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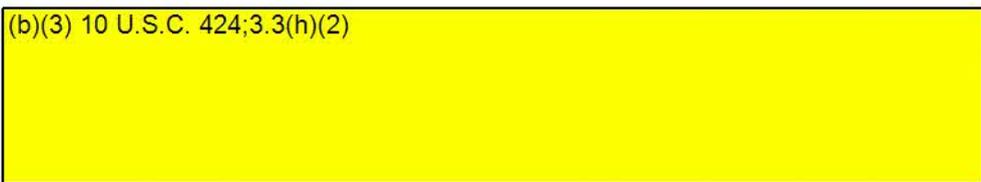
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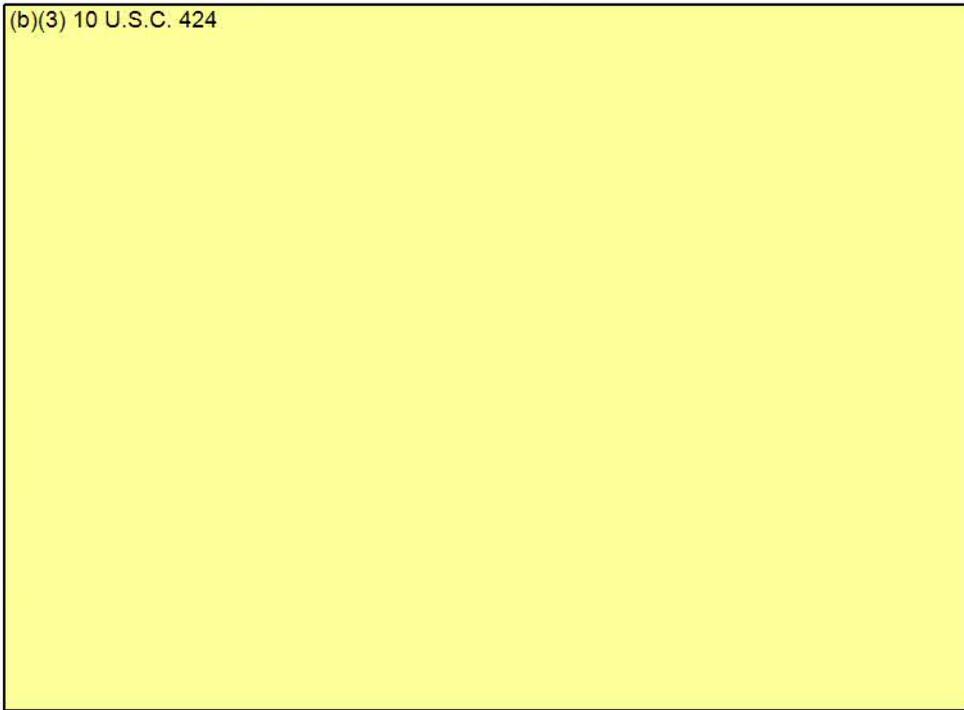
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OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS



SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 43 bn-size or larger opns in progress:
24 US, 18 ARVN, 1 Thai. (S)

1 CTZ: On 6 Jan, 20 nm SE Hue, Phu Loc Dist Hq and 3 civ action plats sustained gnd/mort atk from unk en force. USMC bn reaction force also became heavily engaged. 16 US, 10 ARVN, 7 PF, 1 civ KIA. 68 US, 9 ARVN, 2 PF, 1 civ WIA. 91 VC/NVA KIA; 13 indiv, 3 crew-served wpns seized. (S)

On 7 Jan, 4 nm WNW Da Nang, III MAF Log Cmd received 25 rds 122-mm rkt fire. AUTODIN system received shrapnel but is functional. Trk co, commo sect, H&S Bn, and billeting area also hit. 52 US WIA; 5 bldgs destroyed, 5 damaged. (S)

