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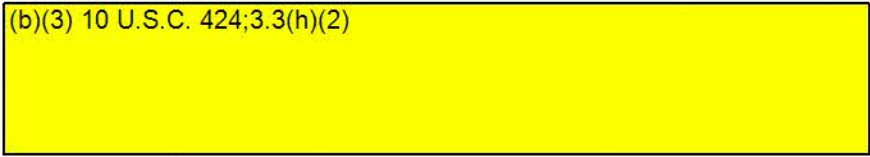
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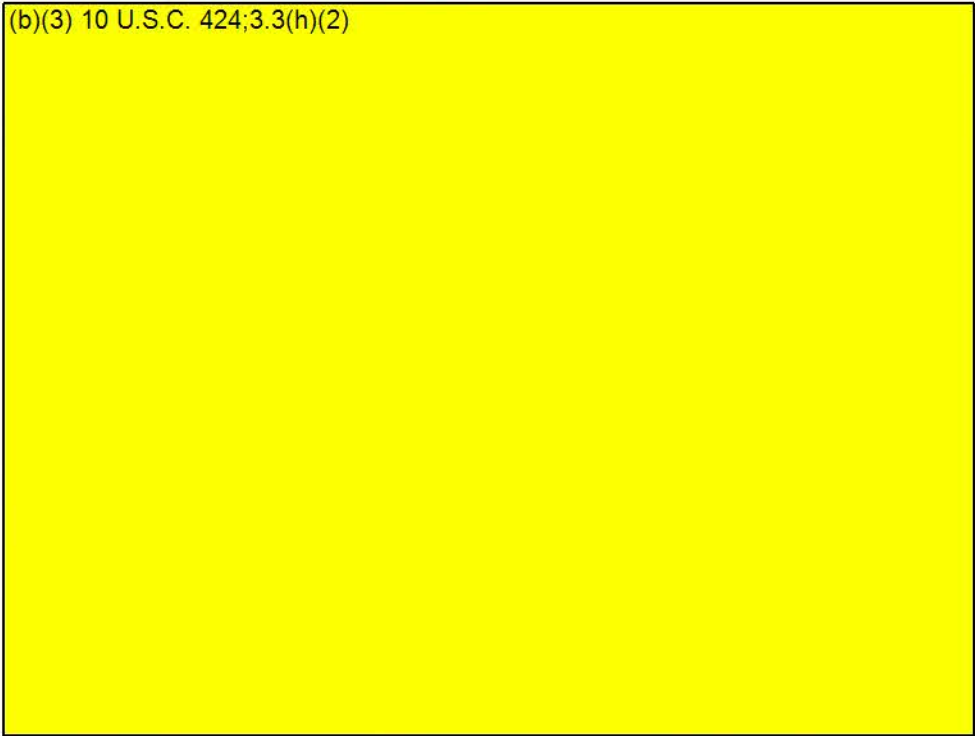
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**OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS**



SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: There are 50 (24 US, 24 ARVN, 2 FW) bn-size or larger opns in prog. (C)

1 CTZ: On 13 Feb, in Opn KENTUCKY, elms of USMC bn ambushed 20-man en force 4 nm NE Con Thien. Losses -- US: 1 KIA, 1 WIA; VC/NVA: 7 KIA, 1 per det, 1 indiv wpn. (C)

On 14 Feb, in Opn SCOTLAND, USMC combat base at Khe Sanh continued to receive mixed rkt and mortar fire. Damage was minimal and cas light; afd closed for 2 hrs. (C)

On 14 Feb, in Hue, clearing opns continued with USMC units meeting stiff resistance along S wall of Citadel. Tac air, gunships, and arty sptd. (C)

On 13 Feb, 13 nm SSW Da Nang, elms USMC co in defensive psn engaged en force in series of small engagements during 6-hr period. Armed helos and tac air sptd. En withdrew under cover of darkness. Losses -- US: 3 KIA, 15 WIA; VC/NVA: 17 KIA. (C)

At 121330 EST, 10 nm N of Quang Ngai, An Chau refugee camp, defended by 2 PF plats and 2 pacification spt teams, atkd by est en plat. En overran and dest camp. 59 pacification cadre and 35 PF are MIA and 1 ARVN WIA; en losses unk. (C)

