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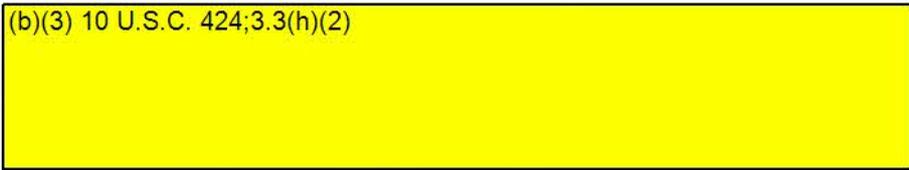
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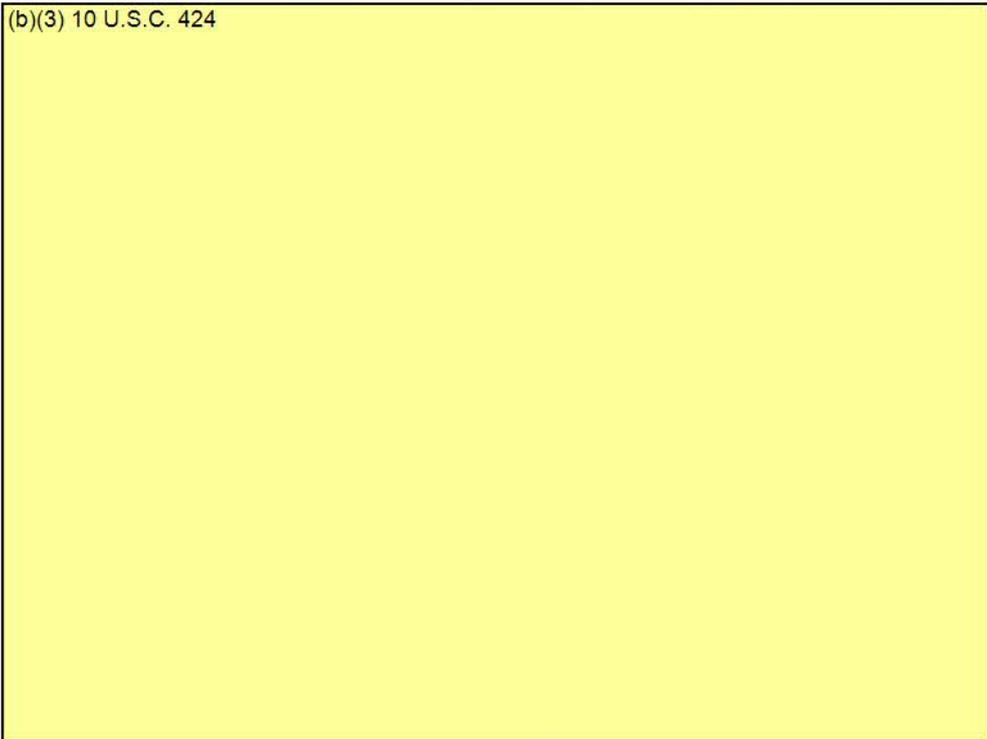
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OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS

SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 45 bn-size or larger opns in prog: 24 US, 20 ARVN, 1 FWF. (S)

1 CTZ: On 11 Jan, unk number of en destroyed a bridge on Rte 1, 25 nm WNW Da Nang. Bridge is total loss. (S)

On 11 Jan, USMC patrol received hvy SA and AW fire from unk-size en force 15 nm S of Da Nang. Reaction force responded, sptd by tac air and helos. Results -- USMC: 2 WIA; VC/NVA: 11 KIA. (S)

32 small-unit contacts reported. Results -- US: 6 WIA; ARVN: 2 KIA, 1 WIA; VC/NVA: 19 KIA, 7 pers det, 8 wpns seized. (C)

2 CTZ: On 10 Jan in Opn MAC ARTHUR, US helo sustained 3 hits by en fire 8 nm SW Dak To. Helo remained on station to direct fire against en force. Results -- US: 2 WIA; VC/NVA: 15 KIA, 1 pers det, 1 wpn seized. (S)

On 10 Jan, the village of Polei Krong, 29 nm N of Pleiku, was atkd by est 2 en cos. 2 RF plats and 1 PF plat sptd by a flaeship defended the village. Results -- friendly: 18 KIA, 20 WIA, 1 indiv wpn lost; VC/NVA: 1 KIA. (S)

