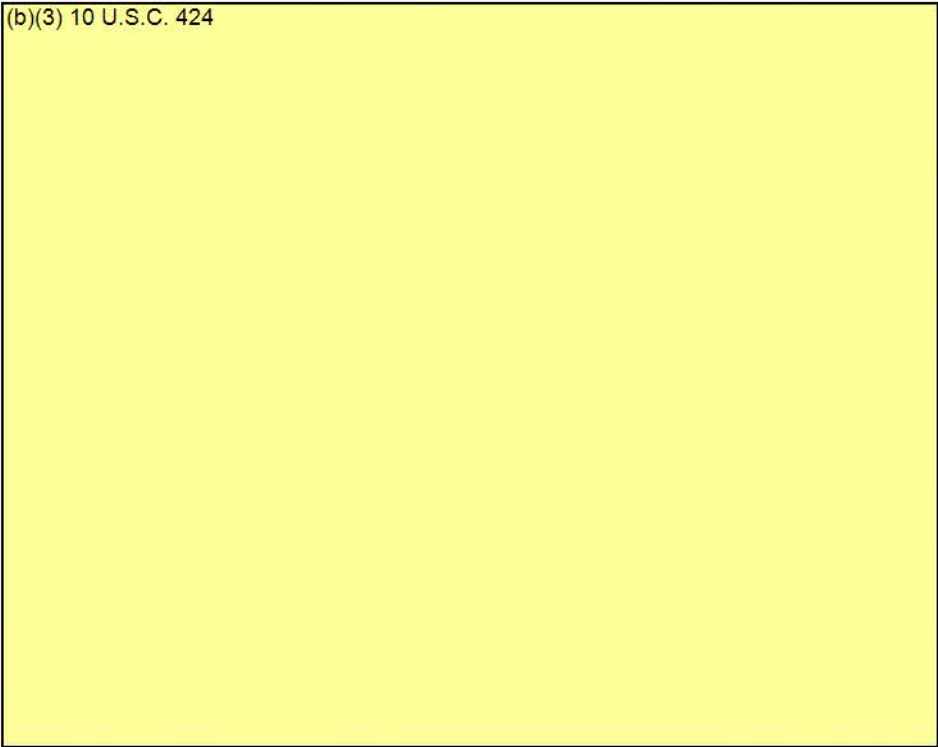
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**OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS**



SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 44 bn-size or larger opns in prog: 26 US, 16 ARVN, 2 FW. (S)

1 CTZ: On 24, 25 Jan, in Opn LANCASTER, 2 USMC cos sweeping area near Camp Carroll sustained mortar and small-arms fire in brief skirmishes with en forces. Losses -- US: 15 WIA; VC/NVA: 6 KIA, 4 indiv and 1 crew-served wpn. (S)

On 26 Jan, Quang Tri Afld received 10 x 140-mm rkts which cratered S end of strip. Gunships atkd suspected firing points; results unk. Afld will be closed until morning 27 Jan. 3 US KIA, 7 WIA. (S)

2 contacts reported in Opn SCOTLAND 24 Jan. In first, USMC co, sptd by arty, had engagement with en force 3 nm NW Khe Sanh. En broke contact. Losses -- US: 1 KIA, 5 WIA; VC/NVA: 17 KIA. In second contact, arty was directed on en force killing 10; 1 crew-served wpn seized. (S)

On 26 Jan, in Opn OSCEOLA, 1 nm SSW Quang Tri, USMC bn sustained 8-10 rds 82-mm mortar fire. Losses -- Friendly: 2 KIA, 6 WIA; VC/NVA: unk. (S)

Opn JEB STUART, USA 3-bn S&D opn, began 21 Jan, 15 nm W of Hue. 1st Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM) has opnl control. (S)

29 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- Friendly: 3 KIA (2 US, 1 ARVN), 16 WIA (10 US, 6 ARVN); VC/NVA: 18 KIA, 5 pers det, 2 wpns. (S)

2 CTZ: On 25 Jan, in Opn MAC ARTHUR, elms USA bn and ARVN bn, sptd by arty, gunships, and tac air, engaged en force 8 nm NW Dak To. En broke contact after 7 hrs. Losses -- Friendly: 14 KIA (4 US, 10 ARVN), 43 WIA (11 US, 32 ARVN); VC/NVA: 15 KIA, 11 indiv and 3 crew-served wpns, 1 per det. (S)

