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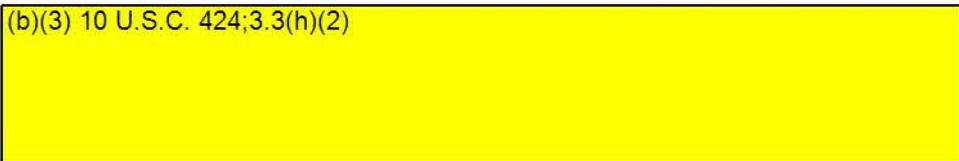
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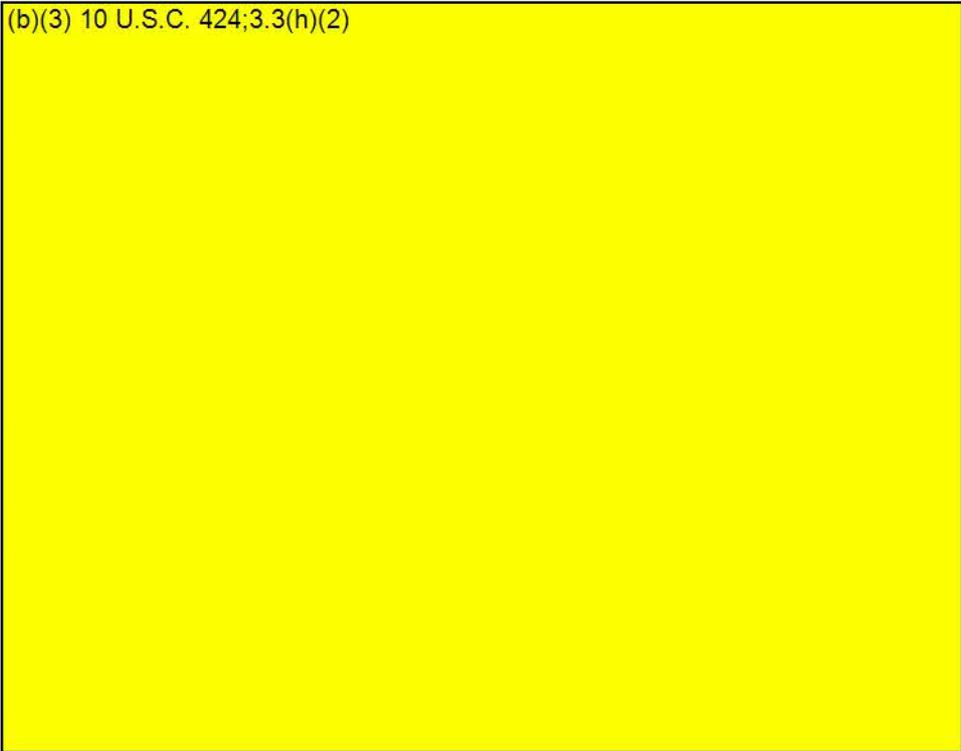
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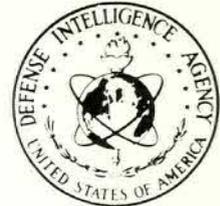
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**OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS**



SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 49 bn-size or larger opns in progress: 27 US, 2 FWF, 20 ARVN. (C)

1 CTZ: On 15 Nov, USMC elems in Opns FOSTER and ESSEX found total of 88 3/4 tons rice in caches 15 nm SW and 24 nm SSW Da Nang respectively (87 tons in bags with US markings). (C)

2 CTZ: On 15 Nov, Dak To Alfd hit by 43 rds mortar fire in 5th atk of day. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3(h)(2) (C)

3 contacts in Opn MAC ARTHUR 16 Nov. In first, unk-size VC/NVA force, sptd by mortar fire, atkd town/bridge 2 nm E of Dak To. Results -- 2 VC/NVA KIA, 1 person det, 1 wpn seized, 3 ARVN WIA. In second, one USA co engaged dug-in unk-size VC/NVA force 4 nm SSW Dak To. One additional USA co reinforced; tac air, arty, gunships spt continuing contact. Interim results -- 12 US KIA and 10 WIA, en losses unk. In third, elems ARVN abn bn atkd by est 2 VC/NVA plats 8 nm NNW Dak To. Tac air, arty, gunships spt. Interim results -- 15 ARVN WIA, en losses unk. (C)

