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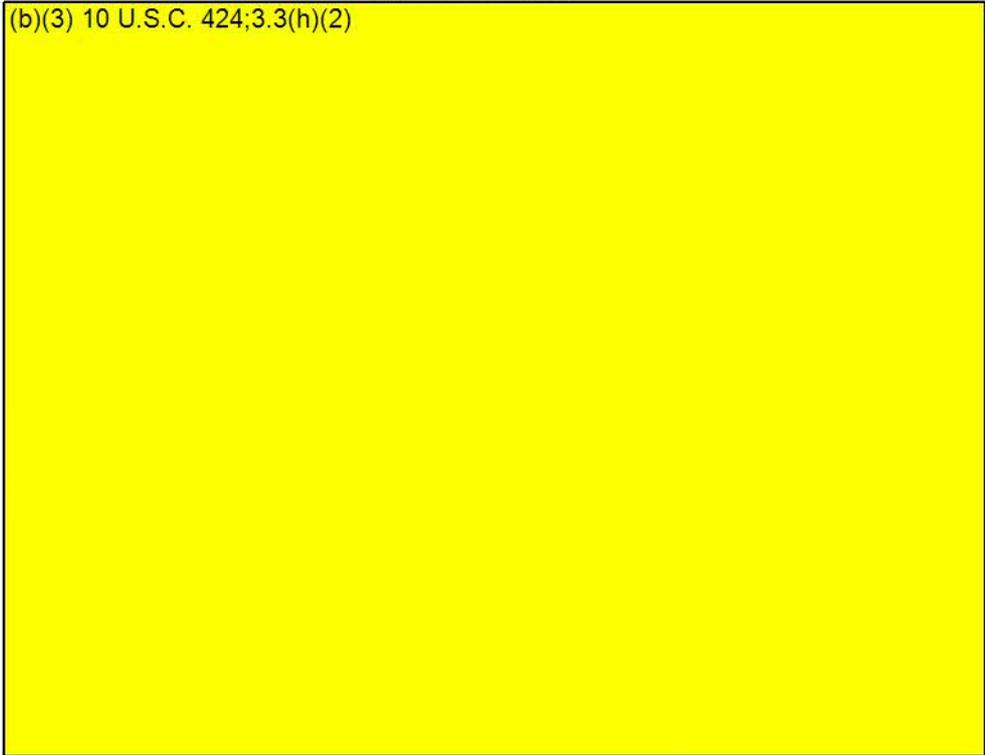
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OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS



SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 42 bn-size or larger opns in prog: 25 US, 1 FWF, 16 ARVN. (C)

1 CTZ: On 1 Nov, USMC, USAF, and PF pers engaged enemy vic Dai Loc bridge, 13 nm SSW Da Nang. Losses -- VC/NVA: 4 KIA; US: 10 KIA, 9 WIA; SVN civs: 9 wounded. (C)

On 31 Oct and 1 Nov, USA unit had 2 separate engagements with enemy 8 nm SSE Quang Ngai, killing 25. No US losses. (C)

28 small-unit contacts. 24 enemy KIA, 12 det. 2 US and 1 ARVN KIA; 6 US WIA. (C)

2 CTZ: On 2 Nov, RF and PF pers engaged enemy 32 nm NW Qui Nhon. Losses -- VC/NVA: unk; RF or PF: 7 KIA, 4 WIA, 18 MIA. (C)

On 1 Nov, PF pers engaged enemy 14 nm NNW Qui Nhon. Losses -- VC/NVA: unk; PF: 4 KIA, 7 WIA. (C)

14 small-unit contacts. Losses -- VC/NVA: 24 KIA, 24 det; US: 4 KIA, 4 WIA; ARVN: 1 KIA. (C)

3 CTZ: Update of enemy atk at Loc Ninh 1 Nov: 7 friendly KIA (1 US, 2 ARVN, 4 CIDG), 35 friendly WIA (11 US, 12 ARVN, 12 CIDG); enemy: 463 KIA. (C)