Updated info concerning ROKA contact with 2 en cos 12 nm NW Qui Nhon indicated contact continuing. Cum losses -- ROKA. 6 KIA, 17 WIA; VC/NVA: 240 KIA, 9 pers det, 126 indiv and 20 crew-served wpns. (S)

21 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- ARVN: 10 WIA, 3 MIA, 2 indiv wpns; VC/NVA: 24 KIA, 6 pers det, 9 wpns. (C)

3 CTZ: At 261500 EST Jan, en force launched mortar and gnd atk against ARVN unit 25 nm NW Saigon. Atk came 3 hrs after announced NVNese starting time for Tet truce. (Truce was to be in effect from 261200 EST Jan to 021200 EST Feb.) En driven off by ARVN unit which was sptd by air strikes and arty. Losses -- ARVN: 2 KIA, 30 WIA; VC/NVA: 8 KIA. (S)

On 25 Jan, 11 nm S of Saigon, 2 ARVN cos in ambush psn atkd by en co. Arty and armed helos sptd. En broke contact after 40 mins. Losses -- ARVN: 3 KIA, 14 WIA; VC/NVA: 12 KIA, 4 indiv wpns. (S)

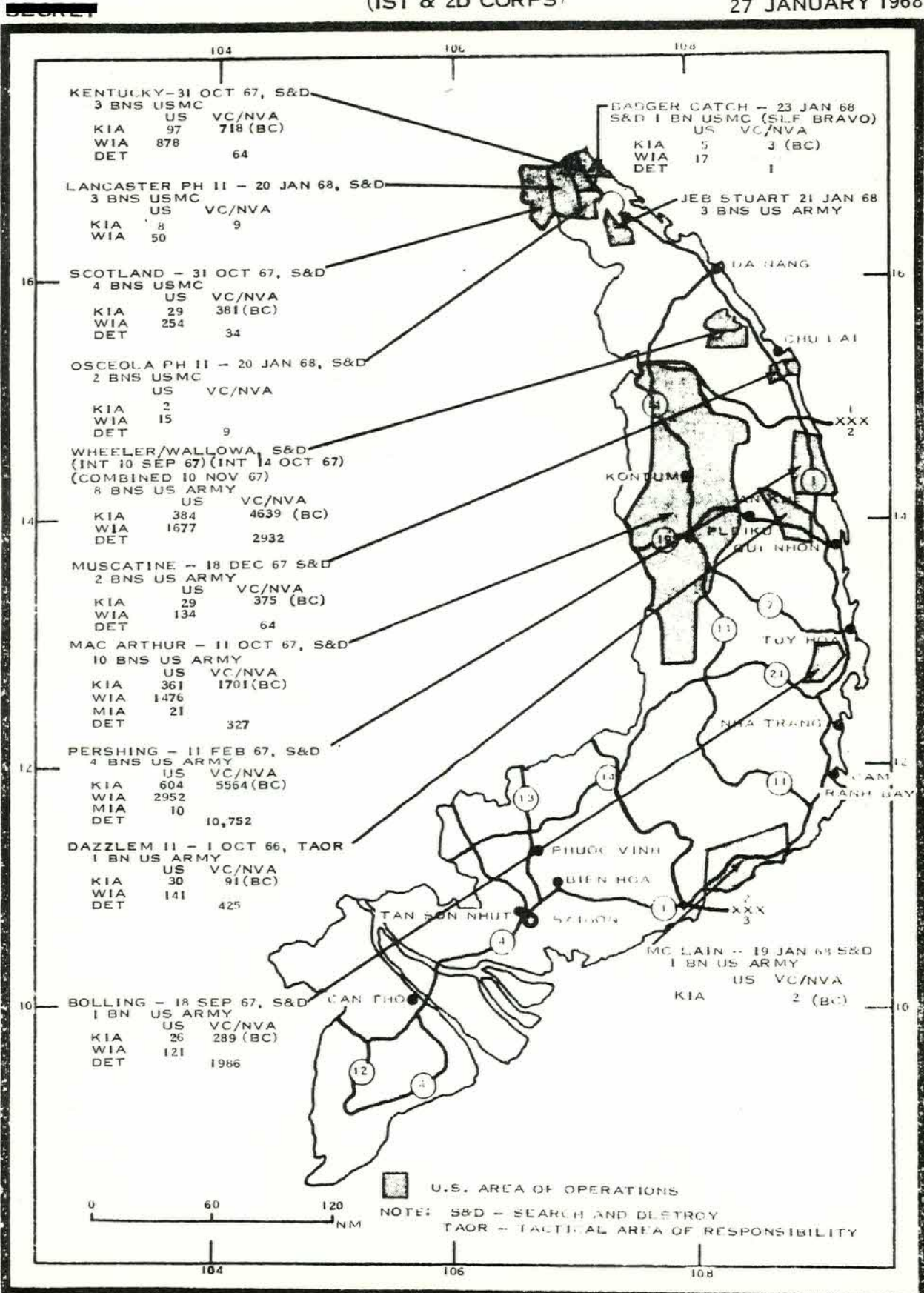
25 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- Friendly: 5 ARVN KIA, 13 US WIA; VC/NVA: 12 KIA, 4 wpns. (S)

