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**OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS**



SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 44 bn-size or larger opns in prog: 23 US, 18 ARVN, 3 FWF. (S)

1 CTZ: On 12 Dec, USA co engaged by unk-size en force 15 nm S of Quang Ngai. Losses -- US: none; VC/NVA: 7 KIA, 1 per det, 3 wpns. (S)

21 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- US: 1 KIA, 7 WIA; ARVN: 1 KIA, 2 WIA; VC/NVA: 12 KIA, 1 per det, 4 wpns. (C)

2 CTZ: ARVN bn engaged en force on 12 Dec, 25 nm NNW Qui Nhon. US tac air and ARVN arty sptd. Losses -- ARVN: 10 KIA, 8 WIA; VC/NVA: 2 KIA. (S)

In Opn KLAMATH FALLS, on 13 Dec, USA co engaged 30-man en force 6 nm WNW of Phan Thiet. Armed helos and arty sptd. Losses -- US: none; VC/NVA: 20 KIA and 2 indiv wpns. (C)

3 CTZ: SARATOGA, US 1-bn S&D opn, started 7 Dec, 28 nm NW Saigon. Updated cas of Army contact on 11 Dec -- 39 en (vice 13) KIA, US cas remain 6 WIA. Total en strength in opns area according to MACV is 6,420. En documents indicate en dead were from 1st Bn, NVA 101st Regt. (S)

12 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- US: 3 WIA; ARVN: 3 KIA, 12 WIA; VC/NVA: 8 KIA. (S)

4 CTZ: ARVN 4-bn S&D Opn LONG PHI 9/143 ended 13 Dec, 30 nm ESE Can Tho. Results -- ARVN: 6 KIA, 39 WIA; VC/NVA: 59 KIA, 16 pers det, 1 crew-served and 5 indiv wpns. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 9 B-52s bombed area 41 nm NNW Pleiku at 131612 EST containing NVA 174th Regt. Heavy contact with en SW of tgt since 10 Dec. In spt Opn MAC ARTHUR. Gnd follow-up by 2 cos 4th Inf Div. (S)

NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS: 104 sorties (53 USAF, 39 USMC, 12 USN) dest/damaged 1/2 WBL craft, 0/23 gun sites, 0/9 trks, 0/6 AAA sites, 0/5 bridges, 0/5 ferries, 0/5 road segs, 0/2 RR yds, 0/2 trk pks, 0/2 trp concs, 0/1 bivouac area, 0/1 bldg, 0/1 stor area. (S)

