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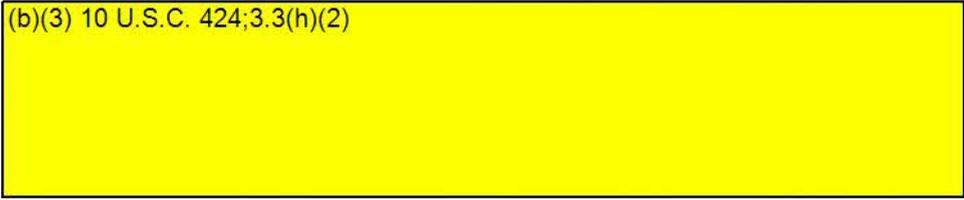
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**OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS**



SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 45 bn-sized or larger opns in progress: 23 US, 21 ARVN, 1 Thai. ( )

1 CTZ: On 8 Jan, USMC CH-53A helo reported missing on flight from Dong Ha to Da Nang. Last psn 12 nm NW Hue. 5 crew and est 35 pax aboard. SAR in prog. ( )

On 7 Jan, 1st MARDIV recon team called arty fire on est 170 en carrying 30 cylindrical objects, 23 nm SSW Da Nang. 24 VC/NVA KIA. ( )

In Opn WHEELER/WALLOWA, 2 USA cos sweeping area engaged est en co for 4 hrs, 29 nm SSW Da Nang on 8 Jan. 21 VC/NVA KIA. 1 US KIA, 10 WIA. On 7 Jan, 33 nm SSE Da Nang, USA H-23 helo downed by gnd fire. Reaction plat providing security for recovery opns. 10 VC/NVA KIA in the contact. ( )

24 small-unit contacts resulted: 24 VC/NVA KIA; 8 wpns seized. 1 US, 5 ARVN KIA; 6 US, 3 ARVN WIA. ( )

2 CTZ: On 8 Jan, a reinforced ARVN Ranger co engaged unk en force 25 nm NW Pleiku in 4-hr contact. 6 VC/NVA KIA; 3 indiv wpns seized. 2 ARVN KIA, 6 WIA. ( )

On 7 Jan, Vinh Quang hamlet 7 nm N of Qui Nhon defended by 1 RF and 1 PF plat overrrun by en co. Reaction force found 11 PF with hands tied and shot in head outside village. 7 add PF/RF KIA, 4 WIA, 18 MIA; 39 wpns lost. ( )

Opn KLAMATH FALLS, 5-USA-bn S&D opn 100 nm SW Nha Trang, term (30 Nov-8. Jan). Results: 28 US KIA, 138 WIA. 156 VC/NVA KIA, 74 indiv, 3 crew-served wpns seized. ( )

Opn BYRD, 1-USA-bn S&D, suspended during above opn, was resumed 8 Jan in same vic. ( )

12 small-unit contacts resulted: 19 VC/NVA KIA; 1 wpn seized. 21 ARVN KIA, 28 WIA, 24 MIA; 44 wpns lost. ( )

3 CTZ: In Opn ENTERPRISE on 8 Jan 13 nm S of Saigon, USA co engaged 3 or 4 en cos. 3 USA bns reinforced and engaged for 10 hrs. 17 US KIA, 30 WIA, 3 MIA; 2 UH-1D helos dest (1 by B-40 rkt); 13 UH-1 helos damaged. 26 VC/NVA KIA. ( )

16 small-unit contacts resulted: 10 VC/NVA KIA, 6 wpns seized. 18 ARVN KIA; 4 US, 23 ARVN WIA; 2 ARVN MIA. ( )

4 CTZ: On 7 Jan, ARVN training center at Minh Hoa, 39 nm WSW Can Tho, repulsed mort/gnd atk by unk en force. 11 VC/NVA KIA; 12 wpns seized. 17 ARVN KIA, 25 WIA; 4 wpns lost. ( )

