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OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS



SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 47 bn-size or larger opns in prog: 26 US, 18 ARVN, 3 FW. (S)

1 CTZ: On 25 Nov in Opn KENTUCKY, elems of USMC bn engaged en force 16 nm NW Quang Tri. Reaction force, arty, and tac air sptd.

Losses -- US: 7 KIA, 16 WIA. VC/NVA: 22 KIA. (S)

→ In Opn FOSTER, a USMC co contacted en force 17 nm SW Da Nang on 26 Nov. Contact continues with 2d USMC co reinforcing. Losses -- US: 12 KIA, 66 WIA. VC/NVA: unk. 3,048 structures and 2,454 bunkers/tunnels/caves dest. 11,283 refugees and 87 tons rice evacuated. (S)

3 contacts in Opn WHEELER/WALLOWA. In first, on 24 Nov, USA co directed air strike on en bunker complex, killing 13. 2 separate contacts on 25 Nov by USA co resulted in 17 en KIA. No US losses. (S)

49 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- Friendly: 4 KIA (2 US, 2 ARVN), 23 WIA (11 US, 12 ARVN). VC/NVA: 25 KIA, 5 pers det, and 5 wpns. (S)

2 CTZ: On 25 Nov, ARVN ranger bn, supported by helo gunships, engaged en force for 1 hr, 8 nm N of Dak To. Losses -- ARVN: 4 KIA, 16 WIA. VC/NVA: 23 KIA, 1 pers det, 3 indiv and 7 crew-served wpns. (S)

3 USA contacts vic Dak To. In first, 11 nm SW Dak To, fire-spt base and a USA co received 16 rds 82-mm mortar fire. Losses -- 1 US KIA, 10 WIA. In 2nd contact, 12 nm WSW Dak To, USA bn received 180 rds 82-mm mortar fire. Losses -- 4 US KIA, 5 WIA. In 3rd, elems of USA armored by guarding bridge 2 nm NW Kontum atkd by en. Losses -- 1 US KIA, 5 WIA, 1 tank dest, and 2 damaged. En casualties unk. (See below Brief, "Enemy Withdrawal".) (S)

On 26 Nov, MACV compound and US SF detachment compound at Kontum sustained 40 rds 82-mm mortar fire. Losses -- Friendly: 4 KIA (1 US, 3 ARVN), 18 WIA (14 US, 3 ARVN, 1 CIDG), 8 bldgs and 7 vehs damaged. VC/NVA: unk. (S)

On 25 Nov, reinforced RF co, en route to secure bridge on Hwy 21, 13 nm ENE Ban Me Thout, atkd by est 150 en. Reaction force, arty, and gunships sptd. Losses -- Friendly: 6 RF KIA, 6 WIA (1 US, 5 RF), 1 x 2½-ton trk dest, and 1 wpn lost. VC/NVA: unk. (S)

