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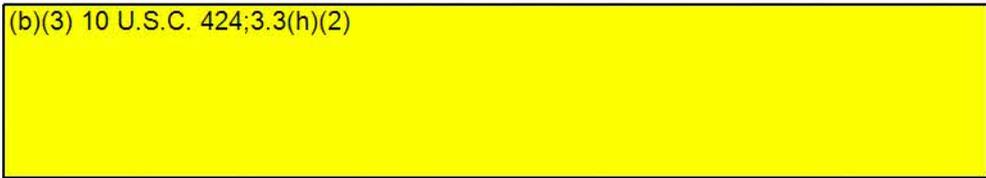
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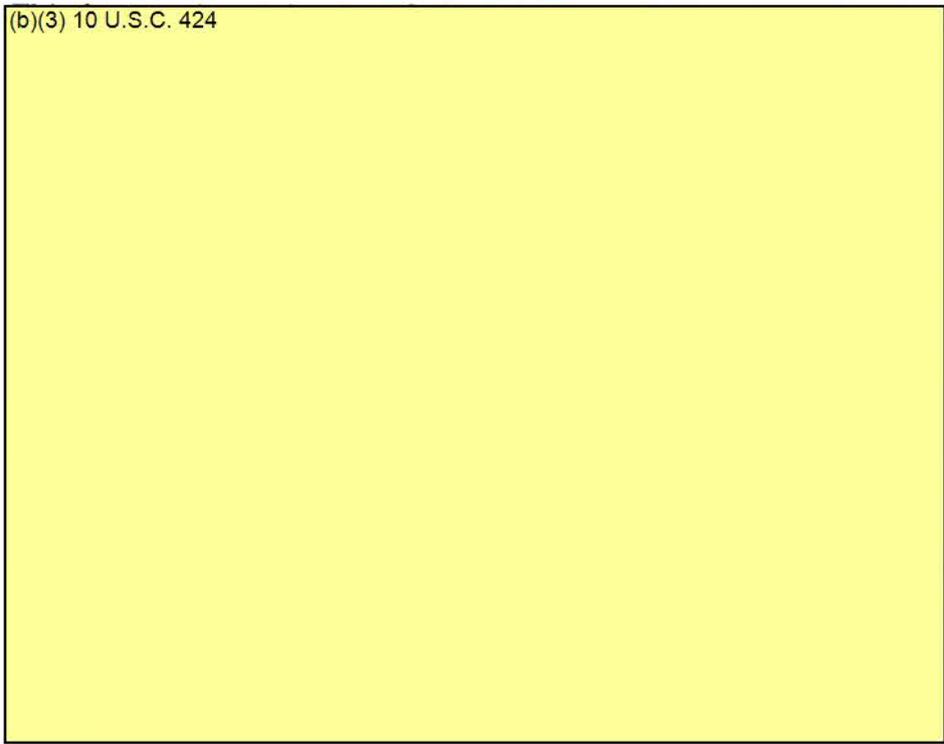
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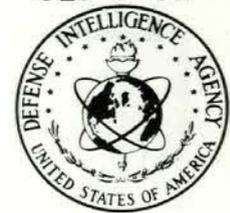
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OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS



SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 40 bn-sized or larger opns in progress: 23 US, 16 ARVN, 1 Thai. [REDACTED]

1 CTZ: In Opn WHEELER/WALLOWA, an arty msn which was called on an unk en force on 8 Jan, 30 nm S of Da Nang, resulted in 55 VC/NVA KIA. 2 USA cos engaged unk en force for 3 hrs later in day and killed 47 VC/NVA. En cas in 5 Jan contact 31 nm S of Da Nang (OIS 8 Jan) were 59 VC/NVA KIA vice 24. [REDACTED]

In delayed report from same opn, USA co came under hvy atk from unk-size en force 26 nm S of Da Nang on 6 Jan. 2d Co reinforced and engagement continued for 11 hrs. 147 VC/NVA KIA. 8 US KIA, 44 WIA, 1 UH-1 downed and destroyed by gnd fire. 1 UH-1 dest by RR fire while on ground during resupply msn. [REDACTED]

UH-1D helo downed by gnd fire 4 nm SW Da Nang and dest on 9 Jan. No cas. [REDACTED]

