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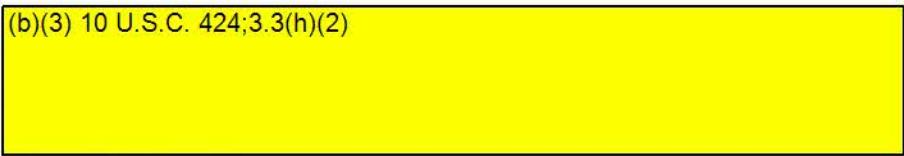
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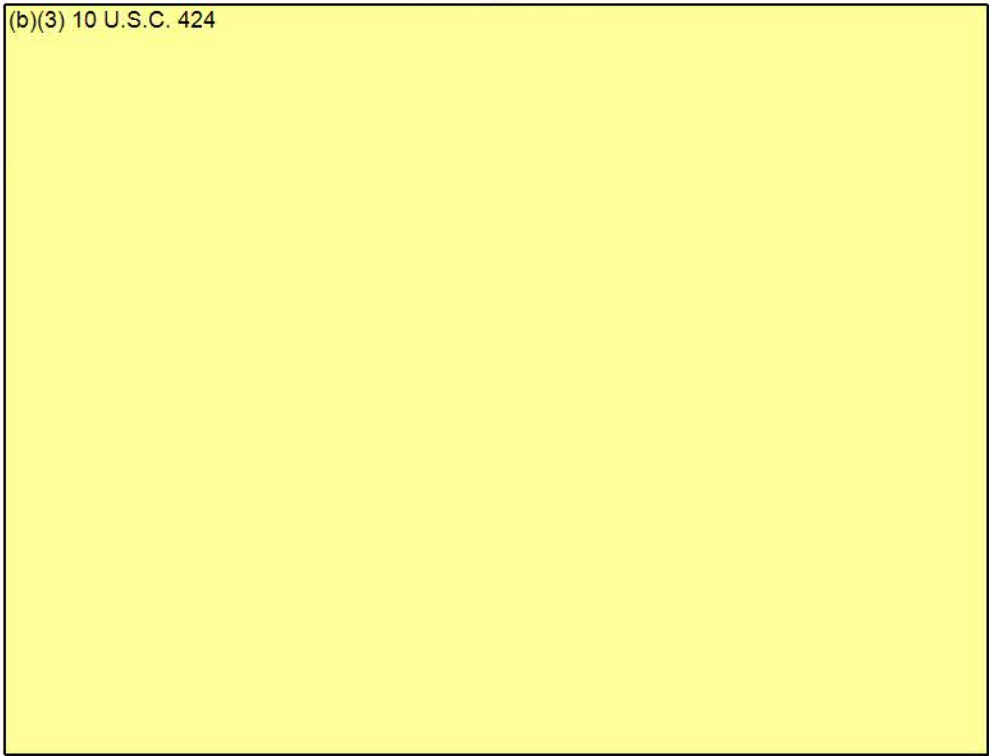
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OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS



SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 48 bn-size or larger opns in prog: 27 US, 1 FW, 20 ARVN. (S)

1 CTZ: On 17 Jan, in Opn KENTUCKY, USMC co engaged est en co. A 2d USMC co reinf. Losses -- US: 8 KIA, 39 WIA; VC/NVA: 162 KIA. (S)

PF unit ambushed 21 nm SSE Quang Ngai. 6 PF KIA, 7 WIA, VC/NVA unk. (S)

18 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- US: 3 KIA, 12 WIA; ARVN: 12 WIA; VC/NVA: 20 KIA, 7 det, 9 wpns. (C)

USAF O-2A down by prob gnd fire 50 nm WNW Hue. 2 crew-members KIA. (S)

2 CTZ: 8 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- ARVN: 2 KIA, 6 WIA, 2 wpns; VC/NVA: 9 KIA, 6 det, 1 wpn. (S)

3 CTZ: On 17 Jan, in Opn YELLOWSTONE, USA Fire Support Base received est 22 rds mortar fire. 1 US KIA, 25 WIA, 1 CH-54 helo damaged. VC/NVA unk. (S)

15 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- US: 2 KIA, 8 WIA; ARVN: 3 KIA, 19 WIA, 1 MIA; VC/NVA: 7 KIA, 7 det, 2 wpns. (S)