4 co-sized or smaller contacts in Opn WHEELER/WALLOWA centered 28 nm S of Da Nang resulted in 107 VC/NVA KIA, 16 wpns seized. 17 US KIA, 64 WIA. 1 UH-1C helo downed by gnd fire and dest by friendly elms when attempts to retrieve failed. 2 crewmen KIA, 2 MIA. (S)

On 7 Jan, USA UH-1H helo downed by gnd fire and burned, 25 nm SSW of Da Nang. 7 US KIA. (S)

USAF F-100D hit by gnd fire 17 nm SW Da Nang on 7 Jan. Pilot recovered. (S)

In Opn KENTUCKY, USMC co killed 28 VC/NVA in 4-hr fight. 6 US KIA, 31 WIA. (S)

Update of results of 3 USA co contacts 24 nm S Da Nang (OIS 3, 4 Jan) indicate 17 US KIA, 135 WIA, 1 MIA vice 2. 287 VC/NVA KIA vice 196. (S)

65 small-unit contacts resulted 39 VC/NVA KIA, 6 wpns seized. 4 US, 5 ARVN KIA; 38 US, 11 ARVN WIA; 3 wpns lost. (S)

2 CTZ: 23 small-unit contacts resulted: 2 VC/NVA KIA, 1 wpn seized. 4 ARVN KIA, 22 WIA; 4 wpns lost. (S)

3 CTZ: In Opn FARGO on 5 Jan, USA bn engaged unk en force in bunkers 8 nm SW Loc Ninh. 34 VC/NVA KIA. 2 US KIA, 4 WIA. (S)

In Opn YELLOWSTONE, heloborne USA co came under hvy fire in LZ 28 nm NE Tay Ninh on 6 Jan from en force in bunkers. 9 VC/NVA KIA. 1 US KIA, 7 WIA. (S)

Update of 4 Jan contact 54 nm NNW Saigon (OIS 6 Jan) indicate 7 US KIA vice 10, 16 WIA vice 14. 68 VC/NVA KIA vice 31. (S)