On 2 Nov, USA forces engaged enemy 5 nm NE Loc Ninh. Losses -- VC/NVA: 23 KIA; US: 4 KIA, 34 WIA. (C)

Cum losses at Loc Ninh 28 Oct-2 Nov: 31 friendly KIA (12 US, 11 CIDG, 3 ARVN, 3 RF, 2 civ), 163 friendly WIA (66 US, 68 CIDG, 15 ARVN, 14 RF); enemy: 855 KIA. (C)

4 CTZ: No significant contacts reported. (C)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 2 NOV: 9 B-52s (PAPA 47) bombed many new bunkers, defensive psns, staging/regrouping area containing susp 800-1,000 VC/NVA trps with large quantities wpns/supplies 19 nm W of Hue. No gnd follow-up. (C)

TRI-BORDER AREA ACTIVITY: Latest indications that subords of NVA B-3 Front are preparing for offensive opns against friendly installations near Dak To SF Camp include: reporting by enemy on friendly helicopter movements/artty fire; prob concentration of NVA 32 Regt WSW of Dak To. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424

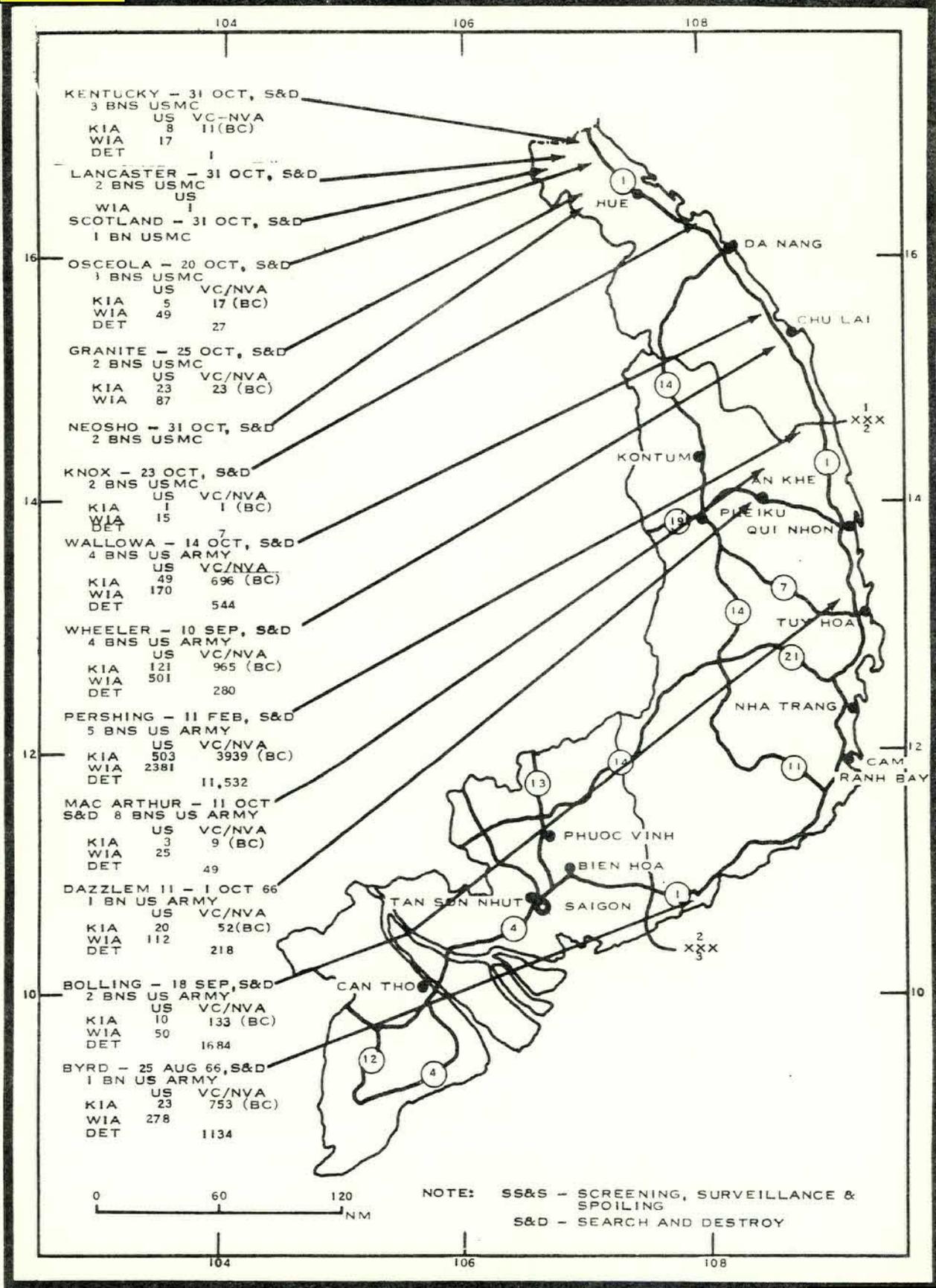
NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 2 NOV: 338 sorties (146 USN, 122 USAF, 70 USMC) destroyed/damaged 36/68 WBL craft, 27/5 structures, 16/42 trks, 0/11 trk pks, 10/9 bunkers, 6/23 gun sites,