8 small-unit contacts reported. Results -- ARVN: 8 KIA, 22 WIA, 2 MIA, 5 wpns lost; VC/NVA: 14 KIA, 27 pers det, 8 wpns seized. (S)

3 CTZ: On 11 Jan, 21 nm NNW Tay Ninh, CIDG elms located a base camp occupied by est en bn. En defended with SA, AW, rkts, and 82-mm mort fire. CIDG force sptd by arty atkd psn. En withdrew. Results -- US: 1 KIA, 2 WIA; CIDG: 7 KIA, 20 WIA; VC/NVA: unk. (S)

On 11 Jan, an ARVN bn was atkd by unk-size en force 10 nm NNW Saigon. Helos, AC-47 acft, and arty sptd ARVN unit. En broke contact after 3 1/2 hrs. Results -- ARVN: 31 KIA, 33 WIA, 1 MIA; VC/NVA: 3 KIA. (S)

AKRON V, a coordinated S&D opn (3 USA bns, 2 Royal Aust Regt bns), was init 10 Jan 23 nm ESE Saigon. Mission is to locate and destroy elms VC 274 Main Force Regt. (S)

19 small-unit contacts reported. Results -- US: 2 KIA, 9 WIA; ARVN: 2 KIA, 22 WIA; VC/NVA: 15 KIA, 5 wpns seized. (S)

4 CTZ: Updated results, as of 10 Jan, in Opn CORONADO IX -- US: 18 KIA, 50 WIA; VC/NVA: 46 KIA. (S)

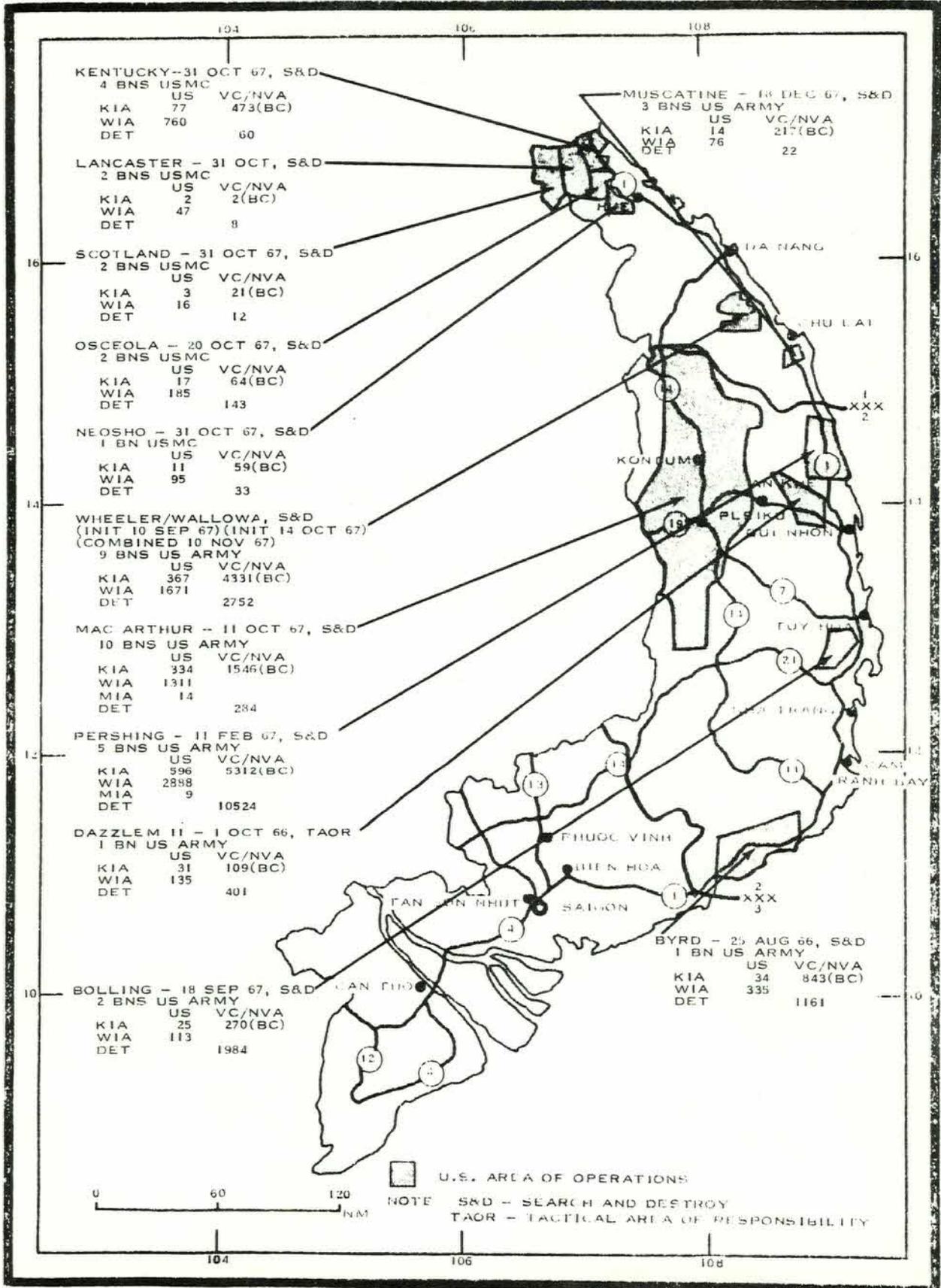
3 small-unit contacts reported. Results -- no friendly cas; VC/NVA: 12 KIA, 5 pers det, 7 wpns and documents seized. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 11 JAN: 6 B-52s struck tgt 57 nm S of Da Nang containing VC elms and stor areas; no gnd follow-up sked. 6 B-52s struck tgt 39 nm NE Tay Ninh containing large base complex with rkt and mort psns, in spt of Opn FARGO; follow-up sked by elms 11th ACR. 6 B-52s hit tgt 24 nm NE Tay Ninh containing elms NVA 88 Regt and rkt and mort psns, in spt Opn FARGO; follow-up sked by elms 11th ACR. (S)