4 CTZ: On 17 Jan, CIDG unit engaged est 2 en cos 59 nm NNE of Rach Gia. En withdrew into Cambodia. Losses -- US: 2 KIA, 1 WIA; ARVN: 1 WIA; CIDG: 4 KIA, 14 WIA, 4 wpns, 2 radios; VC/NVA: unk. (S)

Opn CORONADO IX, init 1 Nov 67, term 17 Jan. Cum losses -- US: 35 KIA, 293 WIA; VNMC: 41 KIA, 81 WIA; VC/NVA: 434 KIA, 611 det, 86 wpns. (S)

Opn CORONADO X init 17 Jan 34 nm SSW Saigon. Light contact resulted in following losses -- US: 1 KIA, 2 WIA; VC/NVA: 8 det. (S)

On 17 Jan, 26 nm NE of Can Tho, PBR atkd by unk-size en force employing 57-mm RR fire. Losses -- VNN: 5 WIA, PBR damaged; VC/NVA: unk. (S)

On 18 Jan, 26 nm ESE of Can Tho, en detonated unk type explosive in market place. Losses -- ARVN: 6 KIA, 25 WIA; RD: 1 WIA; CIV: 12 KIA, 12 WIA; VC/NVA: unk. (S)

ARVN 2-day Opn DAN CHI 320 term 18 Jan. Cum results -- ARVN: 5 WIA; VC/NVA: 11 KIA, 29 det. (S)

8 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- ARVN: 13 KIA, 17 WIA, 13 wpns, 1 radio; VC/NVA: 1 KIA, 1 wpn. (S)

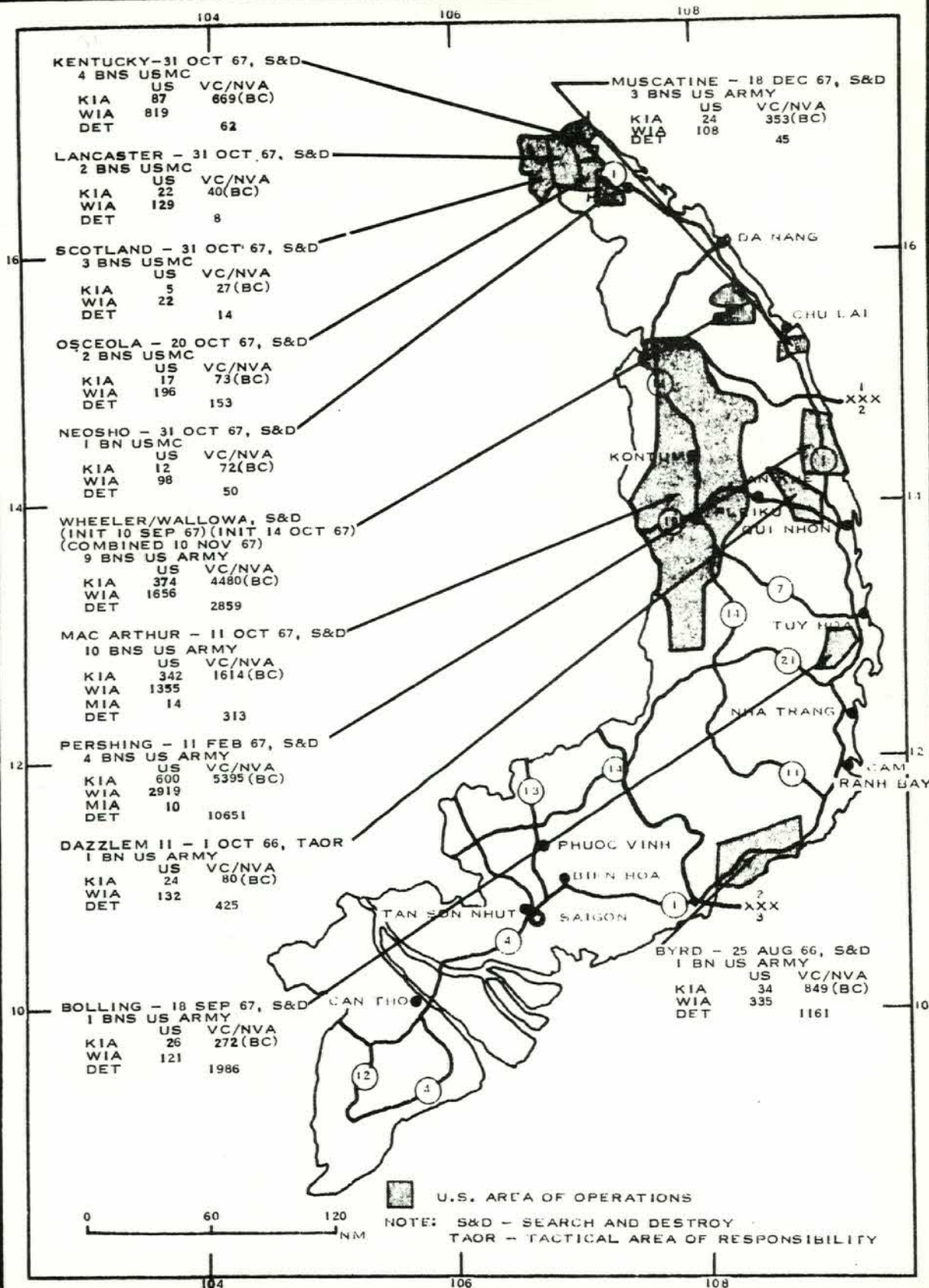
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ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 9 B-52s bombed tgt 24 nm WNW Hue containing elms of NVA 5th and 9th Regts. No gnd follow-up sked. (S)