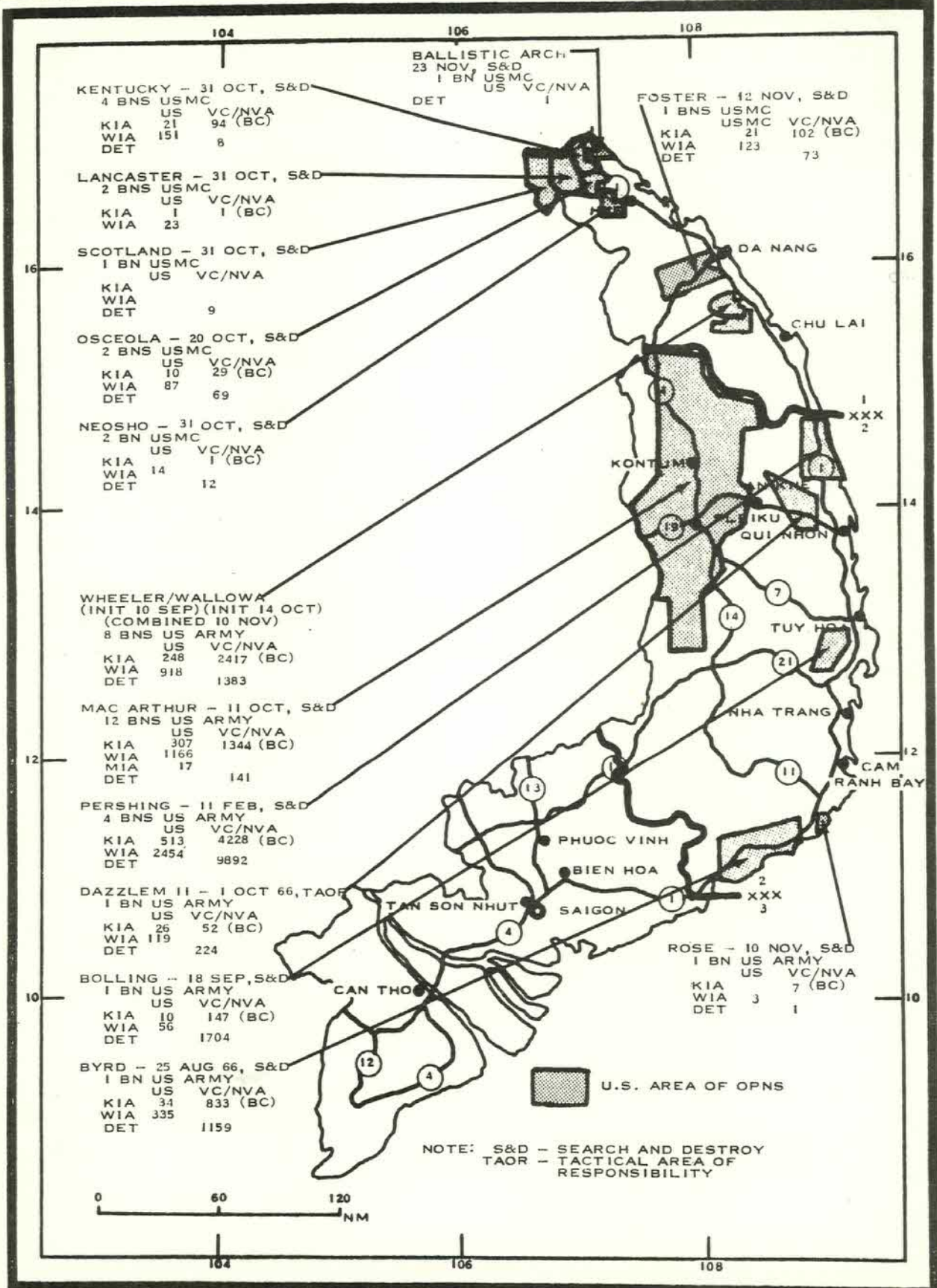
On 25 Nov, Nha Trang AB complex sustained 31 rds 82-mm mortar fire. Majority impacted in US SFs camp on AB. Losses -- 29 US WIA, 1 C-130 dest and 3 C-130s, 3 C-123s, 2 AC-47s, 2 O-2Bs, and 4 vehs damaged. At same time, en gnd probe made against SFs camp. Countermortar plan executed with unk results. Also, en mortar rd landed in downtown Nha Trang, killing 1 civ and wounding 2 US. (S)

In reaction to atks on Nha Trang, 4 CIDG cos and 2 mobile strike force cos engaged est 3 en cos, 4 nm W of Nha Trang. After several

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hrs, ROK 9 Div assumed control as 5 ROK cos and 1 RF co replaced forces in contact. Arty and USA gunships sptg. Losses -- Friendly: 4 KIA (2 CIDG, 2 RF), 15 WIA (5 US, 9 CIDG, 1 RF). VC/NVA: 58 KIA, 4 pers det, 35 indiv and 6 crew-served wpns. (See below Brief, "Nha Trang Acty".) (S)

15 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- Friendly: 28 KIA, (27 ARVN, 1 ROK), 44 WIA (43 ARVN, 1 ROK). VC/NVA: 31 KIA, 5 pers det, 9 wpns. (S)