29 small-unit contacts resulted 21 VC NVA KIA, 2 wpns seized. 2 US, 1 ARVN KIA; 15 US, 4 ARVN WIA. [REDACTED]

2 CTZ: USA afld at Kontum atkd by unk en force using satchel charges on 9 Jan. 7 US KIA, 25 WIA; 4 UH-1 helos dest, 6 UH-1 damaged. 11 VC/NVA KIA. [REDACTED]

On 9 Jan, reinforced ARVN bn engaged est en bn 25 nm NNW Qui Nhon in 1-hr fight. 20 ARVN KIA; 2 US, 23 ARVN WIA; 1 ARVN MIA; 6 crew-served wpns lost. 5 VC/NVA KIA. [REDACTED]

USA UH-1D in spt of above downed and dest by gnd fire, 12 nm NW Qui Nhon. 3 US KIA, 1 MIA. [REDACTED]

USSF camp 4 nm E of Ban Me Thuot received 30-40 rds unk-type mort fire on 9 Jan. 5 ARVN KIA; 25 ARVN, 24 civ WIA. [REDACTED]

9 small-unit contacts resulted: 12 VC/NVA KIA, 4 wpns seized. 7 ARVN KIA; 1 WIA. [REDACTED]

3 CTZ: In Opn SARATOGA, USA bn received gnd/mort atk from est en bn 22 nm NW Saigon on 9 Jan. 5 US KIA; 25 WIA. 36 VC/NVA KIA; 6 indiv, 7 crew-served wpns seized. [REDACTED]

23 small-unit contacts resulted: 21 VC/NVA KIA, 1 wpn seized. 3 US, 7 ARVN KIA; 20 US, 32 ARVN WIA; 3 ARVN MIA. [REDACTED]

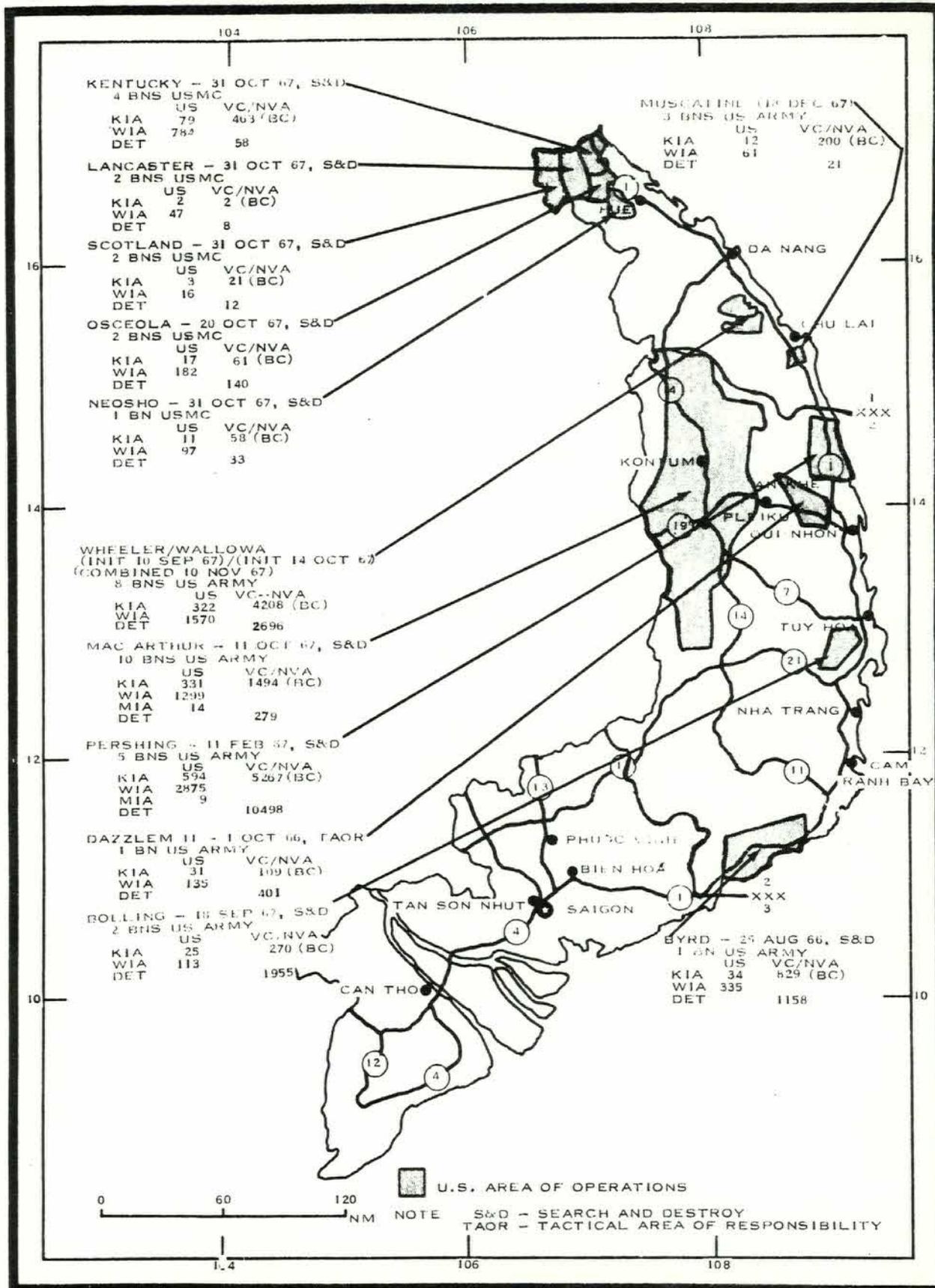
4 CTZ: 9 Jan atk on Kien Son defended by RF co and RD team by unk en force resulted following interim cas: 20 RF, 2 RD KIA, 11 WIA; 4 wpns lost. 4 VC/NVA KIA, 5 wpns seized. [REDACTED]