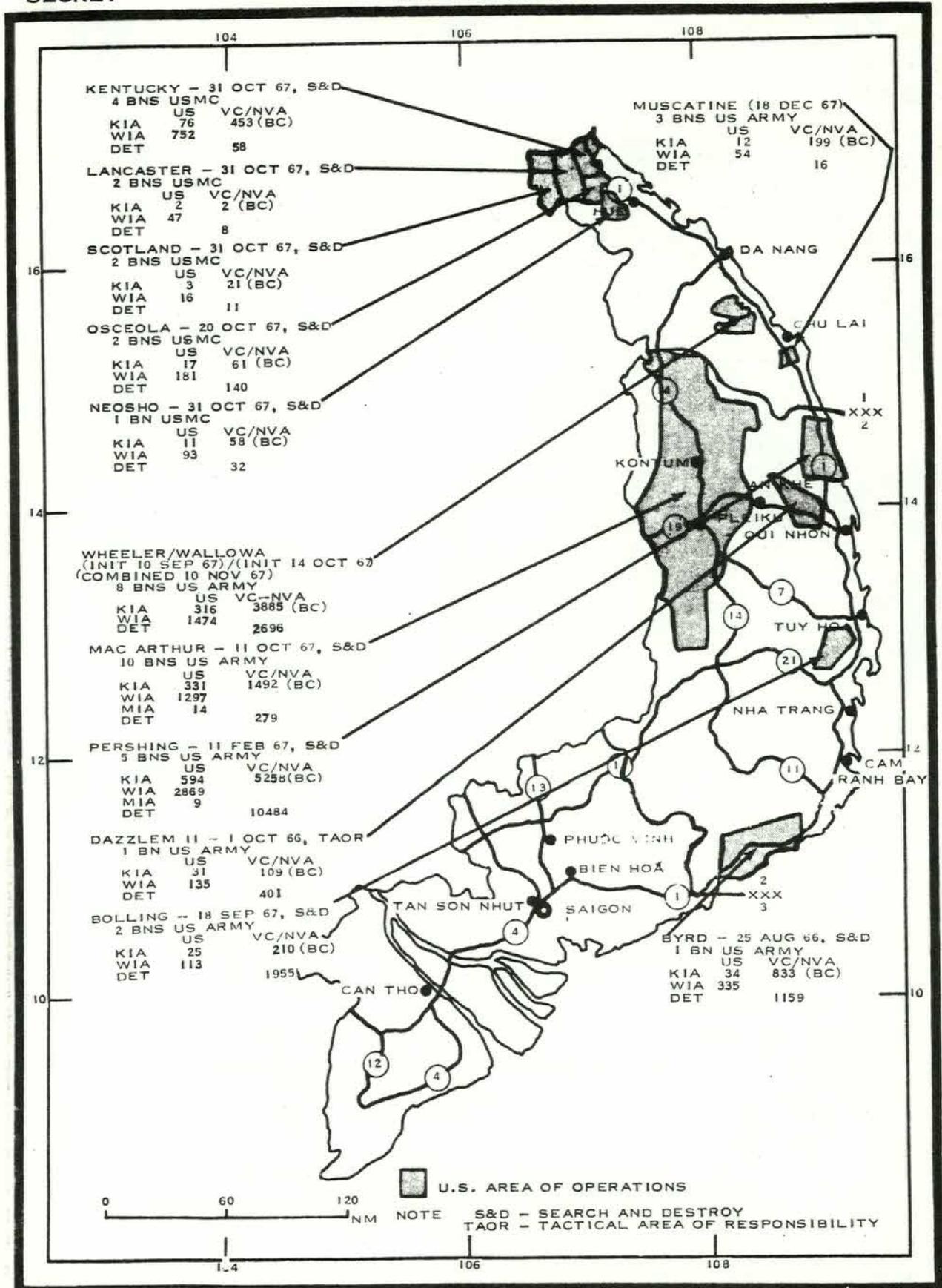
An unk en force atkd def psn of ARVN bn 41 nm NE Can Tho on 7 Jan. 10 ARVN KIA, 40 WIA. ( )

4 small-unit contacts resulted: 13 VC/NVA KIA; 12 wpns seized. 1 ARVN KIA, 1 WIA; 1 wpn lost. ( )

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ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 8 JAN (All times EST): 9 B-52s bombed elms NVA 3 and 30 Regts 24 nm S of Da Nang at 0235. 6 B-52s struck signal co and elms NVA 3 Regt 27 nm S of Da Nang at 1305. At 1510 and 1741, 2 flts of 6 B-52s struck elms VC 271 and 272 Regts 21 nm NE Tay Ninh; gnd follow-up sked by 25 Inf Div and 3/17 Air Cav Sqn. (S)

KHE SANH: (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 42 Intelligence Summary contains summary graphic of en force disposition subject area, as last known.