ENEMY USE OF TEAR GAS: On 16 Jan, tear gas was directed at a patrol near Duc Co SF Camp during brief firefight. Riot control agents have been used by en on very limited basis throughout SVN, and they have gen been ineffective. (S)

NORTH VIETNAM

Generally friendly generally

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS: 220 sorties (105 USAF, 90 USN, 25 USMC) dest/damaged 7/55 trks, 0/17 stor areas, 0/35 RR cars, 0/9 gun psns, 0/19 bridges, 0/2 transship pts, 0/1 trk pks, 0/1 trp concs, 1/11 WBLC, 0/7 bldgs, 0/20 AAA sites, and LOCs. (S)

Tgts within 30-nm Hanoi: Bac Giang Thermal Power Plant; 2 SAM sites. (S)

MIG ENGAGEMENT: 8 USAF F-4Ds engaged 4 MIG-17s 35 nm NE Hanoi. 1 MIG-17 dest by air-to-air msl. 1 F-4D downed from unk causes. No chutes obs or beepers heard. 1 F-4D downed by MIG. 2 chutes obs and 1 beeper heard. No SAR due hostile environment. (S)

AIRCRAFT LOSS: A USMC A-6A acft on a strike msn approx 32 nm NNW Hanoi is missing and presumed lost. Last contact with acft made at 181548 EST. SAR in prog. (S)

SAM SIGHTINGS: 9 abn SA-2s obs 18 Jan vic Hanoi, 2 vic Haiphong. (S)

KHE SANH: (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424 a maj NVA Hqs has been formed and is now in Laos near western end of DMZ. Tac control of NVA units in northern SVN has been responsibility of Tri-Thien MR, while units in DMZ area have been commanded by DMZ front. The movement of additional NVA units into area and anticipation of extensive mil acty in near future prob reason for Hanoi est a superior hqs to coordinate/control mil opns in area. Meanwhile, number of NVA regts in Khe Sanh area totals at least 7. Three regts of NVA 304 Div remain in Laos NW to SW of Khe Sanh; 3 regts of NVA 325C Div are in Lao-SVNese border area NW of Khe Sanh; 1 regt of NVA 324B Div (812th) is NNE of Khe Sanh with 1 other regt (90th) poss moving from Con Thien area to join one of its bns already in Khe Sanh area (tac commo suggest 812th and 90th preparing for combat). NVA 320 Div and its subordinates are still not firmly loc. One regt is believed to be in border area W of Khe Sanh. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424 Div Hqs is in west-central portion of DMZ area of NVN. (S)