27 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- Friendly: 3 US and 3 ARVN KIA, 9 US and 5 ARVN WIA; VC/NVA: 30 KIA, 2 indiv wpns. (C)

2 CTZ: On 13 Feb, 5 nm N of Qui Nhon, CIDG co had 3-hr engagement with en co. Losses -- Friendly: 7 CIDG and 1 US KIA, 3 CIDG WIA; VC/NVA: 4 KIA. (C)

At 131145 EST, 6 nm SSW Ban Me Thout, USA fire spt base sustained 2-hr atk by est en plat. AC-47s and armed helos sptd. At 131450 EST, USA 3-man patrol attempting to cptr wounded en came under AW fire. Reaction force sptd and en broke contact. Cum losses -- US: 1 KIA, 12 WIA; VC/NVA: 15 KIA. (C)

8 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- Friendly: none; VC/NVA: 7 KIA, 1 pers det. (C)

3 CTZ: On 14 Feb, in Opn LAMSON 68, 25 nm N of Saigon, a USA co had 2-hr engagement with en force. 2 USA plat reinforced and tac air, gunships, and arty sptd. Losses -- US: 4 KIA, 18 WIA, 1 APC dest, 1 OH-13 and 1 APC damaged; VC/NVA: 16 KIA, 1 per det. (C)

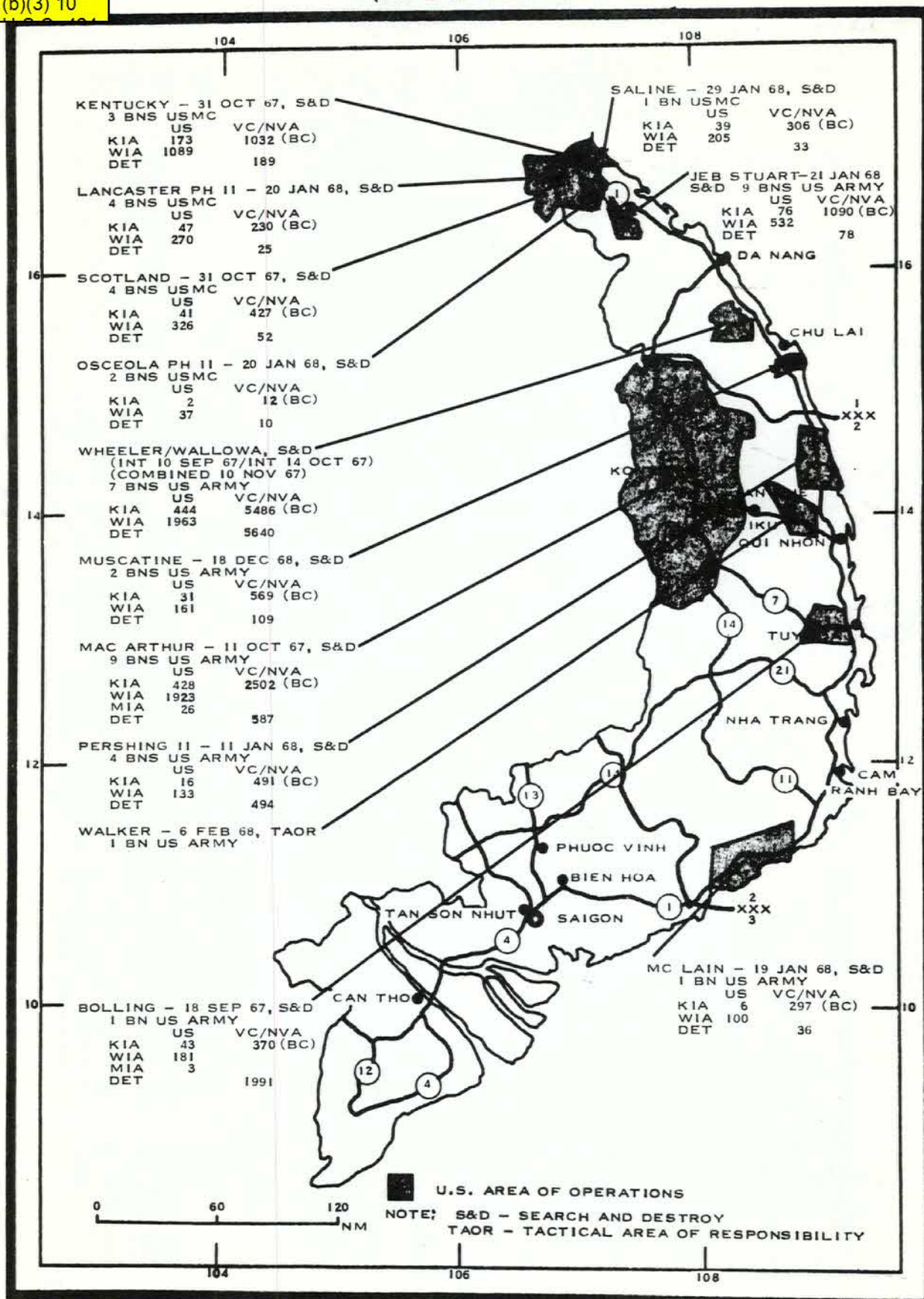
At 130020 EST, 12 nm N of Saigon, ARVN armored cav bn engaged reinforced en co for 5 hrs. Arty and tac air sptd. Losses -- ARVN: 4 KIA, 12 WIA; VC/NVA: 71 KIA, 11 pers det. (C)