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BORDER STORAGE COMPLEX: A prob Cambodian stor complex consisting of 50 tin-roofed platforms -- some having Cambodian flags painted on [REDACTED] -- has been built since Jul just inside north-central part of SVN's Tay Ninh Prov and at end of road leading thereto from Cambodian rubber-plantation town of Mimot. Border reasonably well defined here. Even so, Sihanouk has several times stated that Cambodians living in this spot (known as Chrek Reanh) will be administered by his country. Accordingly, Chrek Reanh considered by US as beyond Mil Opnl Boundary for forces operating in SVN. (b)(3) 10

#### NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 8 JAN: 129 sorties (61 USAF, 40 USMC, 28 USN) dest/damaged 3/0 bldgs, 1/21 gun psns, 0/43 trks, 0/14 stor/supply areas, 0/8 trk pks, 0/4 bunkers, 0/2 transship pts, 0/2 trp concs, 0/1 AAA site, 0/4 bridges, 0/4 WBLC, 0/1 bks area, 0/1 RR yd, 0/1 afld, and LOCs. (S)

Tgts 10 nm Haiphong: Haiphong Cat Bi Afld. (S)

Other Significant tgts: Thai Nguyen RR yd. (S)

KORCOM MIG ACTY: (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424:3.3(1) an F-105F on SAM-suppression flight NE Hanoi 041952 EST Jan was downed by KorCom MIG-21. (Plane had reportedly been downed by cannon fire from MIG-17, OIS 6 Jan). 1 MIG-21 and 4 MIG-17s -- all KorCom-piloted -- were involved in engagement with 4 F-105Fs. Also, a KorCom MIG-21 downed an F-4D on 16 Dec. Points up increased role being played by KorComs in NVN air defense. (S) Sec. 3.3

HOA LAC AFLD: Evidently being maintained as recovery afld in event other bases interdicted. 2 MIG-21s touched down there briefly 6 Jan to refuel, from trucks or drums. (S)