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1/2 radar sites, 4/25 bridges, 0/36 stor areas, 0/15 RR cars, 0/12 trp concs, 0/4 transship pts, 0/2 ferries, 0/2 piers, 0/1 RR siding, and LOCs. (S)

Significant tgt: Susp SAM site, 25 nm S of Dong Hoi. (S)
AIRCRAFT LOSSES 2 NOV: 1 USN A-6A last heard 021014 EST, presumed down, cause unk, approx 13 nm SSW Hanoi. No beeper. SAR status unk. (S)

1 USAF O-2A down due gnd fire 20 nm NNW Dong Ha at 022250 EST. No chute, no beeper. SAR in progress. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 3 NOV: 9 B-52s (PAPA 22) bombed fortified psns, bunkers, arty units, and hwy used for arty logistical support in DMZ in area 2 nm N of DMZ, 48 nm NW Hue. (S)

AIR SITUATION: Since 24 Oct Phuc Yen strike, some 21 MIGs have left NVN. NVN fighter force now in China est at 87 (21 MIG-21s and 66 MIG-15s/17s). (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3(h)(2)

about 8 MIGs remain in country (two 21s at Phuc Yen; two 21s and four 17s at Gia Lam). Apparent increase in MIG-21s over past few weeks may have resulted from undetected arrivals from China, assembly of crated acft, or return to service of damaged acft. Neither complete withdrawal of acft from active opns nor mass return of force from China considered likely. No rpt no NVN MIGs noted flying combat msns from China. Most likely that a small MIG force will be kept in NVN to maintain the threat. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3(h)(2)

POL: Seaborne POL imports Oct were 12,500 MT (up from the 7,000 MT of Sep). Sov tkrs carried almost all of it. Oct figure is below Jan-Sep 67 monthly average of 15,700 MT. POL imports thus far '67 are 198,000 MT, compared to 200,000 MT for all '66. Communist bottoms carried 155,000 MT; Free World ships, the rest. Air strikes on POL facilities have apparently had little effect on distribution of POL products.

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USE OF HON GAI: For second time recently, a Sov mership carrying flour from Vlad has been diverted from Haiphong to Hon Gai. Apparently represents attempt speed foodstuffs to consumer. (Cam Pha and Hon Gai had been used almost exclusively as coal-loading ports.) Cgo unloaded at these ports can be moved over hiways and inland waterways; the flour will prob move via latter. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424.3