3 CTZ: On 24 Nov, ARVN fire-spt base at Song Be received est 100 rds 81-mm mortar fire. Rds impacted outside perimeter. Counter-mortar plan executed with unk results. Later, 3 nm SE Song Be, outpost manned by ARVN co and elements of ARVN ranger bn atkd by en for 2 hrs. Arty, helo light-fire team, AC-47s, and tac air sptd. Losses -- ARVN: 6 KIA, 29 WIA, 4 MIA. VC/NVA: 100 KIA, 43 indiv and 21 crew-served wpns. (S)

In Opn DIAMOND HEAD, a USA co had 4½ hr contact with en 30 nm NW Saigon on 24 Nov. Arty and helo light-fire team sptd. Losses -- US: 3 KIA, 23 WIA. VC/NVA: unk. (S)

On 26 Nov, a CIDG force had 2½ hr contact with en plat 18 nm W of Saigon. Losses -- CIDG: 3 KIA, 1 WIA. VC/NVA: 16 KIA, 1 indiv wpn, 1 x 81-mm mortar sight, and assorted documents. (S)

On 26 Nov, 12 nm SW Saigon, convoy from US 9th Inf Div atkd by en for ½ hr. Losses: US: 1 WIA, and 1 APC dest. VC/NVA: unk. (S)

On 26 Nov in Opn FAIRFAX, USA elements found supply cache 8 nm E of Saigon. Contents: 30 carbines, 100 grenades, 14 boxes small-arms ammo, 2 radios, 2 typewriters. (S)

21 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- Friendly: 10 KIA, (2 US, 8 ARVN), 36 WIA (11 US, 25 ARVN). VC/NVA: 29 KIA, 17 pers det, and 17 wpns. (S)

4 CTZ: KIEN GIANG 9-1, a US 2-bn mobile riverine force S&D opn, term 24 Nov after 10 days. Losses -- US: 16 KIA, 113 WIA, and 1 x 105-mm howitzer damaged. VC/NVA: 73 KIA, 48 pers det, 5 wpns, 5 mines, 3 grenades, and assorted documents. (S)

On 26 Nov, UH-1C helo on combat spt msn downed and dest by gnd fire 32 nm SW Saigon. 1 US WIA. (S)

On 24 Nov, USAF O-1G on FAC msn hit by gnd fire 90 nm SW Can Tho. Crew rescued, acft dest. (S)