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4 CTZ: On 25 Jan, ARVN regtl convoy ambushed by est 2 en cos 8 nm NE Can Tho. At same time, en elms fired 18 rds 82-mm mortar fire on nearby district town of Ba Cang. Reaction force committed and tac air and armed helos sptd. Losses -- Friendly: 12 ARVN and 4 civs KIA, 35 ARVN and 4 civs WIA, 1 x 1/4-ton trk, 1 x 3/4-ton trk, 2 x 2 1/2-ton trks, and 1 VRC-47 radio dest, and 1 PRC-10 radio, 1 PRC-35 radio, and 4 indiv wpns lost; VC/NVA: 44 KIA, 6 indiv wpns, 3 RPG-2 rkt launchers. (S)

43 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- ARVN: 29 KIA, 81 WIA; VC/NVA: 15 KIA, 2 pers det, 6 wpns. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 26 JAN: (All times EST) 3 flights of 6 B-52s bombed elms NVA 325C Div 54-56 nm WNW Hue at 0955, 0125, and 0209. 6 B-52s struck elms NVA 9th Regt 24 nm W of Hue at 1535. (S)

KHE SANH AREA: Subordinates of NVA 304 and 325C Divs remain in pressure psns around base at Khe Sanh on 26 Jan, and there were continued indications of preparations for large-scale offensive action. (S) Sec. 3.3

#### NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 26 JAN: 137 sorties (75 USN, 53 USAF, 9 USMC) dest/damaged 8/34 WBLC, 4/0 bldgs, 3/54 trks, 0/7 bridges, 0/5 stor areas, 0/5 gun psns, 0/5 ferries, 0/2 trp concs, 0/2 radar sites, 0/1 trk pks, 0/1 CD site, 0/1 transship pt, 0/1 bks area, 0/1 commo site, 0/1 afld, and LOCs. (S)

Significant tgt: Vinh Afld. (S)

AIRCRAFT LOSS: USAF F-4C on strike msn in Rte Package 1 hit by gnd fire 4 nm SSE Dong Hoi 262250 EST was downed 16 nm E of Da Nang. Both pilots recovered. (S)

AIR DEFENSE IN SOUTHERN NVN: Additional info re 3 recent flights of 2 MIG-21s each S of Thanh Hoa reveals same 2 pilots were involved each time, and they may be most proficient in NVN. Also noted that since first of yr, there have been indications of a southern expansion of Vinh SAM regt's area of opn. Its 2 or 3 bns operated N of city in late Dec but have been noted deploying below Vinh since then. On 25 Jan, a US A-4 was downed by a SA-2 fired by one of these bns, which COMINT indicates was 20 nm S of city. (S)

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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 26 JAN: 306 sorties (217 USAF, 79 USN, 10 USMC) dest/damaged 60/47 trks, 37/17 bldgs, 18/0 bunkers, 4/6 bridges, 2/3 gun psns, 0/17 stor areas, 0/16 trk pks, 0/13 trp concs, 0/3 mil complexes, (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424.3.3(h)(2) (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 11 B-52s bombed 100-mm arty and 122-mm rkt psns near Khe Sanh, 53 nm W of Hue at 261200 EST. 9 B-52s bombed same elms 1 nm W at 261740 EST. (S)