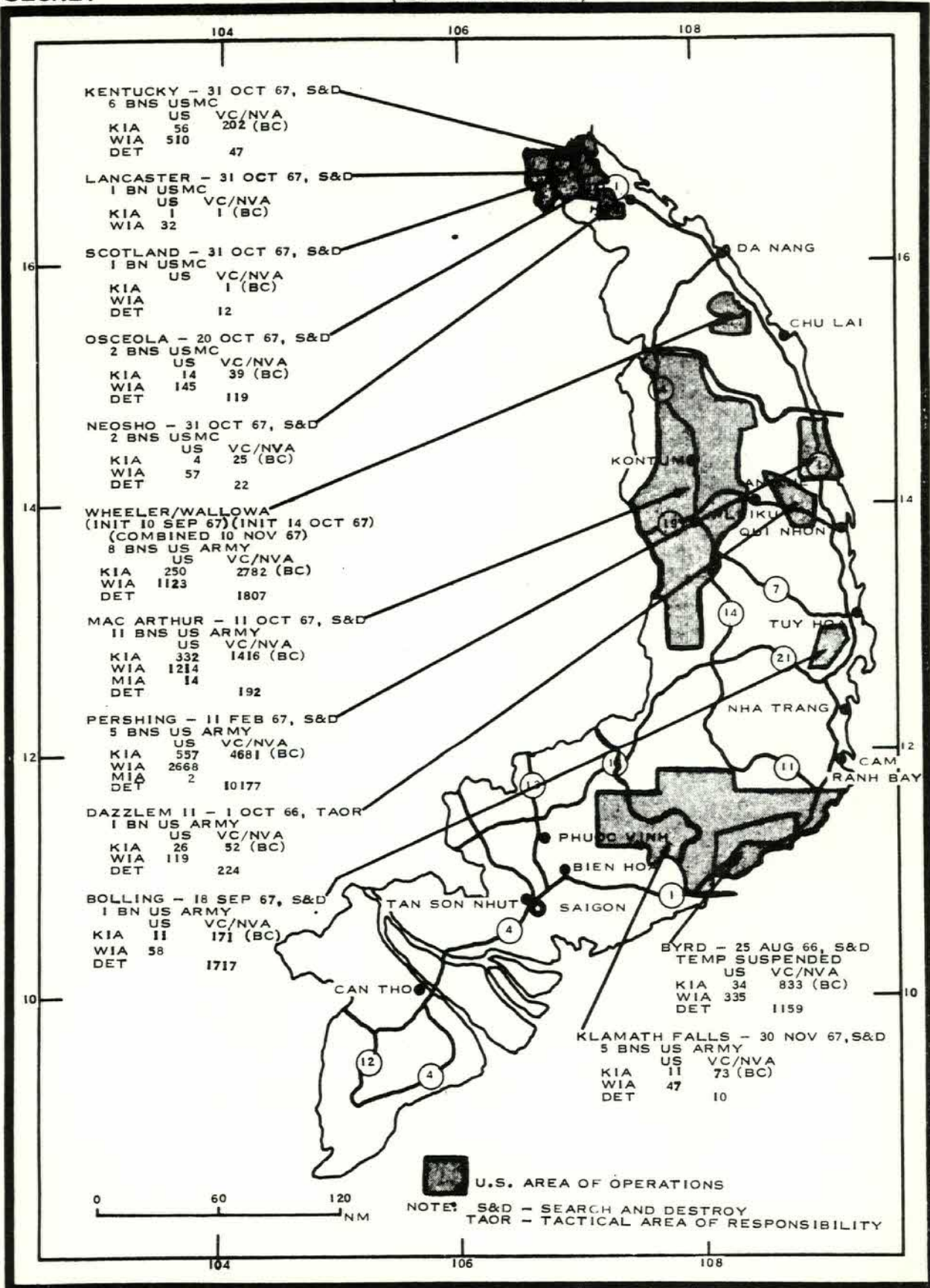
ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 8 B-52s bombed area 45 nm NW Hue at 130719 EST containing arty psns and poss elms of NVA 270th and 803d Regts. (S)

ATTACK INDICATIONS: COMINT reflects a high concentration of 9 active radio terminals in Laos just W of Khe Sanh, indicating poss en offensive action in near future. One terminal serves

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poss NVA 95C Regt and two NVA 304th Div; remaining 6 unidentified.

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MIG TACTICS: NVNese fighter acft -- poss 2 MIG-21s from Phuc Yen -- have once more used Chinese airspace to avoid contact with US acft in the area. This is sixth time that NVNese fighters have entered Chinese airspace since 6 Nov; landings were made on two occasions at a Chinese afld before returning home.

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KORCOM PILOT ACTIVITY: KorCom pilots have increased their acty in NVN since 2 Dec, flying some 47 sorties, none in combat. KorCom participation in NVNese air opns has been sporadic in recent months with noticeable sharp falloff following initial US strike on Phuc Yen Afld 24 Oct. Recent KorCom acty may be an attempt to acquire atk techniques used by NVNese piloted MIG-21s which have proved to be successful against US acft.

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CHINESE PERSONNEL IN NVN: Info on ChiCom forces in NVN provided by Spanish refugees returning from there generally agrees with overall assessment that Chinese are engaged in construction, service spt,

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NEW SAM SITES: Site 261 (occ) 4 nm NW of Hanoi and site 262 (occ) 3 nm NNW Hanoi do not extend envelope.