15 small-unit contacts resulted: 4 VC/NVA KIA, 1 wpn seized. 15 ARVN KIA; 31 WIA, 4 wpns lost. [REDACTED]

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ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 9 JAN (All times EST): 9 B-52s struck elms VC 1 Regt 30 nm SSW Da Nang at 1930. 6 bombed elms NVA 141 and VC 271 and 272 Regts 25 nm NNE Tay Ninh at 1111; 3/17 Air Cav Sqn to follow-up. 6 B-52s bombed en hqs, arty school and commo/station 16 nm WNW Tay Ninh at 1649; USSF to follow up. (S)

NVA 320 DIV: NSA reports that tentative rpt tentative SIGINT suggests possibility that Hqs 320 Inf Div currently loc DMZ area. According to this SIGINT, on 27 Dec it was along western DMZ a few miles east of Lao border; then, on 7 Jan, Station Bravo (for some days now loc in the DMZ about 20 miles WSW Vinh Linh) was obs passing a msg originated by Hqs 320th. On 21 Dec, SIGINT had placed Hqs 320th in general vic Station Echo (which then loc some 15 nm S of Khe Sanh, but which, by 7 Jan, had reloc some 20 nm further west). (S) Sec. 3.3

VC AND CAMBODIAN BORDER: Cptrd doc dated 2 Jan states, among other things, that (en) units were to be ready to evacuate if allied forces came to their psns in COSVN base area (Tay Ninh Prov), but that because border situation had become more difficult, they were, during evac, to "comply strictly with border regulations", in order win "long-term spt from friend". Doc may reflect increased VC sensitivity re Cambodian border in view of recent developments re same. (S)

NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER 57 OPERATIONS 9 JAN: 153 sorties (94 USAF, 38 USN, 21 USMC) dest/damaged 5/7 WBLC, 1/12 gun psns, 1/0 commo site, 0/18 trks, 0/12 stor areas, 0/10 bridges, 0/8 trk pks, 0/2 coastal def sites, 0/2 aflds, 0/1 stage area, 0/1 trp conc, 0/1 transship pt, 0/1 barracks area, and LOCs. (S)

Tgts 10 nm Haiphong: Haiphong Cat Bi Afld (all ord on tgt; runway cratered). (S)

Other sig tgts: Kep Afld (No BDA, due wx). (S)

POLITICAL-MILITARY: Noted that NVN news agency announced yesterday that the ~~secret~~ talks held "recently" in Hanoi between Cambodian FonMin and Trinh involved "problems of common concern to both sides". (S)