3 CTZ: No significant contacts. (C)

4 CTZ: On 15 Nov, USA 3-bn S&D Opn KIEN GIANG 9-1 began 30 nm NE Can Tho. On 16 Nov, 1 USA co made light contact with unk-size VC/NVA force. Results -- US: 1 KIA, 9 WIA; VC/NVA: 11 KIA. (C)

Above opn will be conducted in conjunction with ARVN 6-bn S&D Opn CUU LONG 69 which began 15 Nov in same vic. ARVN reports light contact. Results -- ARVN: 2 KIA, 9 WIA; VC/NVA: 9 KIA, 9 pers det. (C)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 9 B-52s (QUEBEC 47) bombed area 1 nm S of DMZ, 44 nm WNW Hue, at 170535 EST containing base camps, stor areas, staging/bivouac areas, and extensive infiltration trail network. 9 B-52s (QUEBEC 3) and 6 B-52s (QUEBEC 24) bombed area 31 nm WNW Kontum at 161336 EST and 161502 EST respectively containing base camp and infiltration rte from Cambodia used by elems of NVA 1st Div. No gnd follow-up above msns. (C)

ENEMY INTENTIONS: Recently cptrd documents suggest VC-NVA have been directed to achieve "significant" tac victories by defeating major Allied units. This could explain the recent series of intense battles at Dak To, Loc Ninh, and Song Be, plus the numerous bn-size atks that have occurred elsewhere this month. (C)

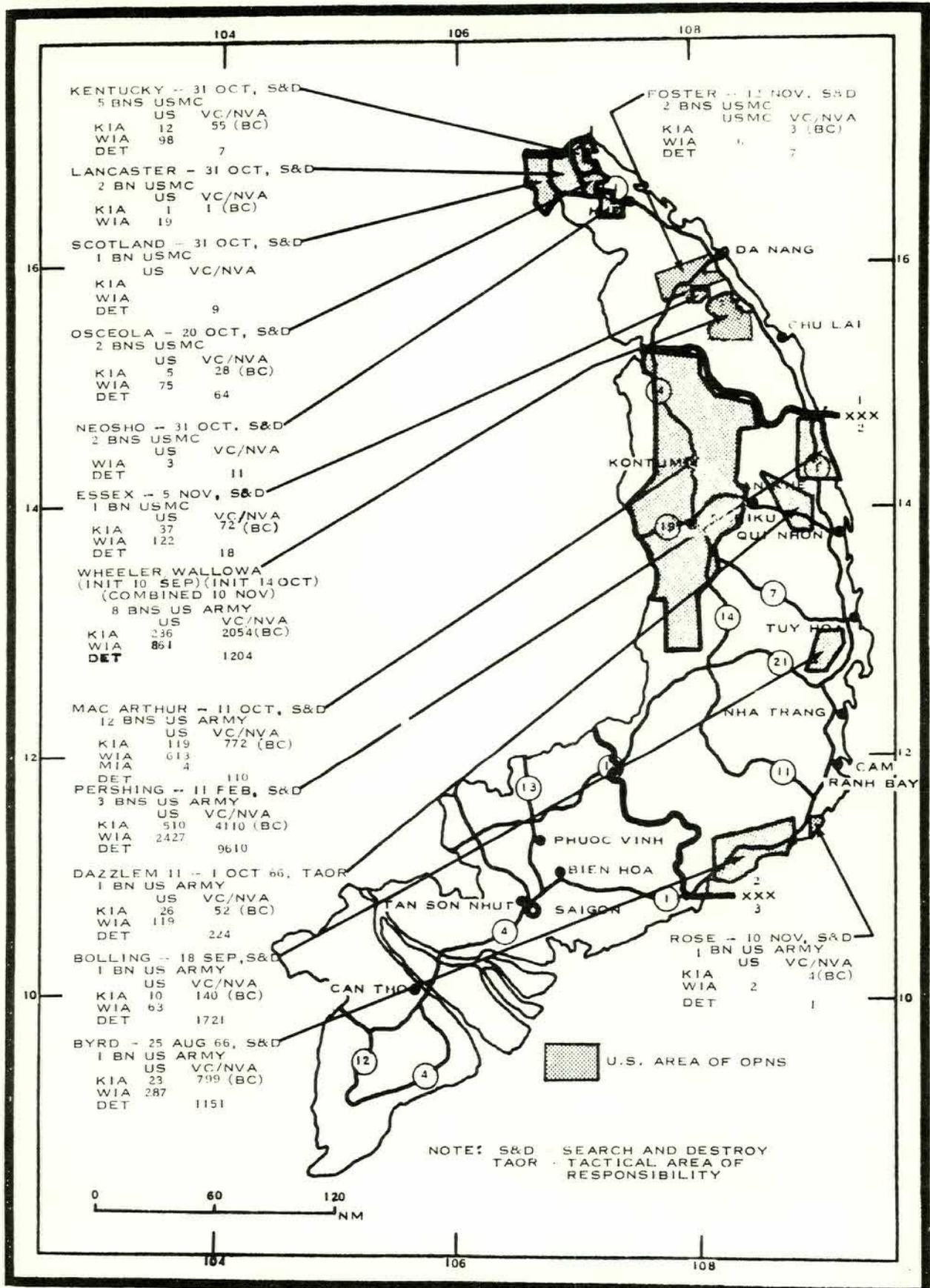
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ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS: 240 sorties (106 USN, 91 USA, 43 USMC) destroyed/damaged 25/7 structures, 5/30 WBLC, 1/7 AAA sites, 1/4 bridges, 1/12 gun sites, 0/18 stor areas, 0/11 road segments, 0/9