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SOLIDARITY WEEK: Sovs kicked off 13-20 Dec Vietnam Solidarity Wk with propaganda blasts against US. Pravda and Red Star on 13 Dec, both mentioned demonstrations against US embassies as part of worldwide protests. (S)

#### LAOS

BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS: 194 sorties (170 USAF, 15 USN, 9 USMC) dest/damaged 29/86 trks, 8/1 gun sites, 1/7 bridges, 0/24 trk pks, 0/23 road segs, (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3 0/9 stor areas, 0/7 trp concs, 0/2 ferries, 0/2 mil complexes. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 6 B-52s bombed area 61 nm NW Pleiku at 131405 EST containing trp concs and trk pk facilities. A strike in this area on 4 Dec 67 produced secondary explosions. (S)

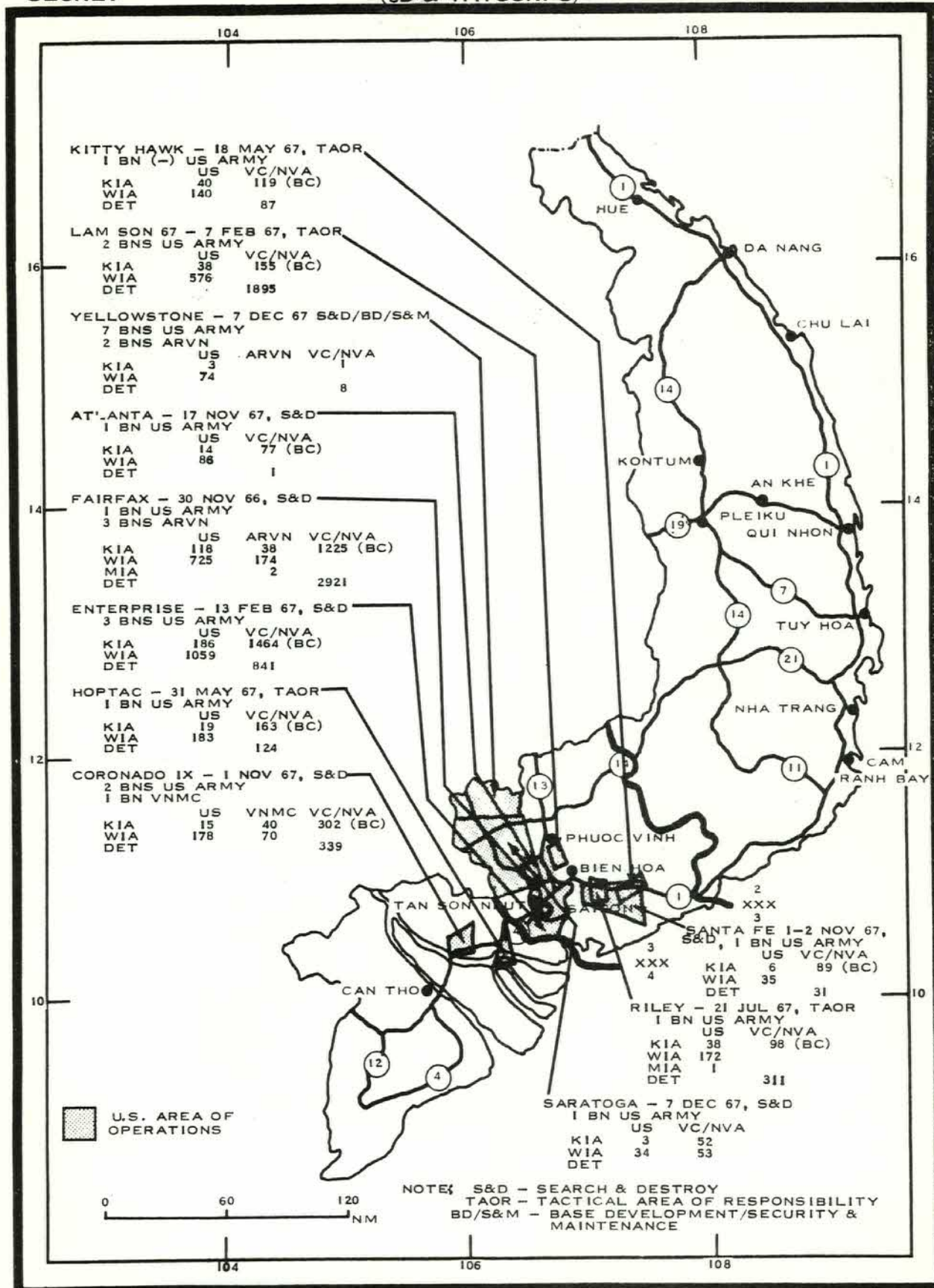
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