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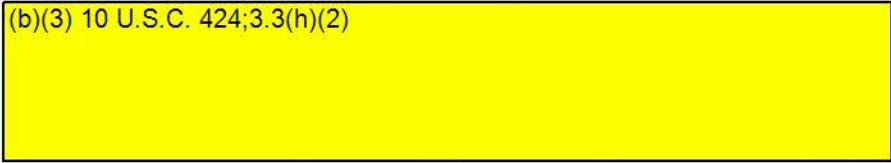
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OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS



SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 40 bn-size opns in progress: 24 US, 13 ARVN, 3 FW. (S)

1 CTZ: On 2 Dec, PF plat guarding a hwy bridge 3 nm N of Quang Ngai was atkd by en plat. Losses -- PF: 6 KIA, 1 WIA, 3 MIA; VC/NVA: unk. (S)

32 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- VC/NVA: 35 KIA, 21 det; US: 2 KIA, 10 WIA; ARVN: 3 WIA; ROK: 7 WIA. (S)

2 CTZ: On 3 Dec, 31 nm E of Pleiku, USA 68-veh co atkd by 3-plat en force. Losses -- VC/NVA: 17 KIA, 1 det; US: 1 KIA, 4 WIA. (S)

5 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- VC/NVA: 1 KIA, 20 det; ROK: 1 KIA, 3 WIA; ARVN: 1 KIA, 3 WIA. (S)

3 CTZ: 5 barges (4 ammo and 1 crane) under tow atkd by en force, sinking 1 barge, partially sinking 1, damaging 3. Losses -- US: none; VC/NVA: unk. Materiel loss: 14,720 rds 4.2" mort ammo, 6,240 rds 105-mm ammo. (S)

11 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- VC/NVA: 2 KIA; ARVN: 1 KIA, 14 WIA; US: 1 WIA. (S)

4 CTZ: Update of VNMC 5th bn en contact 17 nm N of Can Tho (OIS 4 Dec). Action part of Opn CORONADO IX with US Mobile Riverine Force. Losses -- VC/NVA: 235 KIA, 8 det; US: 13 KIA, 136 WIA, 2 MIA; VNMC: 41 KIA, 99 WIA. (S)

3 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- VC/NVA: unk; ARVN: 3 KIA, 2 WIA. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 4 DEC: 8 B-52s struck area of pers/materiel movement 46 nm NNW Pleiku, in spt of gnd Opn MAC ARTHUR. 6 B-52s struck en buildup threatening Bu Dop, incl trp concs, fighting psns, mort and AW psns, 72 nm N of Saigon. No gnd follow-up for these msns. (S)