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trks, 0/7 radar sites, 0/4 trk pks, 0/3 ferries, 0/3 trp concs, 0/2 bunkers, 0/1 barracks, 0/1 CD site, 0/1 command post, 0/1 staging area, 0/1 transship pt. (e)

Tgts within 30-nm radius Hanoi: 7 FAN SONG radars, Hai Duong RR bridge bypass, Ket Sat hwy bridge pontoon bypass, Bac Mai Afld, Hanoi Shipyard Thuong. (e)

Tgts within 10-nm radius Haiphong: SAM Site 93, Haiphong Shipyard No. 2, Kien An Afld. (e)

Other tgts: Hon Gai storage area, Hai Duong RR bridge No. 2. (e)

SAM SIGHTINGS: On 15, 16 Nov US pilots obs 37 SAMs vic Hanoi/Haiphong, no US acft damaged. (e)

MIG ENGAGEMENT 15 NOV: 4 USAF F-4Ds engaged by 2 MIG-2ls 52 nm WNW Hanoi. 1 MIG launched 2 msls, US acft not damaged. US flt leader atkd other MIG with cannon fire, results unobs (See COMMUNIST CHINA/NVA brief below). (e)

AIRCRAFT LOSSES: On 16 Nov, 1 USAF F-105D down by unk causes 39 nm WSW Hanoi, good chute obs, beeper heard, SAR in progress. (e)

On 16 Nov, 1 USAF RF-4C hit by SAM 23 nm ENE Hanoi, went down 62 nm SSE Haiphong. Crew recovered by USN SAR. (e)

On 16 Nov, 1 USN A-4C downed for unk causes 10 nm N of Hanoi, pilot ejected successfully, obs on gnd surrounded by people. (e)

On 16 Nov, 1 USN F-4B downed for unk causes 20 nm SSE Hanoi, no chance of pilot survival. (e)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 9 B-52s (QUEBEC 13) bombed area 46 nm NW Hue at 160514 EST containing caches, stor areas, (b)(3) 10 and mortar psns, and infiltration/exfiltration rtes. Also co/bn-size units utilize area for staging/bivouacking. (e)

COMMUNIST CHINA/NVN: NVNese MIGs have again used Ningming Afld following an air engagement. On 16 Nov, 2 MIG-2ls from Phuc Yen engaged US acft about 45 nm W of afld and then recovered at Ningming. Decision to ~~to~~ so was prob made by pilots involved because of pursuit by US acft and fear that they would be atkd if they landed at Phuc Yen. The MIGs returned home some 8 hrs later. Ningming was used for recovery twice on 6 Nov, and 2 MIG-2ls were apparently going to use it on the 8th, but were recalled to Phuc Yen before reaching the afld. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3(h)

NEW SAM SITE: Site 259 (occ) 15 nm E of Hoa Binh. Site fills slight gap in SAM def for southern approaches to Hanoi. (e)

