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TOP SECRET
GROUND OPERATIONS: 42 bn-size or larger opns in prog: 28 US, 2 FW, 12 ARVN.


On 27 Dec, USMC recce team contacted en force of unk size 6 nm S Hue. Losses -- VC/NVA: 20 KIA.

Update of cas in Opn AUBURN 27 Dec (OIS 29 Dec.) Losses -- US: 19 (vice 5) KIA, 25 (vice 7) WIA; VC/NVA: 33 KIA, 2 det.

A USA helo downed by gnd fire 13 nm S Da Nang. Losses -- 1 crew KIA, 3 MIA. Acft dest.

19 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- US: 4 WIA; ARVN: 2 KIA, 5 WIA, 7 MIA; VC/NVA: 7 KIA, 23 det.

2 CTZ: CIDG co and 2 PF plt engaged en co 25 nm NW Qui Nhon. Losses -- CIDG: 1 KIA, 3 WIA; PF: 1 KIA; VC/NVA: 48 KIA.

A RF outpost 28 nm SW Qui Nhon was atkd by en force of unk size. Losses -- RF: 3 KIA, 8 WIA; VC/NVA: 17 KIA.

9 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- ARVN: 5 KIA, 22 WIA; ROK: 3 KIA, 3 WIA; VC/NVA: 4 KIA, 3 det.

3 CTZ: Phu Hou subsector compound 15 nm NW Saigon atkd by en bn. Losses -- ARVN: 4 KIA, 6 WIA; PF: 2 WIA; US: 1 WIA; VC/NVA: 9 KIA.

15 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- US: 1 KIA, 3 WIA; ARVN: 8 KIA, 16 WIA; VC/NVA: 5 KIA.

4 CTZ: A PF outpost 18 nm SE Ha Tien was atkd by en co. Losses -- PF: 13 KIA, 3 WIA; VC/NVA: unk.

An ARVN bn night def psn 63 nm SW Can Tho was atkd by en force of unk size. Losses -- ARVN: 13 KIA, 17 WIA; VC/NVA: 9 KIA.

6 small-unit contacts reported: Losses -- VC/NVA: 8 KIA.

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 9 B-52s bombed opnl and log areas and elms NVA 90th Regt 43 nm NW Hue. 9 B-52s struck trp conc 24 nm SW Da Nang. Base camp of NVA 141st Regt, 24 nm NE Tay Ninh, was struck by 6 B-52s with gnd follow-up by 25th Inf Div sked.

TRUCE PERIOD: Govt has decided to extend 1-day New Year's truce period by 12 hrs in response to a request by Pope Paul VI. Modified period will be from 310500 EST to 021700 Jan EST.
NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 29 DEC: 105 sorties (72 USAF, 23 USMC, 10 USN) damaged 9 gun psns, 6 stor areas, 5 trk pkts, 4 trp concs, 3 AAA sites, 2 barracks, 1 radar site, 1 trk, 1 ferry, 1 bldg, 1 bridge, 1 transship pt, 1 SAM site, and LOCs.

DOWNED AIRCRAFT: USAF F-100F rptd down due unk causes 15 nm SSW Dong Hoi at 300310 EST. Good beeper heard; SAR in progress. Low overcast presently hindering search. (c)

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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 29 DEC: 280 sorties (250 USAF, 24 USMC, 6 USN) dest/damaged: 52/112 trks, 5/11 gun sites, 0/38 trk pkts, 0/14 stor areas, 0/5 bridges, 0/5 trp concs, 0/4 mil complex, 0/4 bldgs, and LOCs. (c)

ACFT LOSS: At 290855 EST USAF A-26 downed by suspected gnd fire 53 nm SW Dong Hoi. SAR in progress. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 29 DEC: 6 B-52s bombed area 80 nm W Hue containing trk pkts and stor areas. (c)

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