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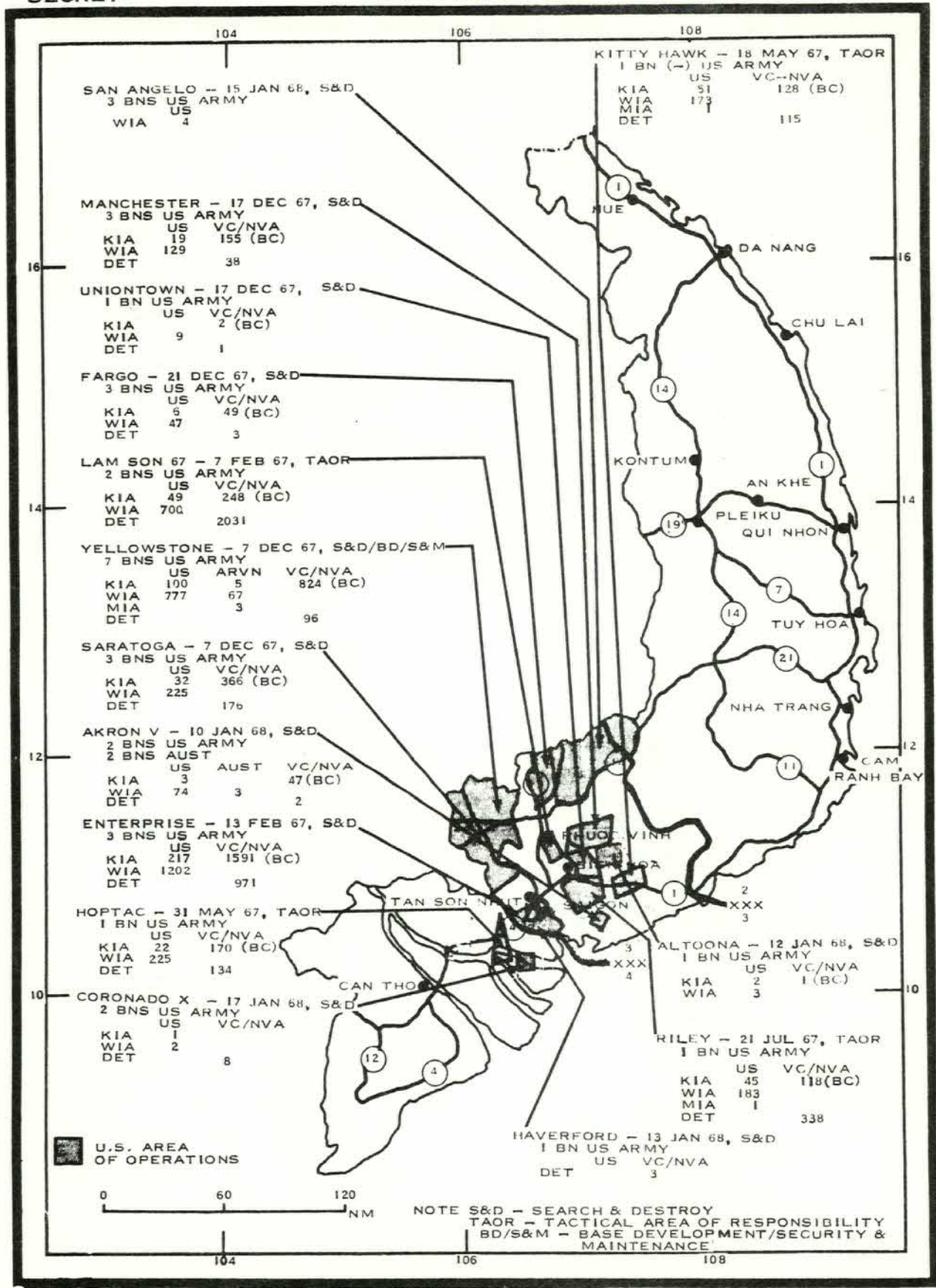
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AN-2 ACTIVITY: First noted practice acty by AN-2 tpt acft following loss of 2 in Laos on 12 Jan, occurred on 16th. NVNese may intend to use AN-2s in further atks in Laos or poss against ships off coast as in 1966. Their poor showing last wk, however, may discourage any immediate effort.

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MIG OB: Est MIG-21s in NVN 9 and MIG-15/17s also total 9.