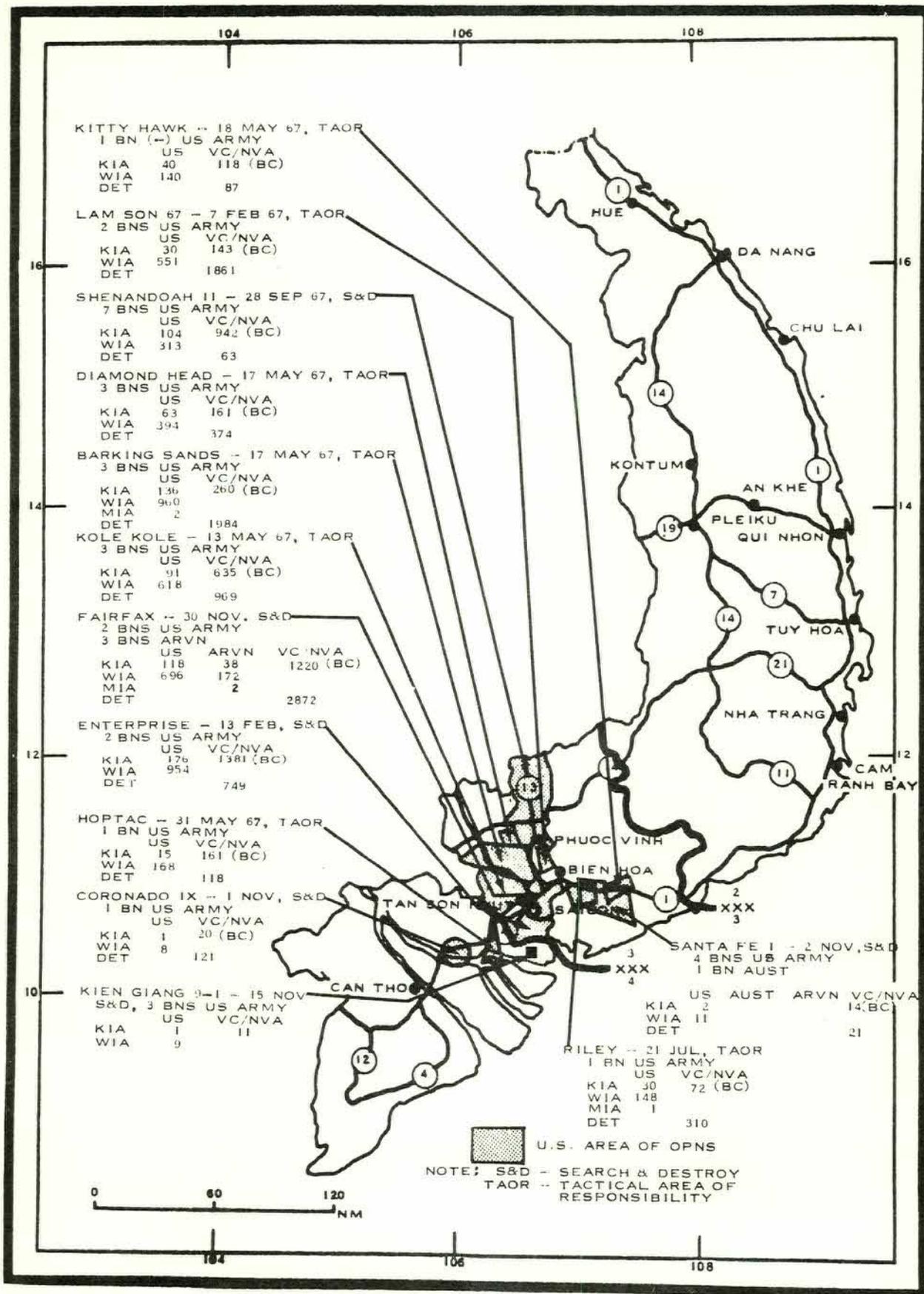
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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS: 153 USAF sorties destroyed/damaged 23/23 trks, 9/10 gun sites, 4/0 structures, 1/0 AAA site, 0/23 road segments, 0/16 trk pks, 0/5 fords, 0/4 stor areas, 0/3 bridges, 0/3 POL stor areas, 0/2 bridge approaches, 0/2 mil complexes, 0/1 trp conc, 0/1 rest area. (e)

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