For what it is worth, this is same formulation FBIS reported Trinh to have used in recent undated interview with Jap commie newspaper (OIS 9 Jan). In this interview (if FBIS report is correct), he claimed he said in Burchett

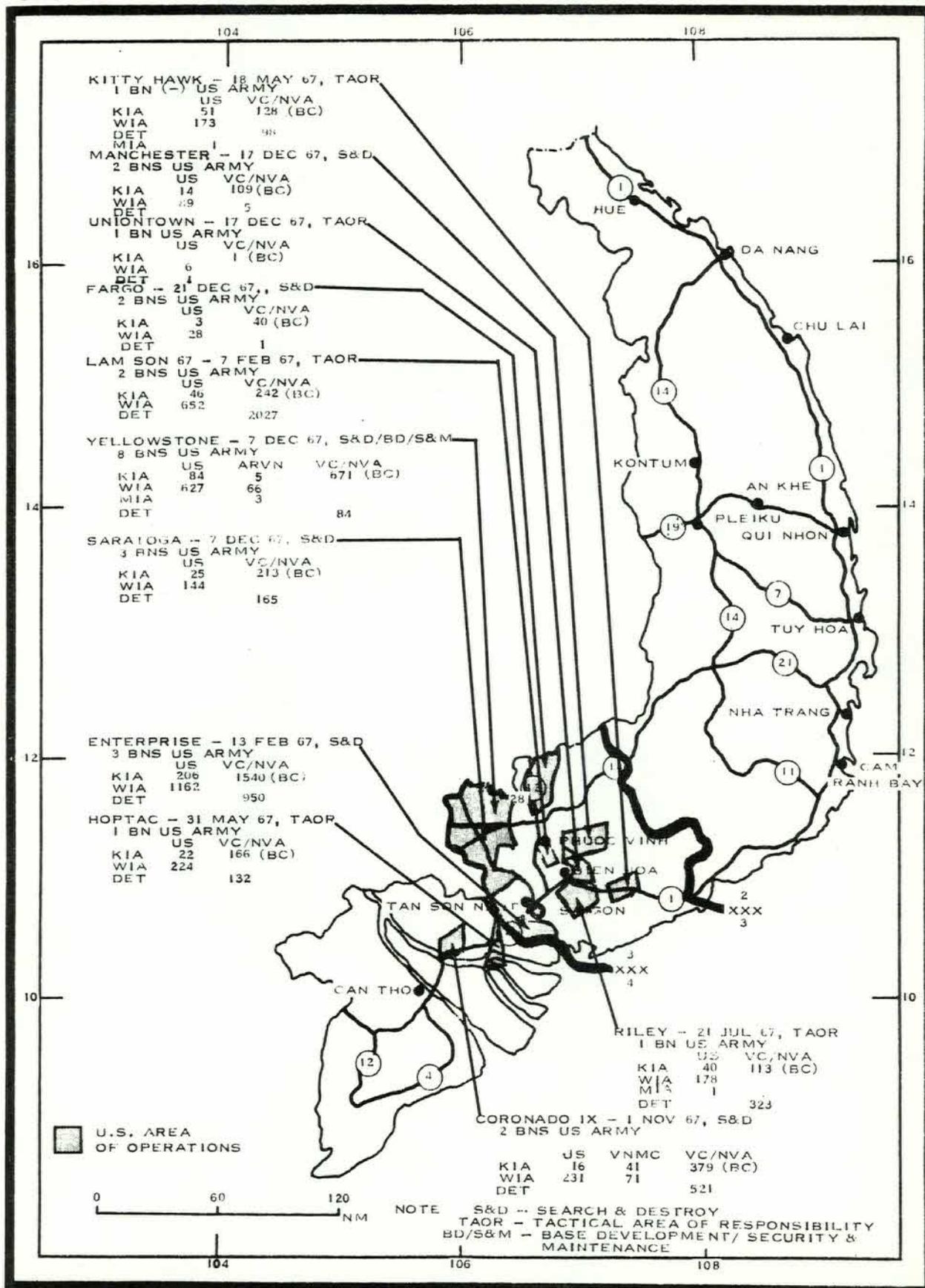
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interview back on 28 Jan 67 that there "could be talks on problems of common interest to both DRV/US". Use in present circumstances of this otherwise routine, if enigmatic, phrase (by Trinh in each case) considered of poss interest to extent that it certainly invites "curiosity" -- it may be deliberately intended to do so -- re nature/scope of talks concerned. ~~(S/NFD)~~