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NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 11 JAN: 178 sorties (109 USAF, 37 USMC, 32 USN) dest/damaged 17/96 trks, 1/1 steam shovels, 1/5 WBL craft, 0/11 staging areas, 0/8 bridges, 0/8 gun sites, 0/8 trk pks, 0/6 ferries, 0/3 fords, 0/3 stor areas, 0/2 bunkers, 0/2 transship pts, 0/2 trp concs, 0/1 biv area, 0/1 radar site, and LOCs. (S)

Significant tgts: SAM Site 177; 2 susp SAM sites; poss SAM site. No BDA, due wx. (S)

NVN LOGISTICS: Southward movement of large amts of supplies has been evident in NVA rear services commo since Jul. Have incl many types of ammo, POL products, foodstuffs, clothing, signal equip, and much unident cgo. Shipments could have been associated with expectation of increased combat in SVN and DMZ as well as with augmentation of forces stemming from recent deployments of 304/320 Divs. (During 1967, log facilities Dong Hoi area were involved in shipment of some 800 tons per day of unspecified cgo; location of facilities indicates all of cgo was for use south of Dong Hoi, i.e., southern NVN, DMZ, southern Laos, and SVN -- areas whose total log requirement is est at about 300 tons per day.) (b)(3) 10

DECEMBER MARITIME IMPORTS: These totaled about 128,000 MT. Equal to Jan-Jun 67 monthly average and some 38,000 MT above Jul-Nov 67 average. Ship turnaround time averaged 15 days, compared to 33 in Aug. (b)(3) 10

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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 11 JAN: 245 sorties (149 USAF, 82 USN, 14 USMC) dest/damaged 12/20 trks, 4/22 gun sites, 1/0 bunker, 0/6 fords, 0/23 trk pks, 0/12 stor areas, 0/8 trp concs, 0/5 bridges, 0/1 mil compl, 0/1 staging area, and LOCs. (S)

USN A-4E was hit by gnd fire over tgt. Pilot ejected over water 50 nm NE Dong Hoi and was recovered in good condition. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 12 JAN: 9 B-52s bombed tgt 58 nm NW Pleiku, containing hvy trp conc and trng camp. (S)