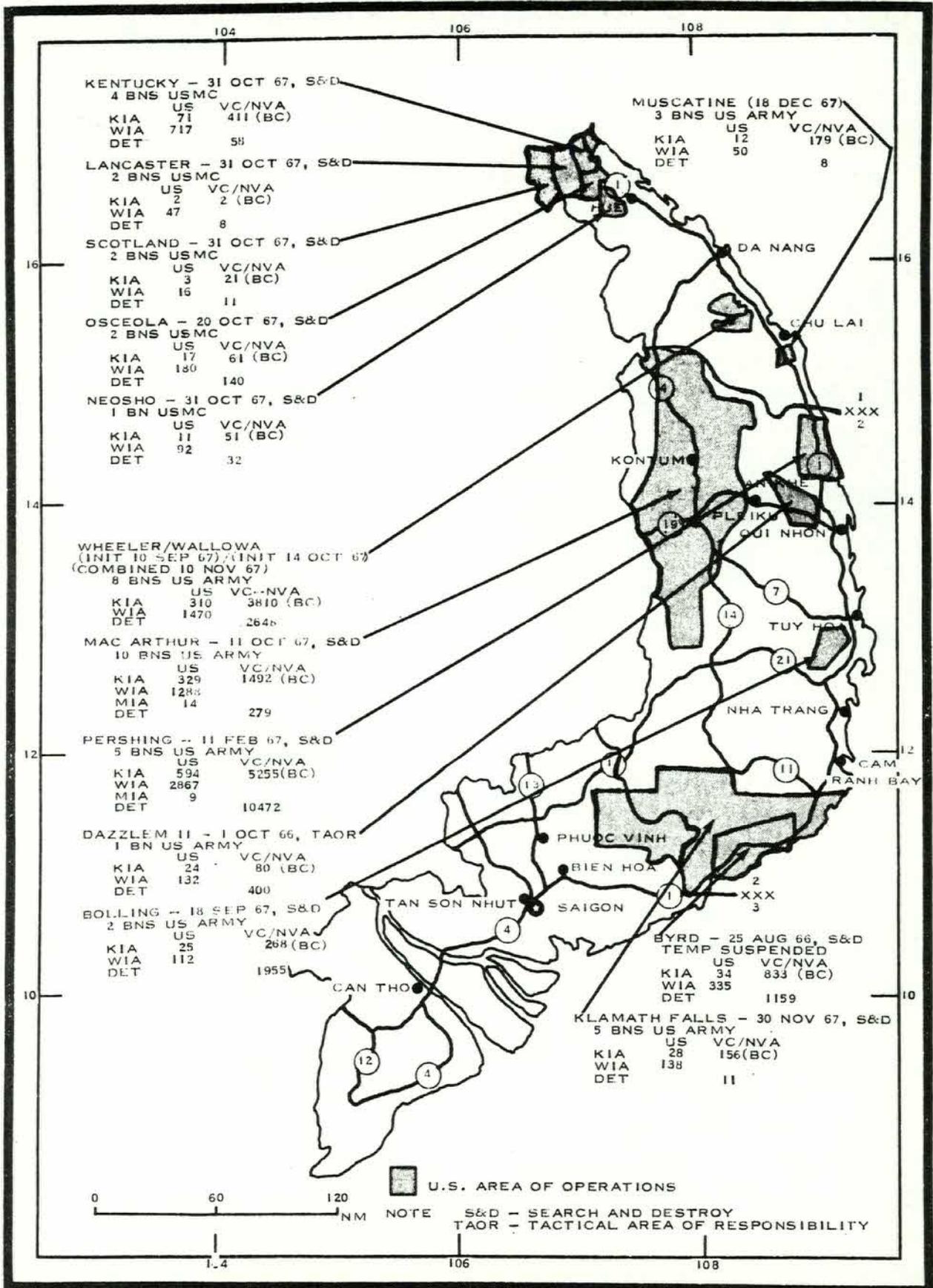
At 060025 EST, USA UH-1D downed by gnd fire and dest 55 nm NNW Saigon. 1 US KIA, 8 WIA. (S)

In Opn LAM SON 67, USA co engaged unk en force for 3 hrs 20 nm NNE Saigon on 5 Jan. 4 US KIA, 10 WIA. 87 VC/NVA KIA, 9 wpns seized. (S)

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On 5 Jan, ARVN Regt CP in village of Tan Uyen received mort/gnd atk by est en bn. USA bn reinforced. 8 ARVN KIA, 43 WIA, 1 National Police MIA; 2 wpns lost, 11 bldgs dest. 19 VC/NVA KIA; 8 indiv, 7 crew-served wpns seized. (C)

On 7 Jan, ARVN Regt hqs and Chieu Hoi Center 17 nm WNW Saigon atkd by 2 en cos. Center overrun. 5 ARVN bns reinforced and engaged en for 4 hrs. 3 US, 3 Hoi Chanhs, 23 ARVN KIA; 20 US, 100 ARVN WIA; 13 Hoi Chanhs MIA. (C)

SANTE FE road clearing opn term (3 Nov-5 Jan). Results -- 2 US, 3 Aust, 1 ARVN KIA; 13 US, 13 ARVN, 9 Aust WIA. 126 VC/NVA KIA. (C)

On 6 Jan, 2 RF co sustained mort/gnd atk from unk en force 10 nm SSW Saigon. 6 ARVN, 2 RF, 1 RD KIA. 20 ARVN, 3 RF, 1 RD WIA. 7 wpns lost. (C)

23 small-unit contacts resulted 17 VC/NVA KIA, 2 wpns seized. 1 US, 13 ARVN KIA; 25 US, 34 ARVN WIA. (C)