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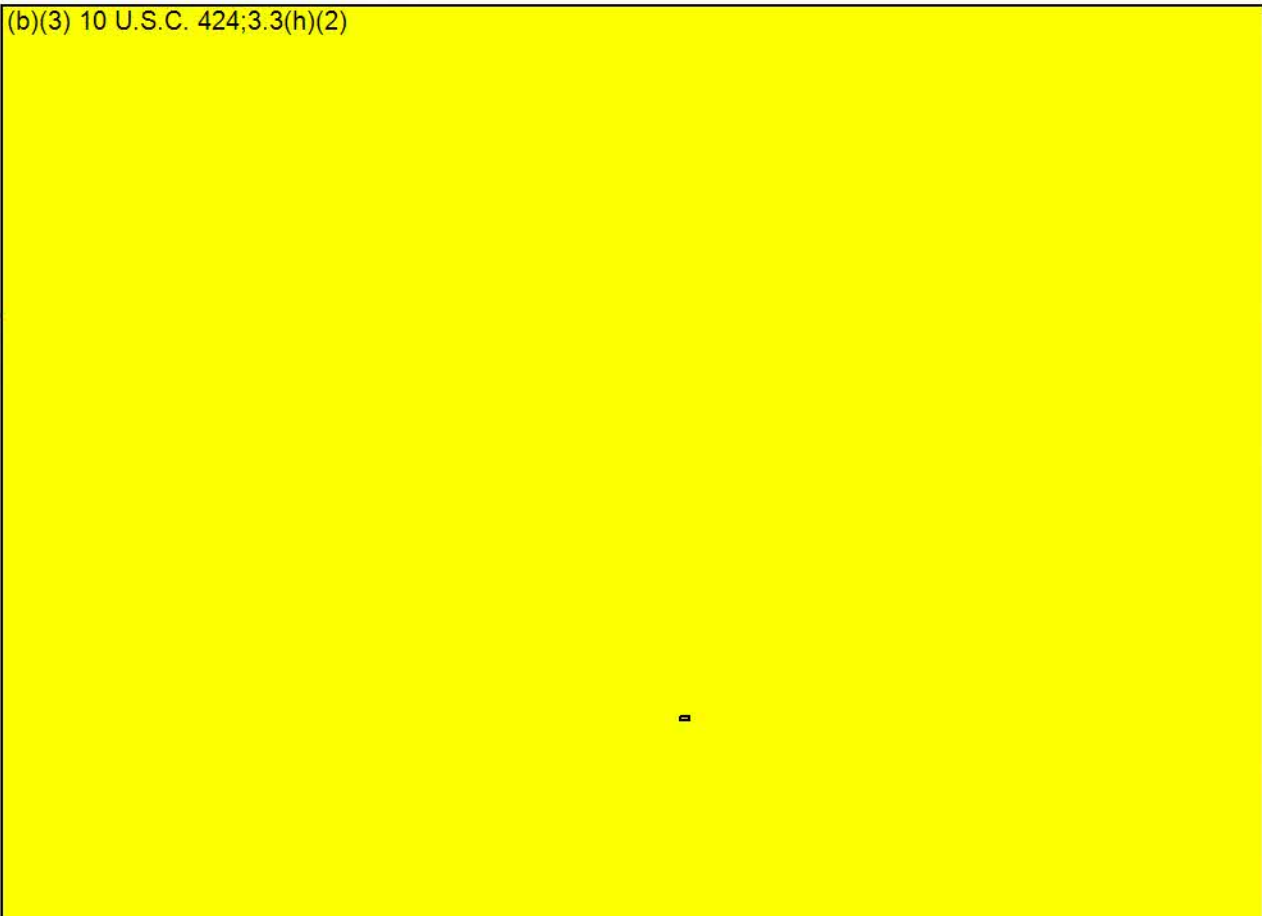
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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS: 202 sorties (141 USAF, 53 USN, 8 USMC) dest/damaged 23/38 trks, (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424: 1/23 stor areas, 0/30 trk pks, 3/5 gun sites, 0/2 bridges, 0/2 mil complexes, 0/6 trp concs, 1/0 WBLC, and LOCs. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 6 B-52s bombed tgt 32 nm WSW Dong Hoi containing stor areas. 6 B-52s bombed tgt 68 nm WNW Hue containing infiltration routes. 6 B-52s bombed tgt 63 nm W Hue containing infiltration routes. (S)

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