SITE 85 ATTACKED: Based on prelim reports, at about 1:30 AM EST this morning 2 or 3 prob NVN AN-2 tpts dropped 6-8 x 250-lb bombs on Site. 1 AN-2 reportedly shot down (by helo) NW of Site; another AN-2 may have crashed. Pilot of a downed AN-2 sighted on ground surrounded by unident people. Apparently no damage to Site; 1 casualty reported. No indications yet of a follow-up atk by gnd elms; earlier reporting had indicated en buildup vic Site. AN-2 acft have been noted in past conducting gnd atk exercises near Hanoi/Gia Lam; last such acty noted about 8 Dec. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 4

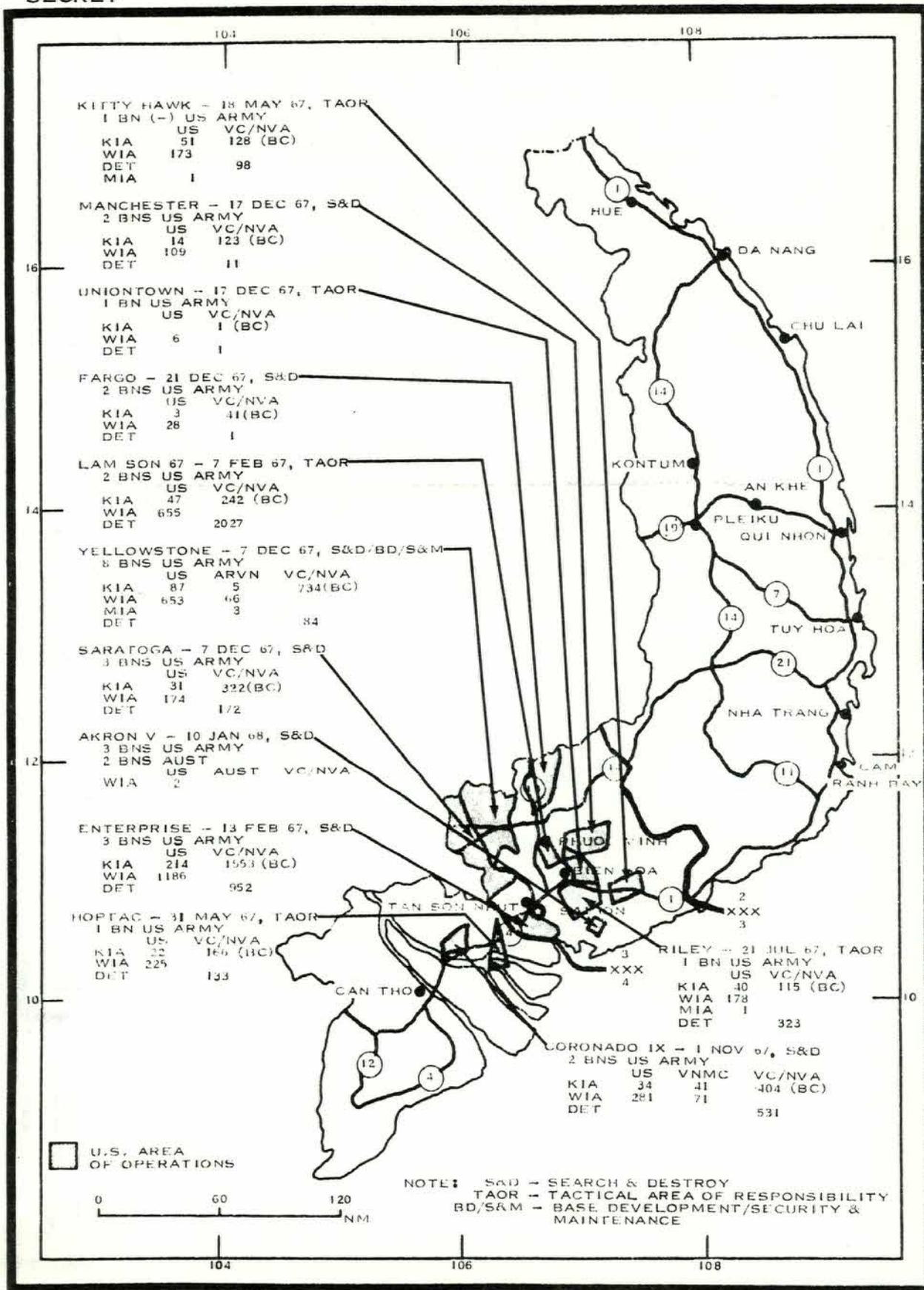
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