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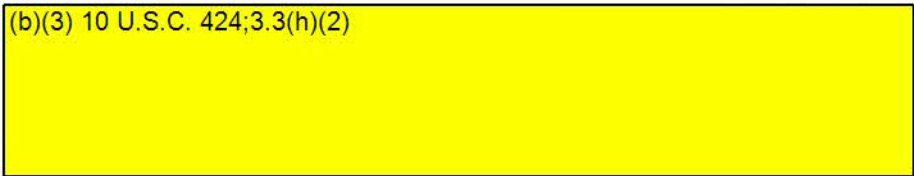
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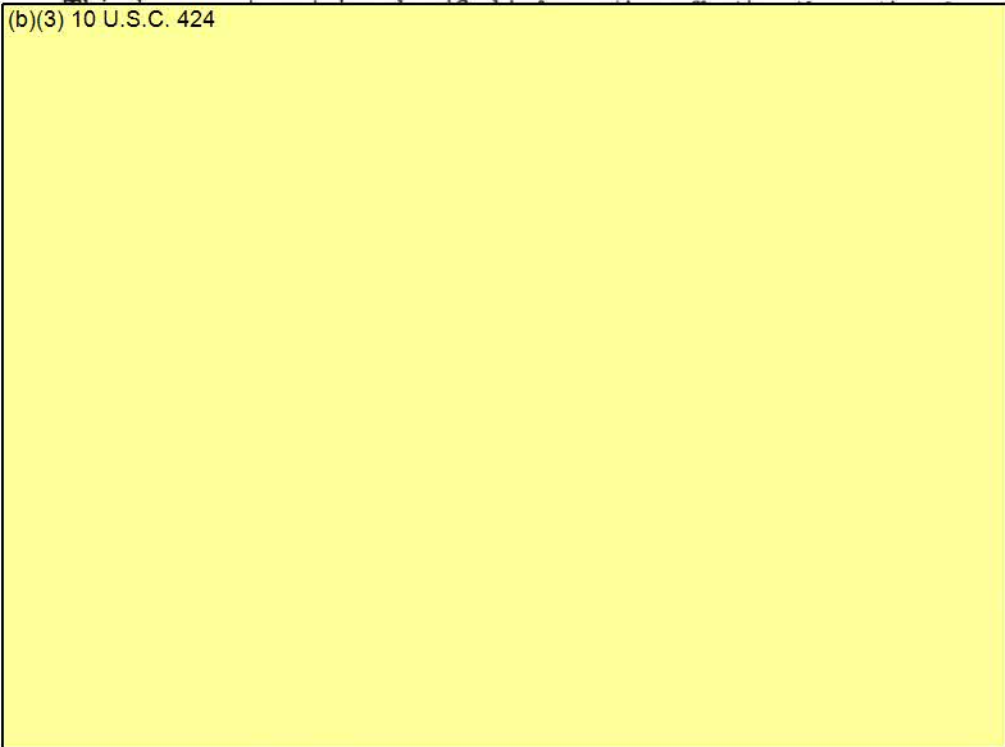
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**OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS**



SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 46 bn-size or larger opns in prog: 26 US, 1 FW, 19 ARVN. (S)

1 CTZ: On 20 Jan, elms ARVN bn and USMC co engaged est en bn 34 nm NW Hue. Losses -- US: 12 KIA, 39 WIA, 2 AMTRACs damaged; ARVN: unk; VC/NVA: 30 KIA, 2 det, 4 wpns. (S)

On 19 Jan, PF plat engaged est 100-150 en 35 nm NW Hue. RF reinforced. Losses -- US: 2 KIA, 17 WIA; ARVN: 3 KIA, 11 WIA; VC/NVA: 50 KIA, 9 wpns. (S)

3 contacts reported in USMC Opn SCOTLAND 18-20 Jan. Losses -- US: 2 KIA, 25 WIA; VC/NVA: 63 KIA. (S)

Khe Sanh Afld atkd by VC/NVA mortar/rkt fire 20 Jan. Losses -- US: 14 KIA, 43 WIA, 1 UH-1E dest, 5 helos damaged; VC/NVA: 25 KIA. (S)

Unk size en force atkd Huong Hoa Subsector Hqs 5 nm SW Khe Sanh 20 Jan. Losses -- ARVN: 12 KIA, 25 WIA; VC/NVA: 45 KIA. (S)

67 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- US: 3 KIA, 27 WIA; ARVN: 9 KIA, 13 WIA; VC/NVA: 52 KIA, 9 det, 8 wpns. (S)

2 CTZ: 2 USA cos engaged unk size en force in Opn MAC ARTHUR on 19 Jan. Losses -- US: 26 WIA; VC/NVA: 21 KIA. (S)

RF/PF units contacted reinf VC/NVA co 13 nm NW Qui Nhon 19 Jan. Losses -- RF/PF: 12 KIA, 20 WIA; VC/NVA: 12 KIA, 2 det, 2 wpns. (S)