At the same time, it is also noted that there is nothing in known current reporting surrounding 29 Dec 67 Trinh statement that rules out a Hanoi political ruse designed simply to gain time (and always propoganda benefits) -- by holding forth over some time what it hopes might be considered the prospect of productive discussions -- in order to fleet up their mil capability. ~~(S/NFD)~~

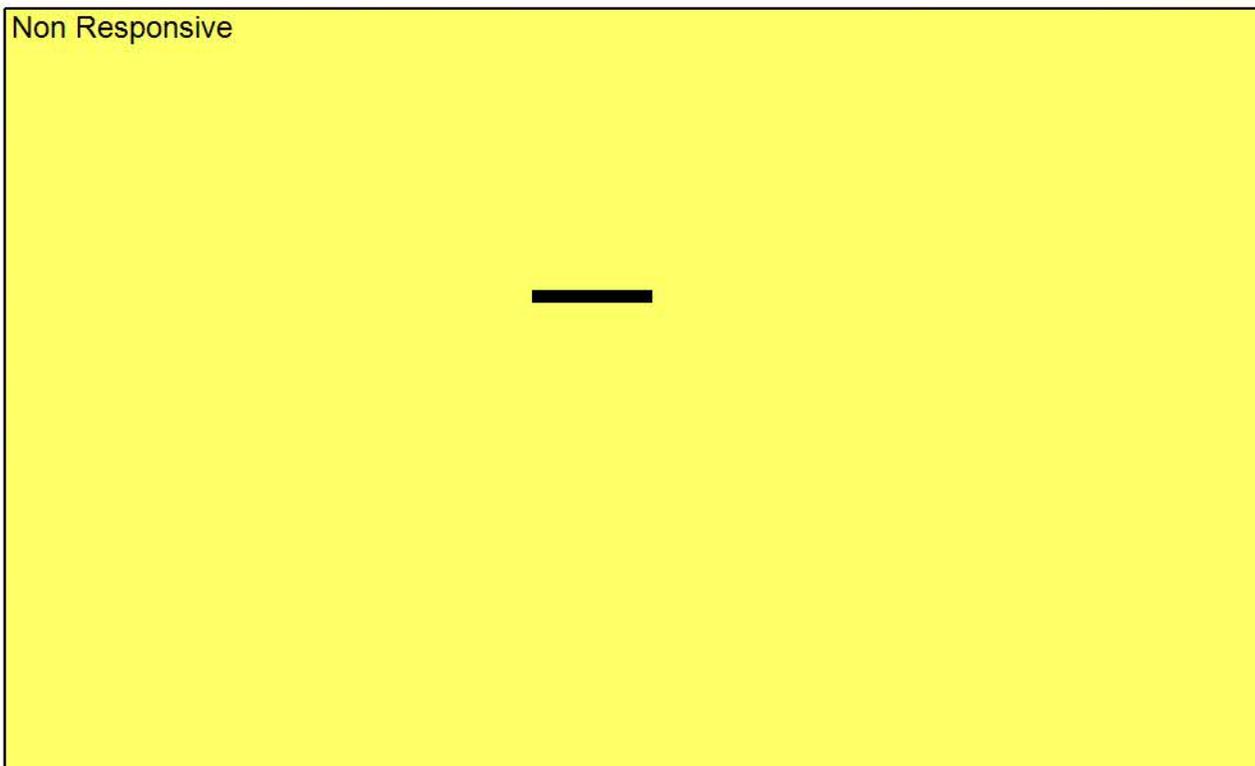
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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 9 JAN: 262 sorties (150 USAF, 96 USN, 16 USMC) dest/damaged: 13/15 trks, 7/11 gun psns, 0/34 trk pks, 0/33 supply/stor areas, 0/16 trp conc, 0/1 bridges, 0/1 bivouac area, and LOCs. (S)

AIRCRAFT LOSS: USAF F-4D downed by gnd fire 78 nm WNW Hue at 090815 EST. No chutes or beepers, but SAR to commence dawn 10 Jan. (S)

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