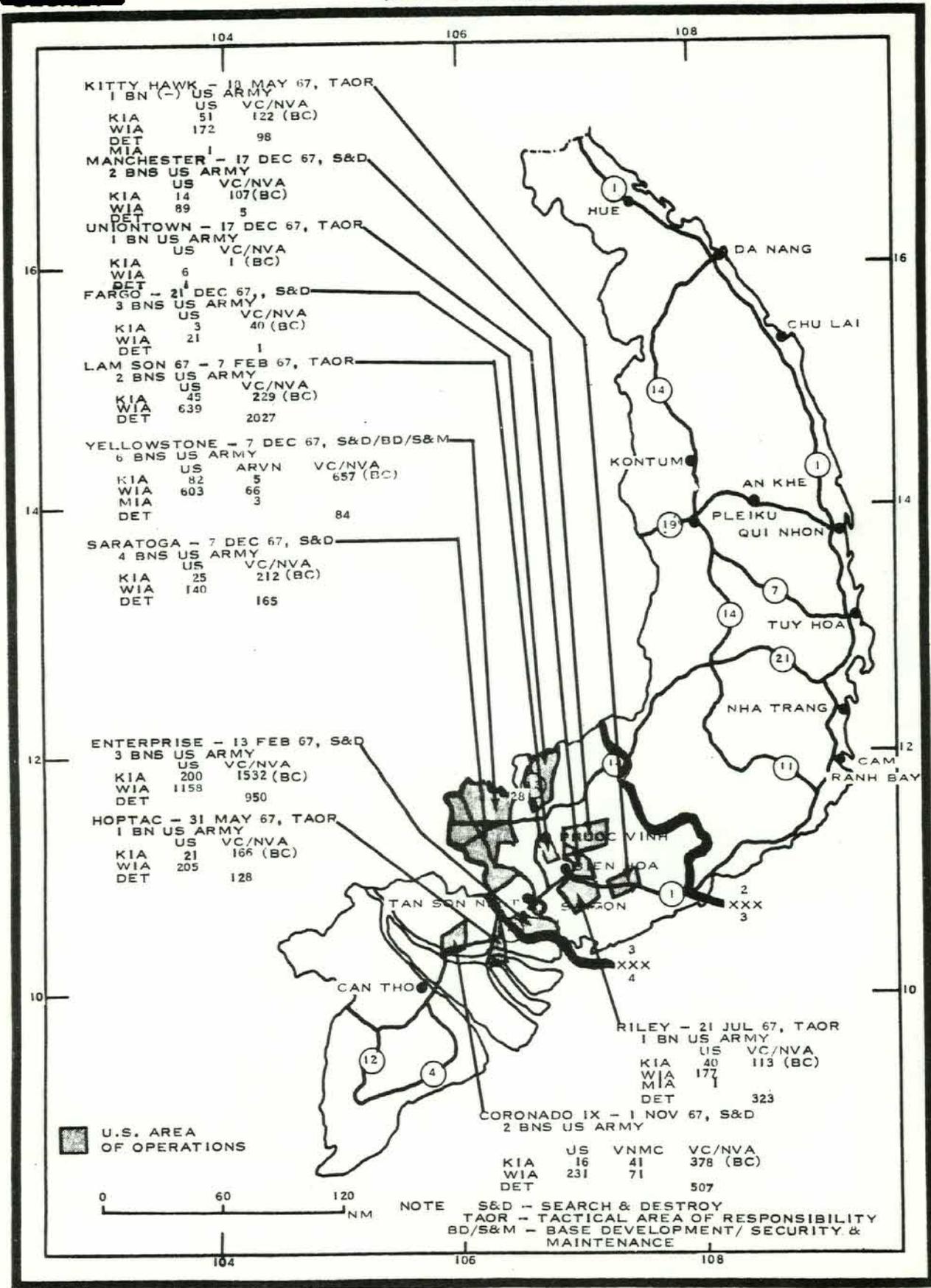
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POLITICAL-MILITARY: According to an 8 Jan FBIS comment on Trinh's 29 Dec 67 statement, Hanoi has not repeated the new formulation in its propaganda output. Has ignored SecState's 4 Jan 68 press conference. Further, NVN media so far have

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not carried an undated, written interview with Trinh published in Jap communist newspaper of 3 Jan in which, according to FBIS, Trinh claims that in his 28 Jan 67 statement he said there "could be talks on problems of interest to both DRV and US". (He had actually said only that "there could be talks between DRV and US.") (29 Dec 67 statement: "will be talks with US about relevant questions".) (S)

#### LAOS

BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER 8 JAN: 267 sorties (203 USAF, 54 USN, 10 USMC) dest/damaged 12/6 gun sites, 19/49 trks, 3/0 bunkers, 0/28 stor/supply areas, 0/42 trk pks, 0/2 mil compl, 0/4 trp concs, 1/1 bridges, 0/1 construction site, and LOCs. (S)

AIRCRAFT LOSS: USMC F-8E on STEEL TIGER msn hit by gnd fire 85 nm WSW Da Nang at 082226 EST. Acft flew to Thailand. Pilot ejected and recovered 9 nm E of Ubon. (S)

GROUND ACTIVITY: En-initiated acty continued last week at stepped-up pace. In Nam Bac area (N of Luang Prabang), FAR failed complete link-up opn. En can fire at will into Nam Bac perimeter. He apparently intends keep pressure on the area; situation will remain serious until FAR offensive begins. In Sam Neua area, there were more reports of movements of en trps/supplies/equip into Laos along Rtes 6/7. There were unconfirmed reports of large en movements in Mahaxay sector (E of Thakhek). Further south, around Muong Phalane (E of Savannakhet), there was an increase in number of en units reported. Still further south, the "Viet Minh 1 Regt" was, according to FAR msg of 5 Jan, in vic of Khong Sedone (W of Saravane); FAR msgs had stated that, on 27 Nov, this NVN unit was southwest of Mu Gia Pass. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C.

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