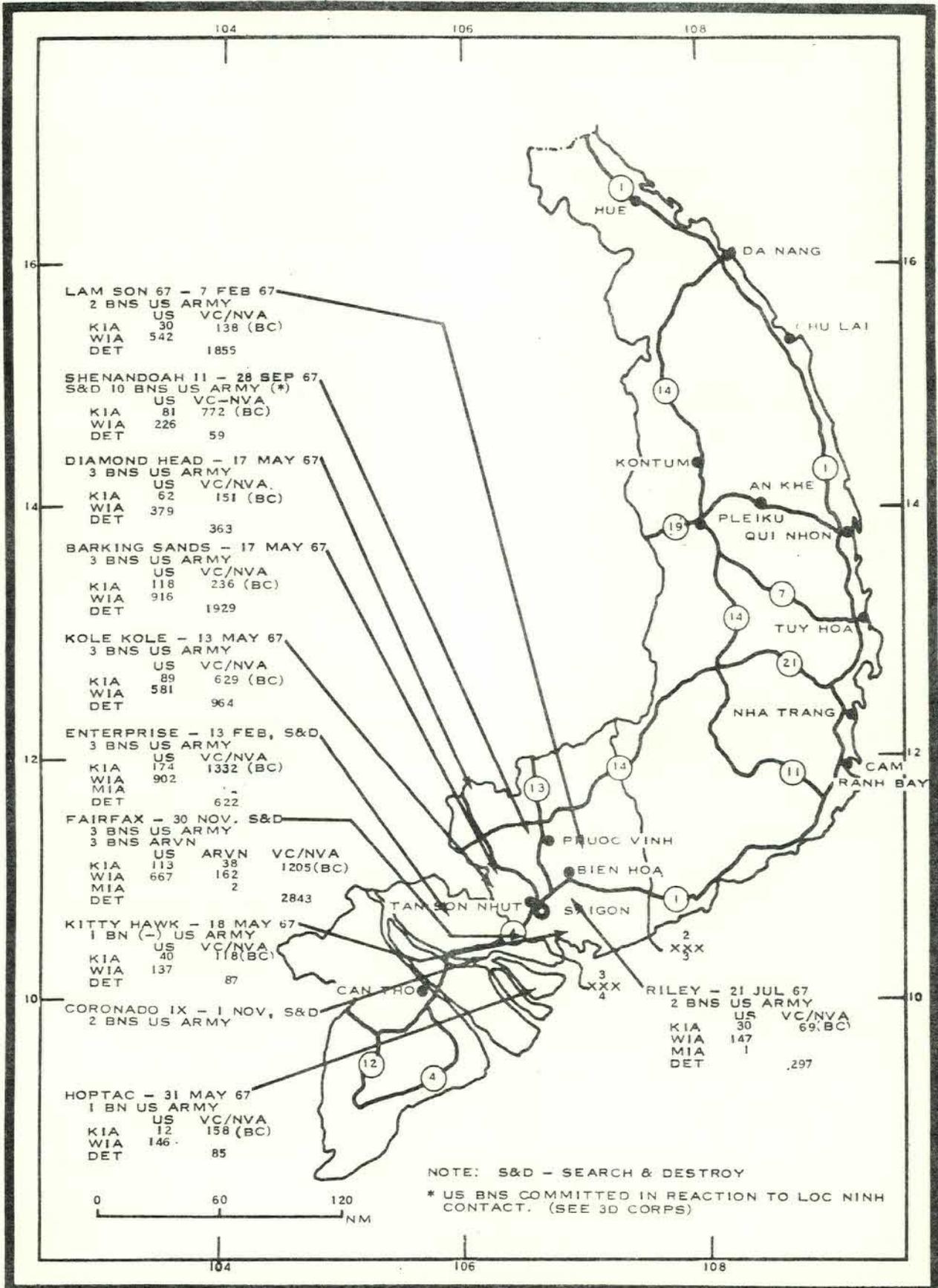
LAOS

BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 2 NOV: 132 USAF sorties destroyed/damaged 7/24 trks, 0/9 trk pks, (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3 0/7 gun sites, 0/15 stor areas, 0/4 trp concs, 0/2 bridge approaches, 0/1 biv area, and LOCs. (S)