In Opn SARATOGA, 2 contacts reported. In first, on 13 Feb, 13 nm NW Saigon, elms of USA bn engaged en force killing 9; 4 US KIA and 48 WIA. In the second engagement, on 14 Feb, 9 nm NNW Saigon, USA co engaged en. Losses -- US: 6 KIA, 11 WIA, 1 APC dest; VC/NVA: unk. (C)

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# SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM WHICH INVOLVE PARTICIPATION BY US FORCES (1ST & 2D CORPS)

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On 13 Feb, 8 nm NNW Saigon, USA co engaged en force killing 40. Gunships and arty sptd. On 14 Feb, same unit engaged large en force in same area killing 127; no US cas either engagement. (S)

At 140235 EST, 2 nm SW Saigon, USA co engaged 2-co en force. Second USA co reinforced; tac air, AC-47s, and armed helos sptd. CS agents dispensed by acft on en. Losses -- US: 2 KIA, 11 WIA, 3 UH-1s downed (1 recovered, 2 secured); VC/NVA: unk. Contact is continuing. (S)

4 CTZ: CORONADO X, 2-bn S&D opn 35 nm SSW Saigon, term 12 Feb after 27 days. Losses -- US: 12 KIA, 190 WIA; VC/NVA: 344 KIA, 280 pers det, 61,500 piasters, 8 tons rice, 2,665 rds small-arms ammo, 120 indiv wpns, 116 mortar rds, 105 grenades, 67 RR rds, 11 radios, 3 phones. Also 510 bunkers, 87 structures, and 4 sampans dest. (S)

CORONADO XI, 8-bn (2 US, 6 ARVN) S&D opn commenced 13 Feb 2 nm SSW Can Tho. Assigned msn to dest elms of VC 303, 306, and 309 Main Force Bns, and Tay Do Bns I and II. (S)

At 132230 EST, 5 nm WSW Can Tho, USA co discovered en arms cache containing 460 x 80-mm rkts, 56 x 10-kilo mines, 56 antitank mines, 249 charges for 40-mm rkts, 3 x 82-mm mortar rds, 360 pressure grenades, 59 x 75-mm arty rds, 89 x 120-mm mortar rds, 2 x 82-mm mortar bipods, 92 x 40-mm grenade charges, numerous medical supplies, and small amount small-arms ammo. (S)

From 121900-131900 EST, there were 18 en initiated incidents. Losses -- Friendly: 4 KIA (2 ARVN, 2 civ), 42 WIA (12 US, 30 ARVN), 21 ARVN MIA, 17 indiv wpns, 1 radio, 1 phone, and 329 houses burned by en; VC/NVA: unk. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 14 FEB: 7 B-52 msns (27 sorties) bombed elms NVA 304 Div and other trp concs within 8 nm radius Khe Sanh in support Opn NIAGARA. 3 B-52s struck hqs of NVA 66 Regt 37 nm NNW Pleiku at 131633 EST. No gnd follow-up sked. (S)