On 20 Jan, unk size en force atkd USA engr unit 3 nm N Pleiku City. Losses -- US: 1 WIA, 3 trks dest, 8 trks and 1 bulldozer damaged; VC/NVA: 9 KIA, 2 det, 11 wpns. (S)

US Opn BYRD term 18 Jan. Cum losses -- US: 34 KIA, 335 WIA; VC/NVA: 849 KIA, 1163 det, 308 wpns. (C)

US Opn MCLAIN initiated 18 Jan. No contact reported. (S)

17 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- ROK: 1 WIA; ARVN: 1 KIA, 4 WIA, 1 wpn; VC/NVA: 13 KIA, 9 det, 2 wpns. (S)

3 CTZ: US S&D Opn FARGO term 20 Jan. Cum losses -- US: 6 KIA, 47 WIA; VC/NVA: 49 KIA, 10 det, 8 wpns. (C)

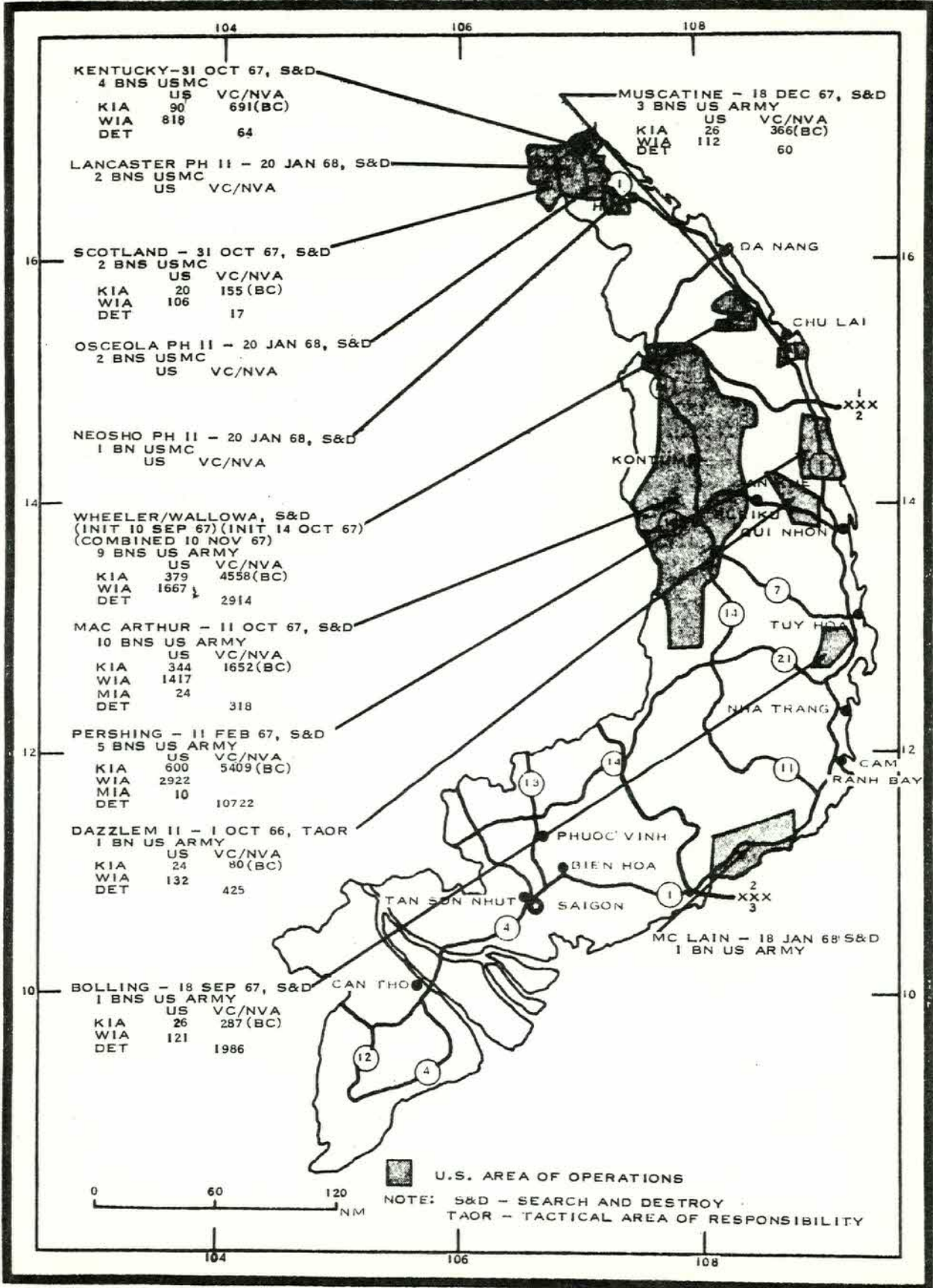
US S&D Opn ATTALA initiated 20 Jan, 35 nm N Saigon. No contact reported. (S)