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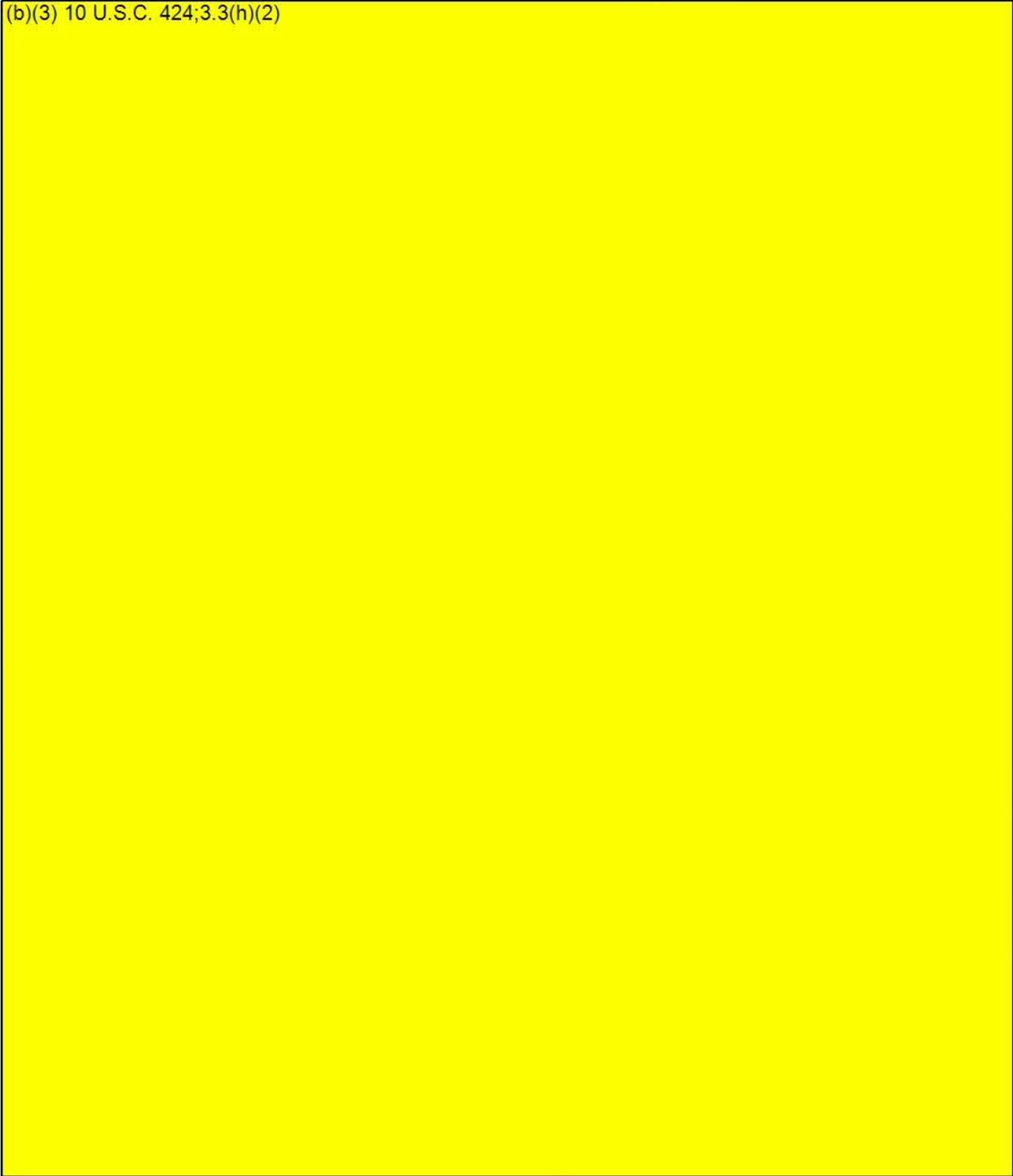