4 CTZ: 1-day (5 Jan) 2-ARVN-bn S&D opn, 21 nm NE Can Tho, resulted 26 VC/NVA KIA, 6 indiv wpns, 19 60-mm mort rds seized. 1 ARVN KIA, 1 WIA. (C)

Atks on Ton Son and Vinh Ton village outposts on 5 Jan resulted 19 ARVN, 13 PF KIA, 8 PF WIA, 67 wpns lost. (C)

Bn-sized atk on Thanh Tri on 5 Jan resulted 8 VC/NVA KIA, 6 indiv wpns, 2 mines, 100 grenades seized. 4 PF KIA; 4 US, 16 PF, 9 civ WIA. (C)

During period 4-6 Jan, 28 en atks conducted in 4 CTZ. 16 ARVN KIA; 107 ARVN, 4 US WIA; 2 ARVN MIA; 11 wpns lost. 18 VC/NVA KIA; 37 indiv wpns, 100 grenades, 27 mines seized, 600 blocks TNT dest. (C)

3 small-unit contacts resulted 13 VC/NVA KIA, 4 wpns seized. (C)

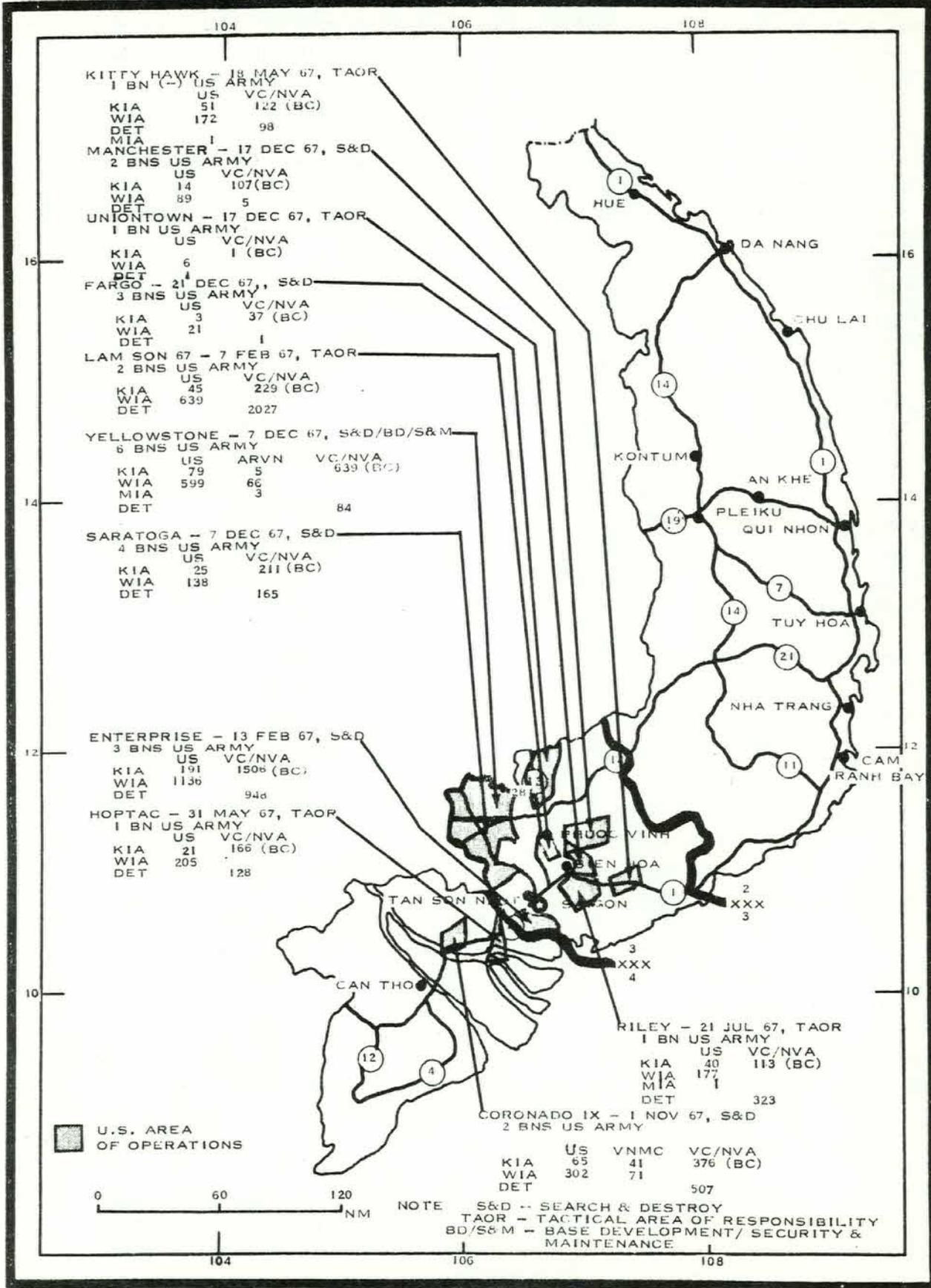
ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 5-7 JAN (All times EST): 4 B-52s bombed elms NVA 90 Regt, 47 nm NW Hue at 070529. 8 struck elms of NVA 101 Regt, 42 nm NW Hue at 060232. 6 B-52s bombed regt-size units and 4 hqs units 28 nm S of Da Nang at 060441. 9 B-52s hit regt-size force 29 nm NW Kontum at 061532, and 9 struck NVA 32 Regt elms 23 nm SW Kontum at 071639; gnd follow-up by 4th Inf Div. 5 B-52s bombed VC prov hq 55 nm ESE Kontum at 070613. 6 B-52s bombed regt base camp 25 nm N of Tay Ninh at 072150, while 6 struck log area 1 nm to the north at 072351; gnd follow-up by SF and 25 Inf Div, respectively. 6 B-52s bombed VC opnl area 29 nm NE Tay Ninh at 061959; 11th Arm Cav will follow up. 6 B-52s struck elms VC 271 or 272 Regt 28 nm NE Tay Ninh at 052353, and 6 bombed elms same units 5 nm to the south at 061800; 25 Inf Div will follow up. (C)