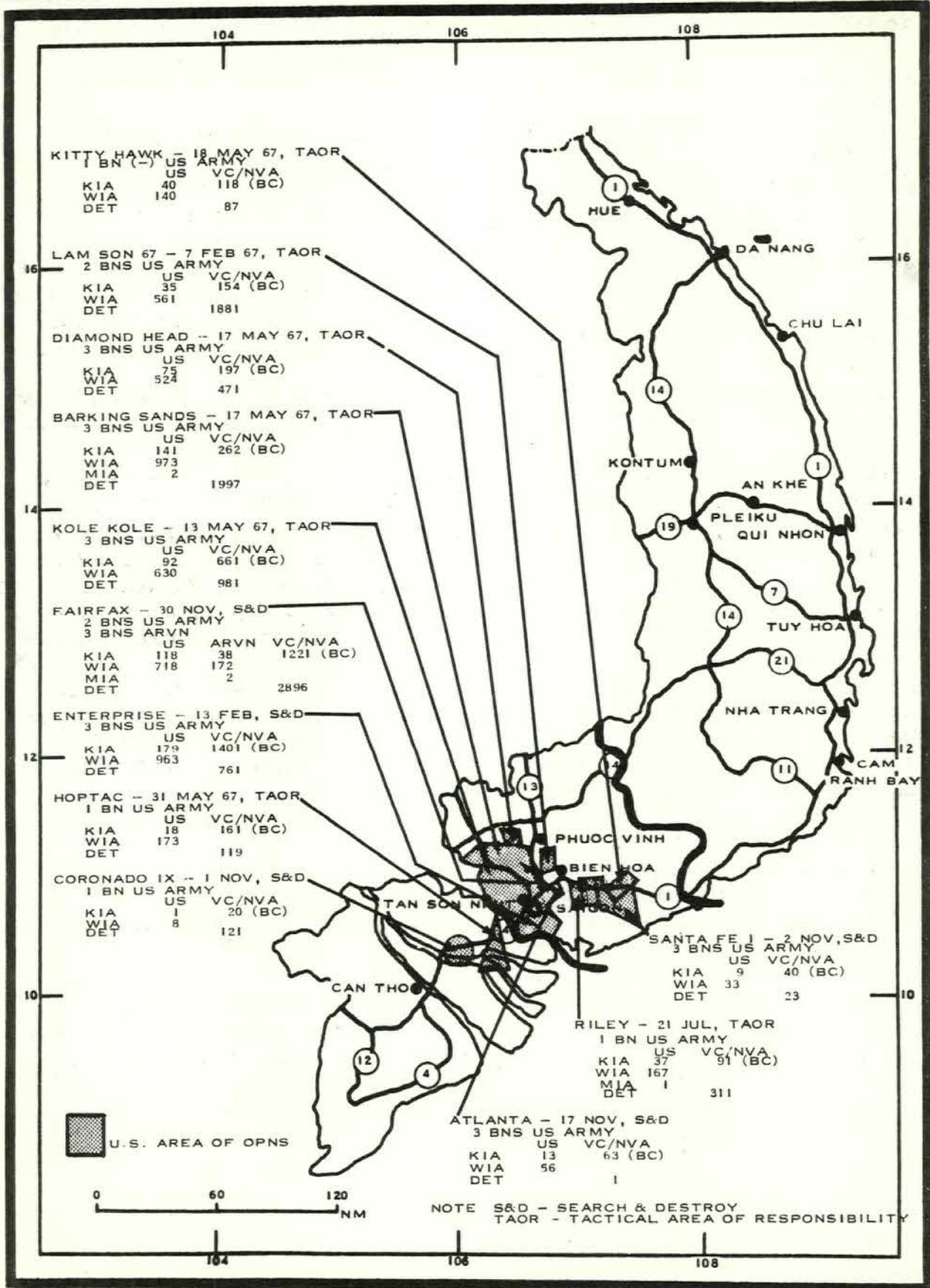
Update of mortar atks in 4 CTZ on 24 Nov; total of 38 locations sustained 308 mortar rds and gnd atks. Revised casualty figures: 25 ARVN KIA vice 6, 13 civs WIA vice 50. 9 civ houses, 1 electric power station, 1 gasoline station, and 3 x ¼-ton trks dest. 3 ARVN outposts, 1 bridge, and 2 x ¼-ton trks damaged. En losses unk. These atks spread over provincial or district towns in 6 provs. Similar actys have occurred periodically since 25 Oct, but have involved only a single prov. These latest corps-wide opns prob represent an attempt dissuade people from moving into govt-controlled areas. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424.3 (b)(2)

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ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 25, 26 NOV: 3 flights of B-52s (QUEBEC 55, 49, 8) bombed opns and log areas 26-32 nm WNW Kontum in spt of Opn MAC ARTHUR at 250220, 261650, and 251549 EST, respectively. 11 B-52s (QUEBEC 12) bombed opn area 14 nm NE Kontum at 252258 EST. No gnd follow-up sked. 1 B-52 (MIKE 54) bombed base camp 24 nm NE of Tay Ninh. Diverted from PAPA 84 due to equip malfunction. No gnd follow-up. (S)

INDICATIONS OF ENEMY WITHDRAWAL FROM DAK TO: SIGINT continues to indicate that major elements of NVA 1 Div are withdrawing to tri-border area, poss to Cambodian sector thereof. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;

NHA TRANG ACTIVITY: Increased acty in Khanh Hoa Prov past 3 months by local sapper units in coord with elements of NVA 18B Regt seems to have focused on Nha Trang area. Prob objective is to support plans disrupt RevDev program/regain control of population. (b)(3) 10 U.S.