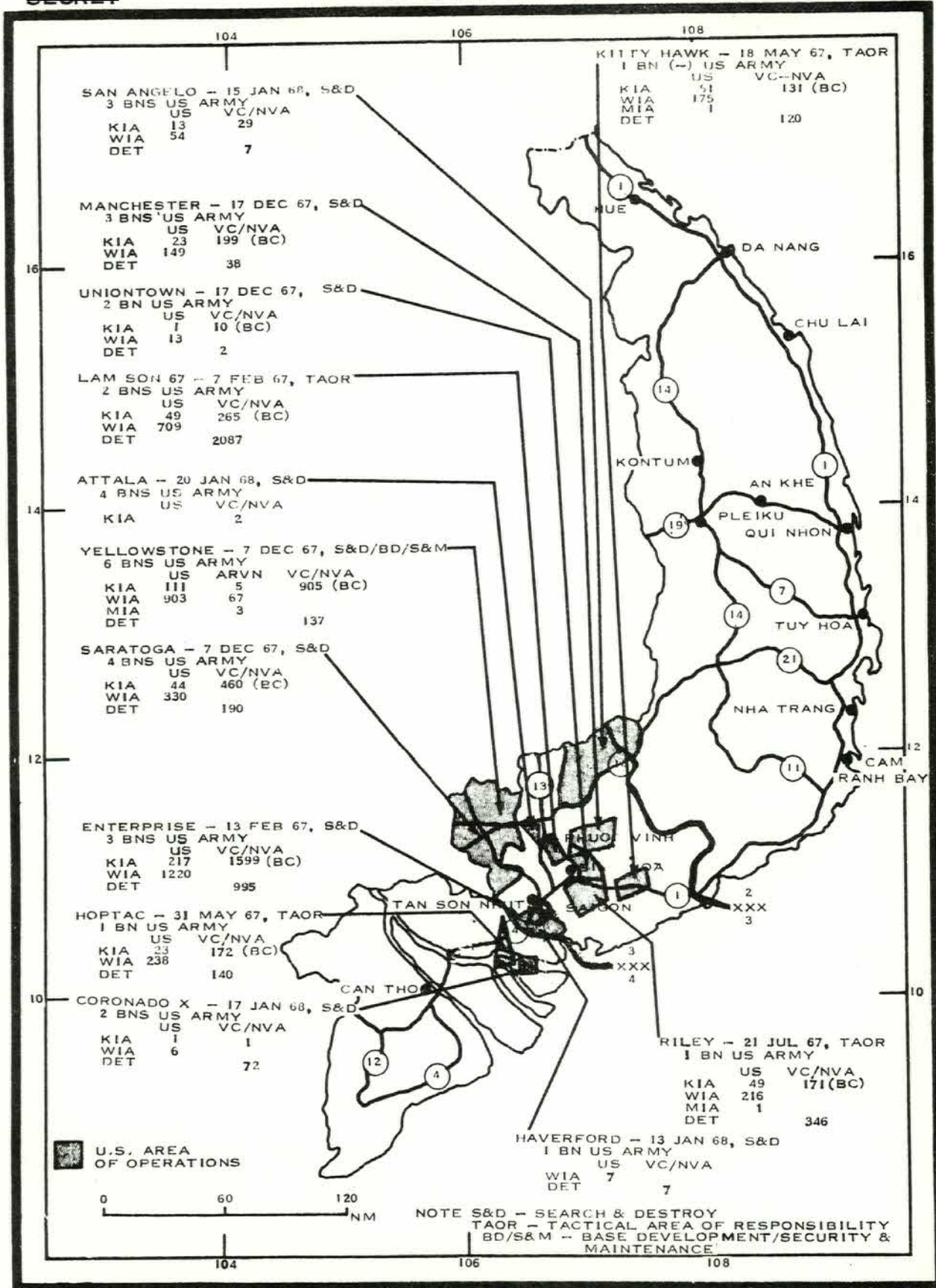
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