AIRCRAFT LOSS: USAF AC-47D on a harassment and interdiction msn down due unk causes on 14 Feb, 12 nm SW Phan Rang. Rescue helos at scene report no sign of survivors and acft dest. Number of crewmembers aboard acft unk; however, acft normally carries crew of 6. (S)

NORTH VIETNAM

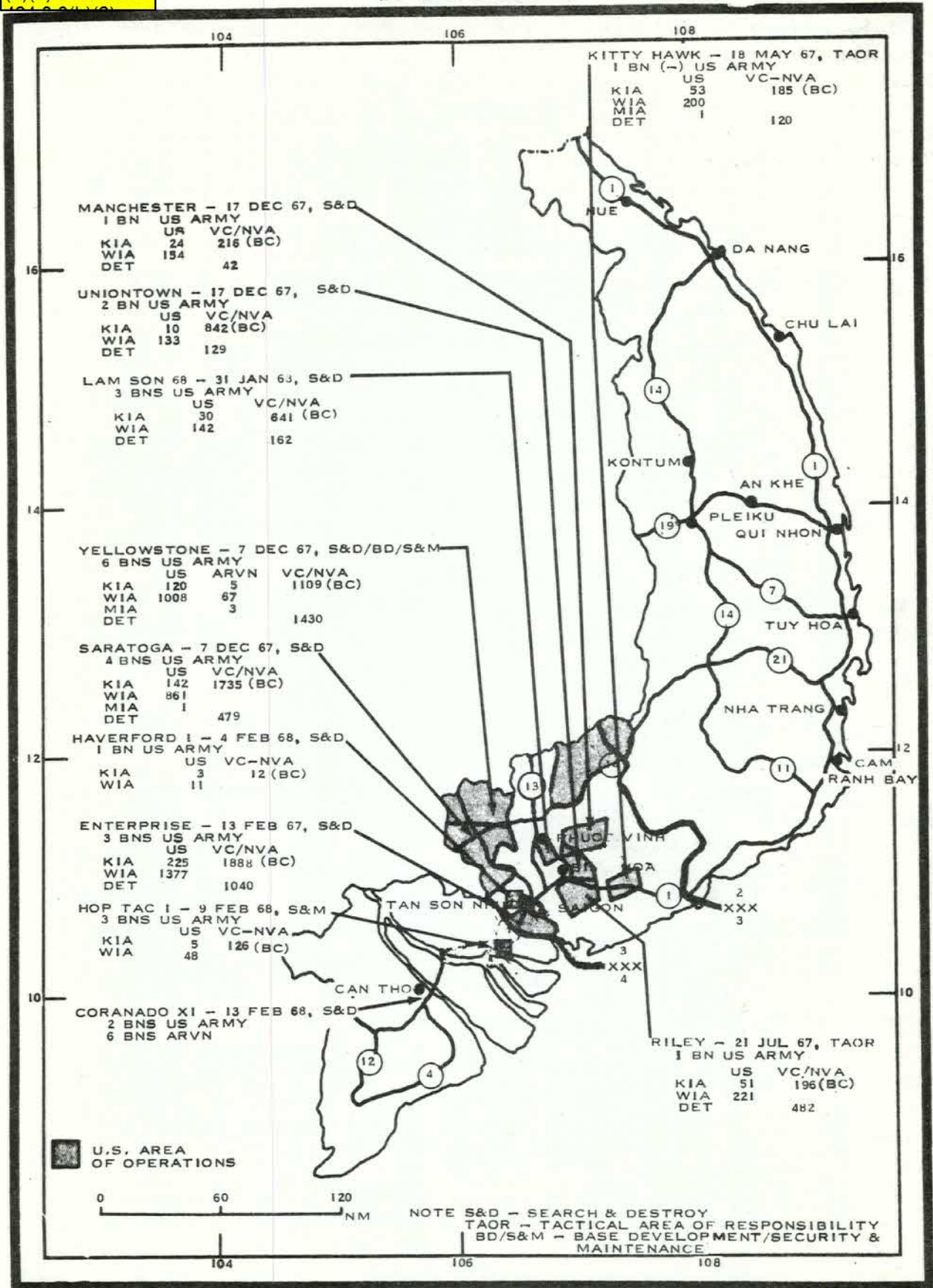
ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 13, 14 FEB: 159 sorties (114 USAF, 26 USN, 19 USMC) dest/damaged 14/80 trks, 5/5 RR cars, 4/0 bunkers, 0/11 stor areas, 0/11 gun psns, 0/5 aflds, 0/4 WBLC, 0/4 radar sites, 0/3 SAM sites, 0/3 trp concs, 0/3 trk pks, 0/2 ferry complexes, 0/1 CP, 0/1 power plant, 0/1 RR yd, and LOCs. (S)