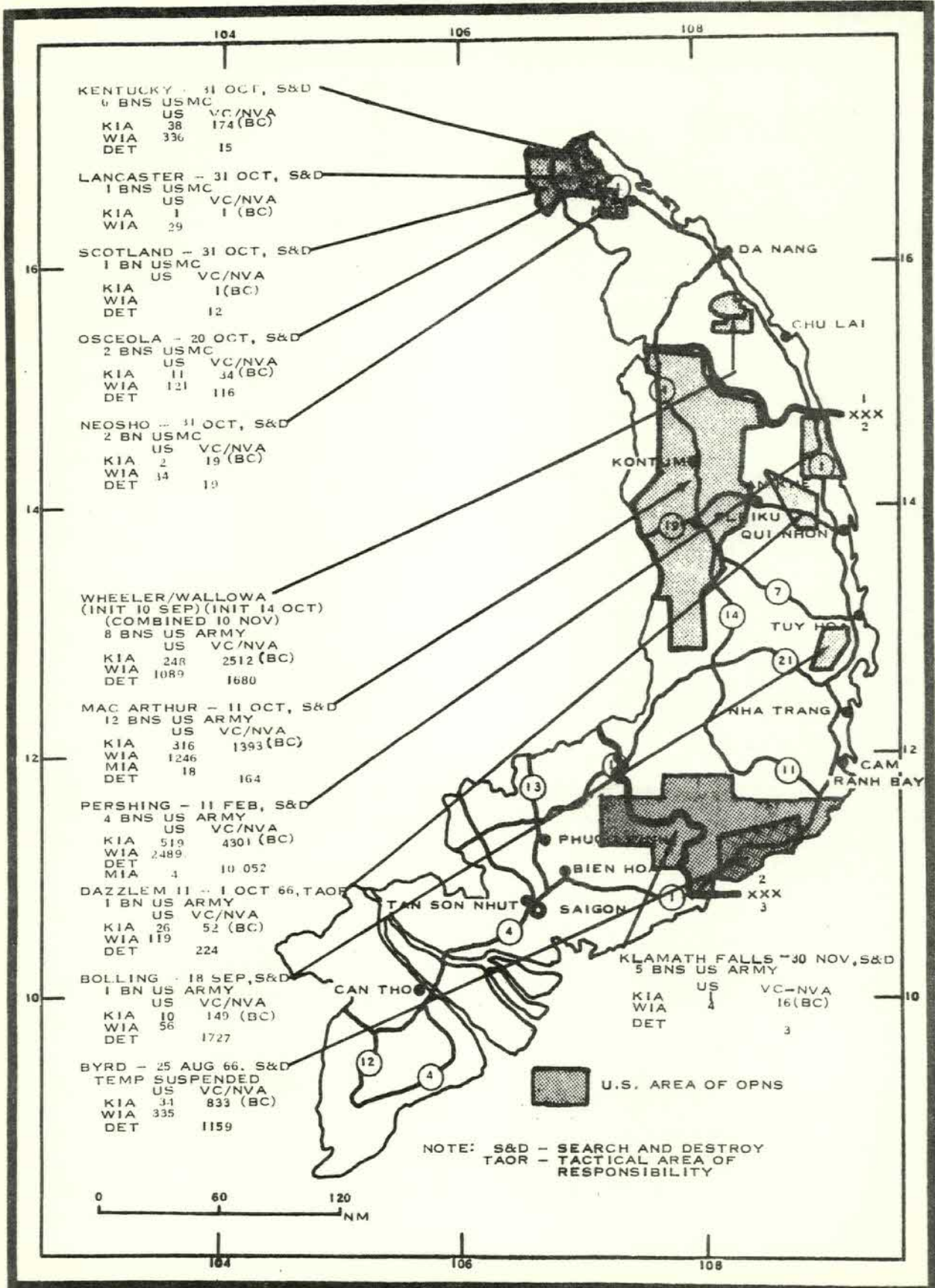
DMZ AREA ACTY: Recent msgs indicate NVA 90 Regt (disposed largely in co-size units N and NW Con Thien) planning for series ambushes/gnd atks plus arty/mort/rkt atks on tgts opportunity -- when (unspec) it gains numerical superiority and its ammo problems resolved. NVA 803 Regt still moving to psns E and NE Con Thien. 90 Regt has expressed concern re bunkers being built by Allied forces SE Con Thien (at Doc Soi). Latest ARDF-derived loc of poss regt-size unit of NVA 304 Div (near Tchepone) suggests it will deploy to western DMZ area. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;

AIR ACTIVITY OUT OF CAMBODIA: COMUSMACV reports that 3 more violations of SVN airspace occurred 4 Dec (OIS 4 Dec): (1) unident hi-perf acft approached to within 11 mi Kontum City, proceeding to tri-border area, back into SVN at point NE of Dak To, thence northeast

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toward Da Nang (sic); (2) unident hi-perf acft entered SVN vic Bu Dop; (3) unident acft entered SVN 11 mi NNW Dak To (Army Aviation est this one ALOUETTE helo, owing distinctive sound). US acft launched but negative results. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3(h)(2)

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NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 4 DEC: 110 sorties (61 USAF, 39 USMC, 10 USN) destr/damaged 12/3 bunkers, 4/16 WBLC, 3/3 structures, 1/3 bridges, 0/19 gun sites, 0/19 stor areas, 0/14 trks, 0/10 troop concs, (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3 0/4 ferries, 0/3 trk pks, 0/2 radar sites, 0/1 coastal def site, and LOCs. (S)

Tgt within 30-nm radius Hanoi: SAM Site 167. (S)

Tgt with 10-nm Radius Haiphong: Haiphong/Kien An Afld. (S)

Other tgts: Yen Bai Afld; Thai Nguyen RR yds/shops. (S)

HANOI BRIDGE/ROAD TRAFFIC: 29 Nov photos showed that the 2 Hanoi RR/Hwy Bridges (Red River, Canal des Rapides) were prob service-able. Late Nov-early Dec info from reliable Westerner is that: (1) rail/veh tfc over these bridges steady/heavy, with each apparently operating at full capacity (heaviest flow toward Hanoi); (2) hwy tfc was heavy on Rte 5 from Haiphong and on Rte 1A from Dong Dang). (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3(h)(2)

NAVAL ACTY: Since 4 Nov an unusual amount of maintenance and torpedo replacement acty has been noted being sked by 2 of NVN's 3 MTB Divisions. Several msgs between 27 Nov-3 Dec from NVN MTB command at Cac Ba Is indicated that MTBs in 1st and 2d Divs were to complete assembly and (poss) loading of torpedoes on 5 Dec. On 30 Nov, an NVN auxiliary ship was directed to tow a tgt for a firing exercise. Current acty suggestive of trng, but noted that similiar acty preceded (1) atk on a US DD 1 Jul 66, and (2) the atks (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3(h)(2) sked for Feb 67 (but which never came off. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3)