On 20 Jan, 2 contacts reported in Opn SARATOGA 16 and 20 nm NW Saigon. Losses -- US: 9 KIA, 30 WIA, 4 APC dest, 1 APC damaged; VC/NVA: 27 KIA, 1 det, 4 wpns. (S)

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On 19 Jan, ARVN bn engaged est VC/NVA co 15 nm NNW Saigon. Losses -- ARVN: 8 KIA, 18 WIA; VC/NVA: 19 KIA. ~~(S)~~

USA/AUST Opn AKRON V term 21 Jan. Cum losses -- US: 4 KIA, 77 WIA; AUST: 1 WIA; NEW ZEALAND: 2 WIA; VC/NVA: 47 KIA, 2 det, 25 wpns. ~~(S)~~

14 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- US: 3 WIA; ARVN: 3 KIA, 6 WIA; VC/NVA: 11 KIA, 2 det, 3 wpns. ~~(S)~~

4 CTZ: 10 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- ARVN: 6 KIA, 16 WIA, 1 MIA; VC/NVA: 31 KIA, 12 wpns, 8 grenades, 2 mines. ~~(S)~~

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 20, 21 JAN: 9 B-52s bombed tgt 56 nm WNW Hue containing elms NVA 812 Regt. 21 B-52s bombed tgts 43 and 53 nm WNW Hue containing trp concs and stor areas. 29 B-52s bombed tgts 45 and 48 nm W Hue containing staging area for NVA trps. All msns in spt of Opn NIAGARA with no gnd follow-up sked. ~~(S)~~

DOWNED ACFT 1 CTZ: USMC CH-46 downed by gnd fire 6 nm NW Khe Sanh 19 Jan. 1 US WIA. USMC A-4E downed by gnd fire at Khe Sanh 21 Jan. Pilot recovered in good condition. On 21 Jan, USA UH-1D hit by gnd fire and exploded upon touch-down at Khe Sanh. 4 crewmembers missing. ~~(S)~~

DOWNED ACFT 2 CTZ: USA OH-6A downed by gnd fire 11 nm WNW Pleiku 20 Jan. No pers cas. ~~(S)~~

KHE SANH: (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424 provide evidence that en intends maj action in Khe Sanh area. Elms of NVA 304 Div have moved closer to Khe Sanh. Two suspect 304 inf regts are now believed to be about 23 km W of there, and there is tenuous info that Div's arty regt (last loc W of Dong Hoi) is now 4 km SSW of Khe Sanh. NVA 325C Div's 95C Regt prob carried out 21 Jan morar/rkt atk against Khe Sanh and gnd atk same day against US Marines on Hill 861. Loc of NVA 320 Div and its subordinates still unconfirmed. There are indications that hqs is in W-central DMZ area, and 1 regt may be near border W of Khe Sanh. NVA 324B Div's 812 Regt may have moved from Khe Sanh area to a psn 6 km SW of Quang Tri. ~~(S)~~ Sec. 3.3

COMMAND AND CONTROL: (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424 an unidentified front loc in northern Binh Long Prov is assuming control of en forces in 3 CTZ, a function formerly handled by COSVN. Front's normal commo pattern has included High Command in Hanoi, COSVN, and Hqs MR 1, VC 5, VC 9, and NVA 7 Divs, and NVA 88 Regt. In addition, there are indications that front is estab contact with Hqs MRs 3 and 5 and Hqs B-3 Front. Recent Allied opns in Tay Ninh Prov where COSVN has long been operating may have caused en to regrp to