Tgts 30 nm Hanoi: Hanoi RR/HWY bridge canal, Hoa Lac Afld, 3 SAM sites. (S)

Tgt 10 nm Haiphong: Cat Bi and Kien An Aflds. (S)

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Other Significant tgts: Thai Nguyen TPP, Nam Dinh RR yd, Bai Thuong Afld, Vinh Afld. (S)

BDA PHUC YEN AIRFIELD: Field readout of msn on 132004 EST against Phuc Yen shows 2 damaged MIG-21s, 2 damaged MIG-15/17s, 3 small unidentified acft dest. Light damage to runway. (S)

ACFT LOSSES: USAF F-105D downed by SAM 18 nm SSE Hanoi at 140345 EST. No chute, beeper, or SAR. (S)

USN F-8E downed by SAM 6 nm NE Vinh at 140430 EST. Good chute, SAR in prog. (S)

USAF F-4D down in vic Dong Hoi due unk causes 141905 EST. 2 good chutes obs and voice contact made. SAR in prog. (S)

MIG ENGAGEMENTS: 4 USAF F-105s engaged by 2 MIG-21s 54 nm NW Hanoi at 131952 EST. One SIDEWINDER fired but failed to launch. Additional 2 MIG-21s sighted 45 nm NNE Hanoi but no engagement. US acft jettisoned 12 MK-82, 4 CBU 24. (S)

4 USAF F-4Ds engaged 2 MIG-21s 63 nm WSW Hanoi at 140341 EST. One SPARROW fired but no damage. (S)

SAM SIGHTINGS: US pilots obs 22 abn SAMs over NVN on 14 Feb. (S)

HELICOPTERS TRANSPORT MIGs: Intercepted conversations between a Gia Lam controller and a MI-6 pilot on 9 Dec and a Kep controller and a MI-6 pilot on 1 Feb confirm helos are being used in NVN to disperse MIG acft. Photos over past 9 months have shown MIGs dispersed in remote, camouflaged areas 4 to 9 nm from Phuc Yen, Gia Lam, and Hoa Lac. NVN is est to have 4 MI-6s loc in Hanoi vic. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424

NEW SAM SITE: Site 281 (occ) is loc approx 3 nm S of Hanoi. (S/NFD)

TRUCK ACTIVITY NVN/LAOS: In yesterday's brief on this subject, the statement that aerial observations tend to spt the presence of 500 trucks in the Mu Gia Pass area and 50 trucks nw of Khe Sanh is not correct. Aerial observations do support the presence of the 50 trucks 50 nm NW of Khe Sanh but as of the writing of yesterday's brief aerial observations accounted for much less than 500 trucks in the Mu Gia Pass area. (b)(3) 10 U

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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 14 FEB: 143 sorties (123 USAF, 19 USN, 1 USMC) dest/damaged 5/67 trks, 3/7 gun psns, 2/3 AAA sites, 1/1 bridge, 0/15 trp concs, 0/9 stor areas, 0/6 trk pks, 0/4 mil complexes, and LOCs. (S)

SARAVANE: Expected atk on Saravane apparently began on 14 Feb. Radio contact with town still broken. Two govt bns believed outnumbered by mixed Pathet Lao-NVA units. Cptr of Saravane would enable en to move supplies to central highlands of SVN and into 1 CTZ via A Shau Valley. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424

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