NVA 304 DIV: An unident suspect inf regt of this div was fixed by ARDF of 9 Jan along Rte 912 in Laos, 30 nm SW Dong Hoi. Represents southward move of some 75 nm from last-noted (27 Dec) loc just W of Ha Tinh. (Hqs of 304th plus 2 subord regts

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still loc generally W of Khe Sanh area near Lao border.) ~~(SECRET)~~

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NVA 320 DIV: Observed active for 7th straight day in direct commo with unloc subord, suggesting, according to prelim analysis by COMUSMACV, that latter is either en route Laos or already there. Noted that first indications of southward movement of both 304 and 320 Divs arose in connection with certain commo anomalies obs during first week of Nov 67.

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NVA 325C DIV: Recon elms continued reporting Allied acty NW of Khe Sanh on 7 Jan. ~~(SECRET)~~

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NVA 812 REGT AND ITS 4TH BN: On 6 Jan, these elms, loc about 15 nm generally N of Khe Sanh, obs in commo which reflected considerable supply acty. Dates mentioned in msgs indicate en may be preparing for offensive opns prior Tet (last of Jan).

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IMPROVED ENEMY LOGISTICS CAPABILITY 4 CTZ: According to COMUSMACV, subject capability shown by increased appearance lately of recently manufactured wpns. Examples: 2 AK-47 assault rifles made in last quarter '67 were captrd in Chuong Thien Prov in Dec; increased use of RRs and RPG-2/RPG-7 AT rkt launchers during last part '67; large amt ChiCom ammo made in '66 and Apr 67 seized 4 Jan in Dinh Tuong Prov, along with 55 x 120-mm mort rds. Introduction of newer/heavier wpns into Delta may pose new supply problems for en, but he evidently surmounting them. COMUSMACV surmises that wpns may have been carried by ship to Cambodia, thence infiltrated into Delta. ~~(SECRET)~~

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GEN THANG: According to VP Ky, Thang's resignation request was noted by senior generals at a 5 Jan meeting -- and rejected. Ky attributed Thang's action to frustration over thwarting of RevDev program by corps commanders and over continued postponement of planned training course for new prov/dist chief candidates. Gen Khang said he was aware of Thang's feeling of frustration, but had urged that the "real reasons" for his action be explored by Thieu. Meanwhile, Ky says that he has told Thieu of his concern that many people tend to feel govt not getting on with important business, and that he has urged Thieu to assert himself more. Ky also told ^{Thieu} that he (Ky) was not out to undercut him; Ky feels his remarks may have helped ease some of Thieu's suspicions of him. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3(h)(2)

NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 6, 7 JAN: 461 sorties (208 USN, 203 USAF, 50 USMC) dest/damaged 9/12 bldgs, 19/78 WBLC, 6/256

trks, 22/97 RR cars, 2/11 gun sites, 1/18 bridges, 0/11 trk pks, 0/39 stor areas, (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3. 0/2 CPs, 0/2 biv areas, 0/2 trp concs, 0/7 radar sites, 0/9 CD sites, 0/14 ferries, 0/3 SAM sites, 0/1 bunker, 0/1 afld, 0/1 mil compl, and LOCs. (S)

Tgts within 30 nm Hanoi: Bac Giang RR yd. (S)

Tgts within 10 nm Haiphong: 2 SAM sites. (S)

Other tgts incl: Lang Son Rail Line; Kep Afld; Hoa Binh Mil Inst. (S)

MIG ENGAGEMENT 6 JAN: 16 USAF F-105Ds engaged 4 MIG-21s and an IL-14 57 nm NW Hanoi at 0318 EST. 5 AAMs and 2 SIDEWINDERS exchanged. No damage either side. (S)

SAM SIGHTINGS 6 JAN: 1 abn SAM obs vic Thanh Hoa at 0258 EST. (S)

OBSTRUCTIONS TO FERRY BOATS: Two 5 Jan msgs sent by unident NVA rear services elm have referred to the dropping of "magnetic water mines" near a ferry pier in southern NVN (apparently on the river which debouches near Dong Hoi). Said that MR 4 had been prepared for arrival of "ferry boats" but that "obstructions" were causing difficulties. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3(h)(2)

LAOS

BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER 6-7 JAN: 452 sorties (343 USAF, 85 USN, 24 USMC) dest/damaged 94/128 trks, 6/0 bldgs, 8/21 gun sites, 2/5 bridges, 0/45 trk pks, 0/29 supply/stor areas, 0/20 trp concs, 0/4 biv areas, 0/2 mil compl, and LOCs. (S)

SHOCK IV: This 4th in a series of combined USAF-RLAF air opns in southern Laos completed 29 Dec with good results. The 6-day concentrated strike program (190 sorties) against Rtes 110/96/964 resulted in extensive damage to these rtes, plus destruction of trk pks/stor areas on Rtes 96/964. Landslides caused on 110/96; these impassable without extensive repairs. Gnd sources reported all ord on tgt against trp concs. Overall success of opn assisted by timely intl/quick response. (b)(3) 10

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CAMBODIA: On 4 Jan at a Cambodian seaport, ChiComs officially delivered -- and Cambodia accepted -- a number of items of mil equip incl (3 MIG-17s; 4 tpt and trng acft; ordnance; 3 coastal craft; medicine; mine detectors; mines). ChiCom Charge made anti-US propaganda noises "appropriate" to the occasion. Timing noteworthy, of course. On 7 Jan, Sihanouk told press conference Cambodia would not serve as channel for transfer of US equip to ICC (as India had urged) -- because he would then

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