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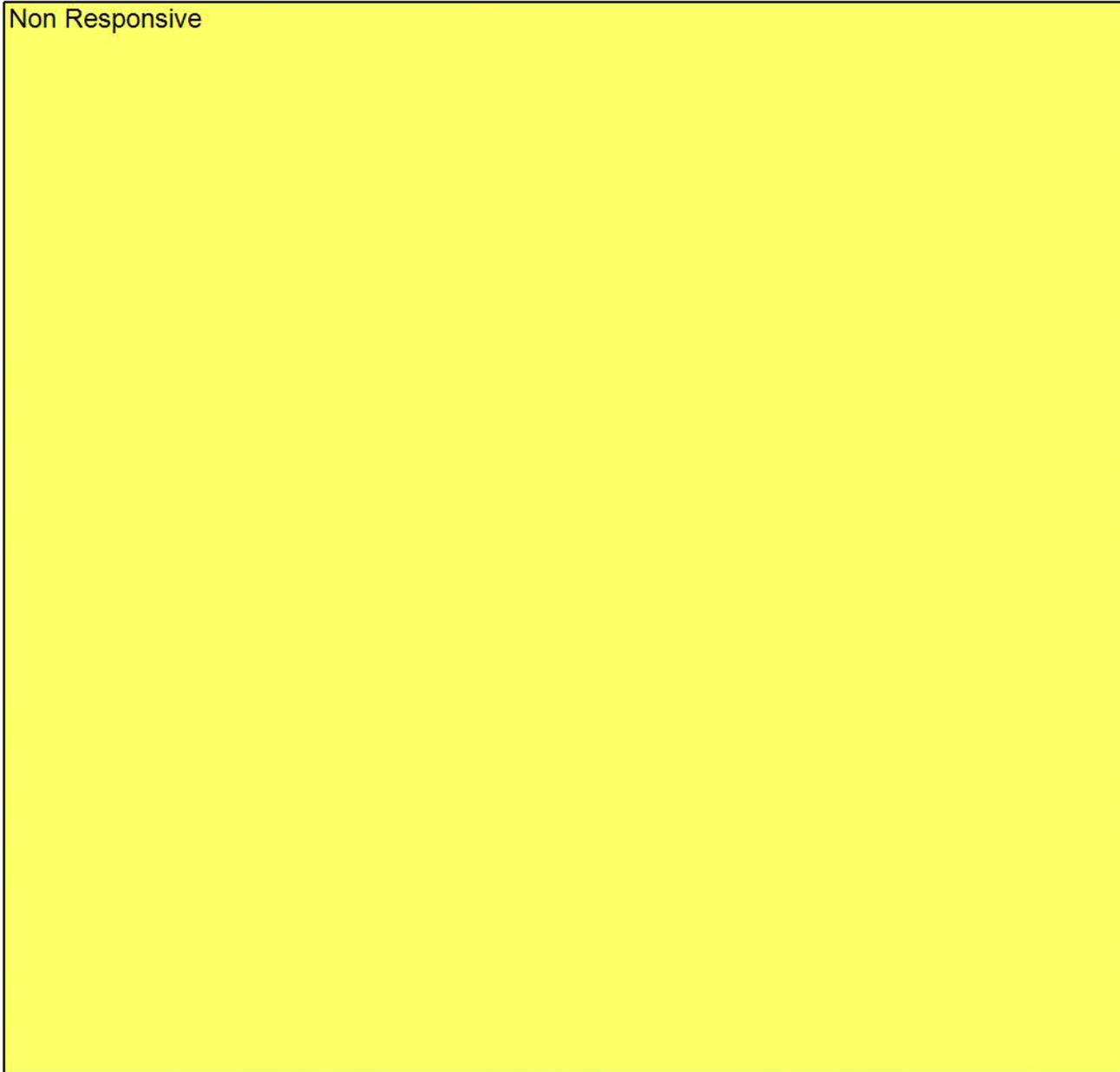
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ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 2 NOV: 9 B-52s (PAPA 15) bombed transport unit, susp stor areas and transship pts 5 nm S of Mu Gia Pass and 50 nm W of Dong Hoi. 6 B-52s (PAPA 88) bombed enemy forces delivering hvy AA/AW fire on friendly guerrillas 29 nm SSW Hue. ~~(S)~~

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SOUTH VIETNAM (Late Brief): VC Radio has announced that VC Armed Forces Command has decided to release 3 US prisoners -- in compliance with order by VC Central Cmte to answer good will of "progressive Americans" and to show solidarity for struggle of US negroes. (U)

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