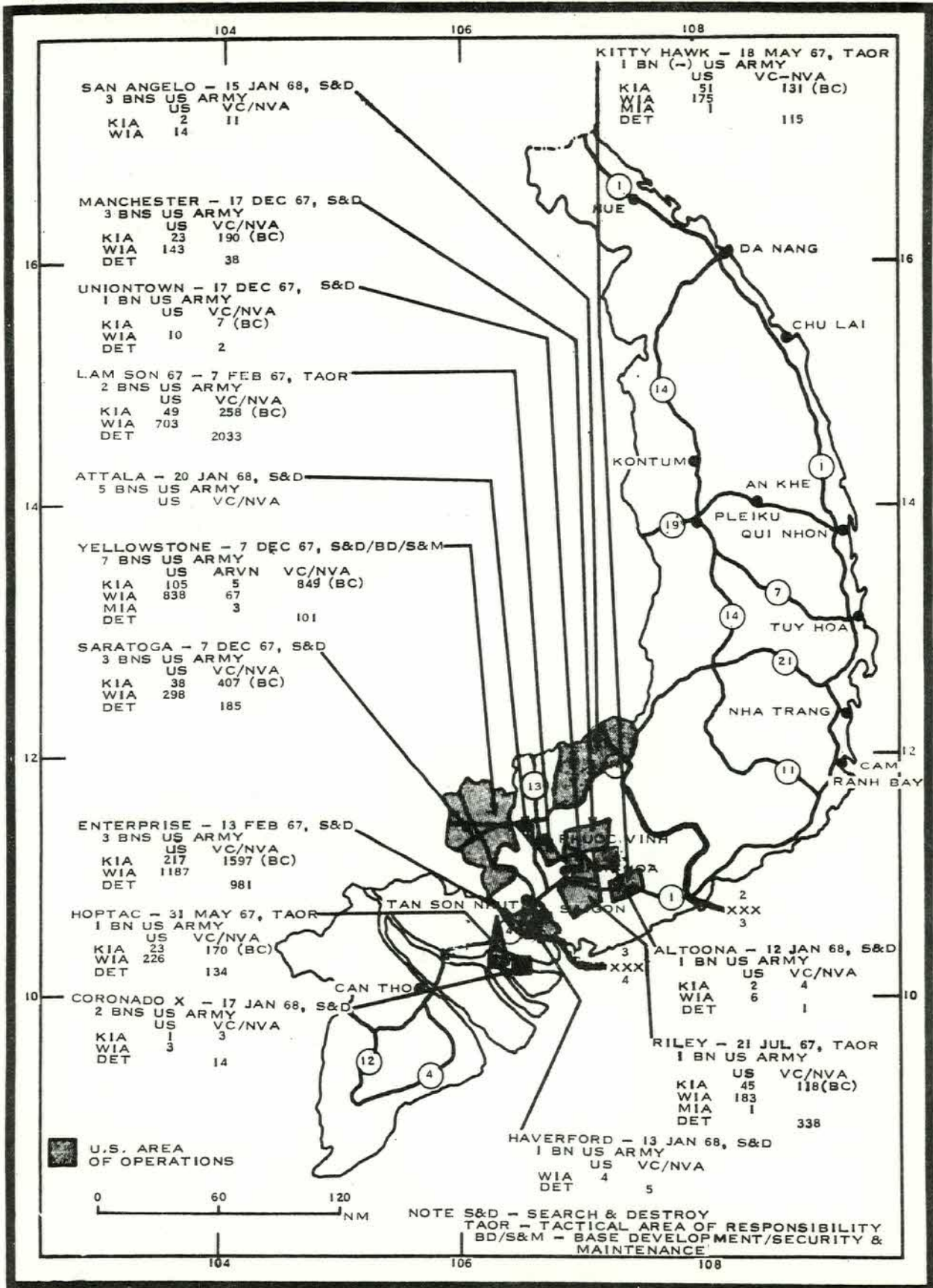
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effect closer command and control over widely dispersed units. Precisely what function new front will have, however, is not known. ~~SECRET~~ Sec. 3.3

NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 20, 21 JAN: 303 sorties (130 USAF, 123 USN, 50 USMC) dest/damaged 34/88 WBLC, 1/0 bldg, 2/98 trks, 0/45 gun psns, 0/22 stor areas, 0/9 bridges, 0/5 radar sites, 0/7 trk pks, 0/5 trp concs, 0/9 ferries, 0/2 transship pts, 0/1 AAA site, 0/1 bunker, 0/1 RR yd, 0/1 mil complexes, and LOCs. ~~(S)~~

Significant tqts: Yen Bai Afld; Cao Nung RR siding; Hon Gai TPP. ~~(S)~~

DOWNED ACFT: USAF F-4C downed by gnd fire 13 nm NNW Dong Hoi. SAR in prog. ~~(S)~~

SHIPPING 1967: Ship arrivals for 1967 totaled 386, a slight increase over 379 in 1966. Cargo imported rose to about 1,400,000 MT from previous yr's 932,000 MT. Grain and food-stuffs accounted for most of increase. POL shipments for yr 188,429 MT, about 10,000 MT less than in 1966. Number of ships by flag for 1967 compared with 1966 shows: Sov 181-122; E. Europe 29-44; Free World 78-74; ChiCom 97-138; Cuba 1-1. Export cargo was 572,600 MT, about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1966's 1,168,000 MT. ~~(S)~~

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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 20, 21 JAN: 515 sorties (275 USAF, 230 USN, 10 USMC) dest/damaged 61/110 trks, 0/69 trk pks, 0/40 stor areas, 5/11 gun sites, 0/13 trp concs, 0/10 mil complexes, 1/5 AAA sites, 0/5 bunkers, 3/0 bridges, 0/1 road const site, and LOCs. ~~(S)~~

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