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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER 4 DEC: 267 sorties (183 USAF, 72 USN, 12 USMC) destr/damaged 33/82 trks, 4/8 gun sites, 3/0 structures, 0/36 trk pks, 0/10 stor areas, 0/9 troop concs, 0/7 mil complexes, 0/1 bridge, 0/1 construction area, and LOCs. (S)

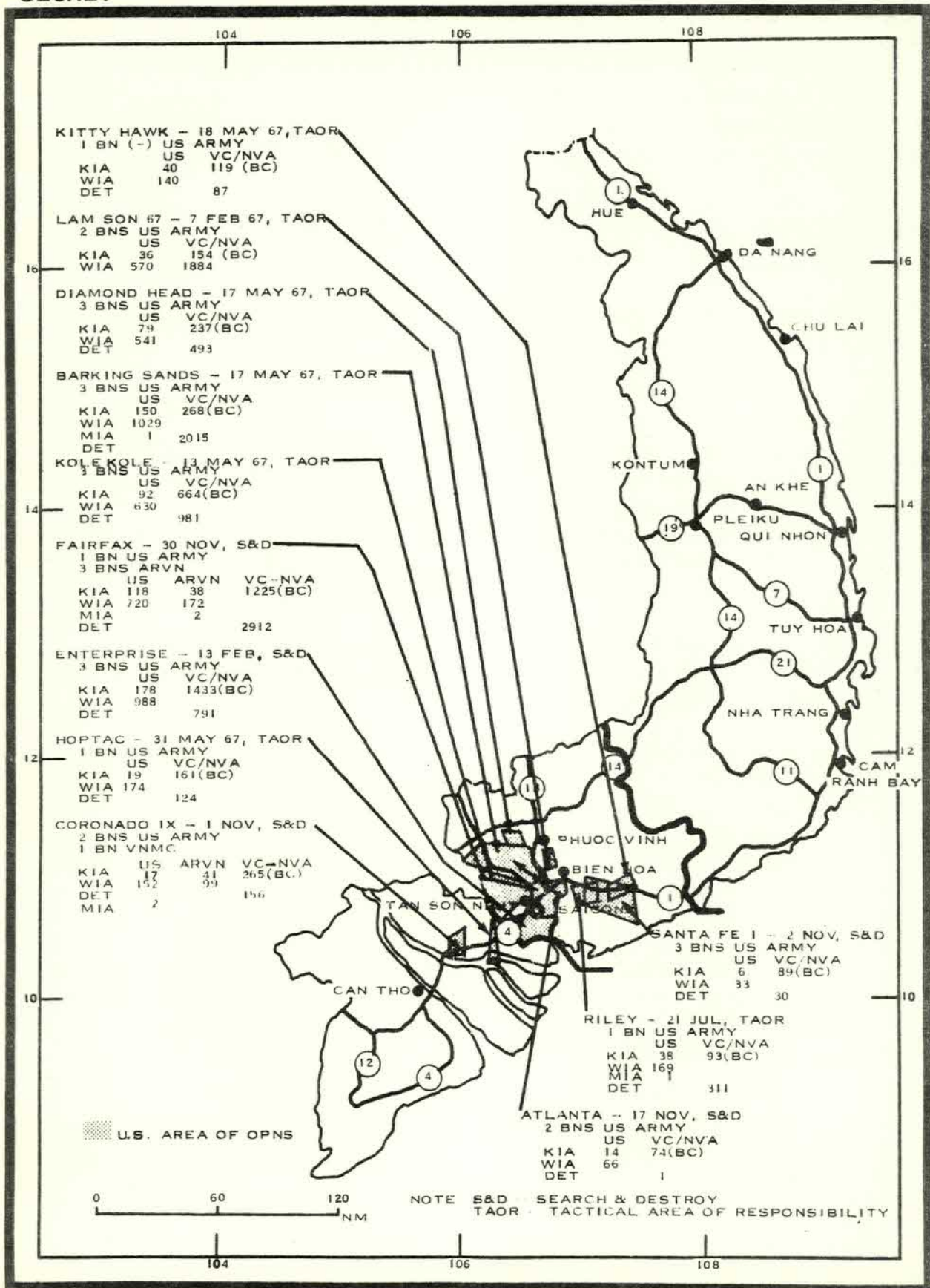
ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 4 DEC: 12 B-52s bombed trk pks, stor area, 46 nm WSW Dong Hoi. (S)