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SUPPLY PROBLEMS: A COSVN-originated document seized 1 Nov states that VC would have to depend on local populace for provisions -- owing to destruction of supply depots and to limitation on purchases/transp stemming from control of LOCs by Allied forces. Level of issuing element (COSVN's Forward Supply Council) suggests problem not strictly localized one. (S)

NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 25, 26 NOV: 336 sorties (146 USN, 128 USAF, 62 USMC) dest/damaged 34/14 bldgs, 22/144 WBL cft, 6/23 trks, 5/3 box cars, 3/6 bunkers, 2/32 bridges, 1/0 locomotive, 0/37 stor areas, 0/20 gun psns, 0/14 trp concs, 0/11 trk pks, 0/5 AAA sites, 0/4 transship pts, 0/4 radar sites, 0/3 ferries, 0/2 SAM sites, 0/2 coastal def sites, 0/1 afld, and LOCs. (S)

Significant tgts: Yen Bai Afld, 2 SAM sites. (S)

AIRCRAFT LOSS: USAF F-4C downed by unk cause 25 nm WSW Dong Hoi at 252045 EST. Pilot status unk. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 25, 26 NOV: At 260759 EST 6 B-52s (QUEBEC 45) bombed trk pks and stor areas 19 nm N of Mu Gia Pass. 8 B-52s (PAPA 84) bombed logistic areas 2 nm N of Mu Gia at 261518 EST. (S)

MIG SIGHTING: 4 F-4Ds on MIGCAP sighted 2 MIGs, 51 nm N of Hanoi at 252009 EST. No engagement. (S)

ROLLING THUNDER ALFA STRIKES: 34 F-105s struck Kep Ha Afld (JCS 9.11) and Kep Ha Army Bks (JCS 39.29) 31 nm N of Haiphong at 261950 EST. Possible dest of bldg complex and an AAA site reported. 2 SAMs obs 15 nm SE Haiphong on egress. No damage to acft. (S)

HOA LAC AFLD: Brief touchdown at this afld 22 Nov by 2 MIG-17s from nearby Gia Lam is another example of NVN's emphasis, since atk on Phuc Yen, on use of alternate aflds. Hoa Lac had not been used since late Jul. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424.3.

NVA 304 DIV: (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424.3.3(its southward deployment from Thanh

Hoa Prov since about 1 Nov. (Est strength, 8,000-10,000; normally composed of 3 inf/1 arty regts.) On 12 Nov, div was obs using signal plan similar to that of 324B Div during its May 66 move to DMZ area. As of 22 Nov, div hqs and 1 prob inf regt loc vic Vinh, with a 2d inf regt near NVN-Laos border (about where NVN Rte 137 becomes Laos Rte 912). Other div elements presently unloc. Eventual destination of div unk -- could be DMZ area (where, meantime, there are indications of a renewal of acty around Con Thien), or Laos (with entry into SVN further south). (Although no assoc has been established with 304 Div, it is noted that 31st Regt of NVA 341 Div left NVN prob early Nov and by 22 Nov was in Laos, some 40 mi N of Ashau Valley; together, these entities could make up a 4-/to 5-regt force for poss use (1) in atks on such tgts as Khe Sanh, Hue, Quang Tri City, or Da Nang, or (2) as the western pincher in a move to isolate DMZ area.) (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424.2

LAOS

BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 25, 26 NOV: 346 sorties (329 USAF, 10 USN, 7 USMC) dest/damaged 36/106 trks, 13/33 gun sites, 4/1 WBL cft, 3/0 bldgs, 1/5 bridges, 0/52 trk pks, 0/20 stor areas, 0/11 trp concs, 0/3 mil complexes, 0/2 construction sites, 0/1 bunker, and LOCs. ~~(S)~~

REPORTED MOVEMENT OF AA GUNS: Based on villager reports, en may have (again) begun deployment of AA wpns from Mu Gia Pass area southward into Laos. (En normally withdraws some AA wpns/trps into NVN during southwest monsoon season, now over.) Since late Oct, hvy truck tfc has been reported moving south on Rtes 912, 911, 91 toward Tchepone. En aggressively used AA wpns last year to keep his supply rtes open to NVA units in Laos and SVN in face of air interdiction program and will prob do so again. (While connection may be only tangential, it is noted that on 23 Nov a hqs in Tchepone made first contact ever noted with a unit -- NVA 803 Regt -- subord to DMZ Front.) (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424.3.

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