NEW ROAD: (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3(h)(2) new infiltration corridor road being built -- this one from Chavane (a storage area in Laos) in direction of southwestern Quang Nam Prov in SVN. Road coincides with the 10-mi motorable segment of Rte 165 east out of Chavane;

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part of this segment being reconstructed; the trail (Rte 969) north and east beyond motorable segment being widened/improved for distance of 9 mi to point 11 mi from Quang Nam border. Could eventually connect with Rte 14 (running north-south in SVN along western border Quang Nam, Quang Tin, Kontum Provs). (S/NFD)

USAF F-105D DOWN: USAF F-105D downed due unk cause 118 nm WNW Thanh Hoa. No chute or beeper. No SAR. (S)

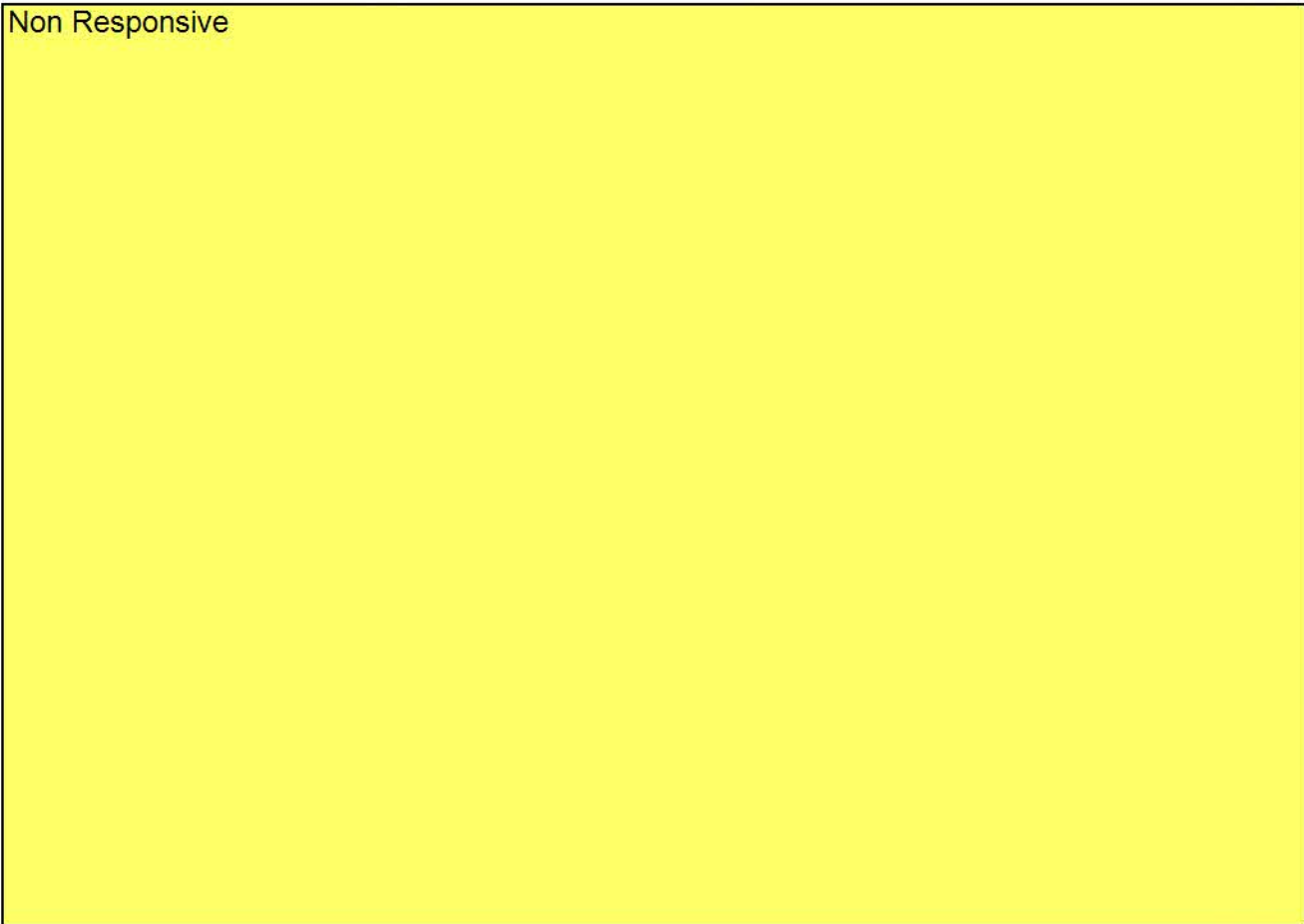
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USN F-8C DOWN: On 5 Dec, a USN F-8C on RT msn downed 52 nm ENE Vinh. Pilot recovered in good condition. (S)

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