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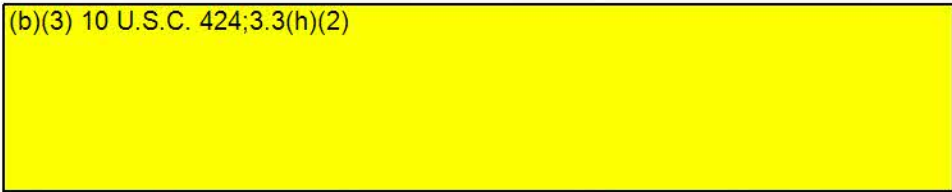
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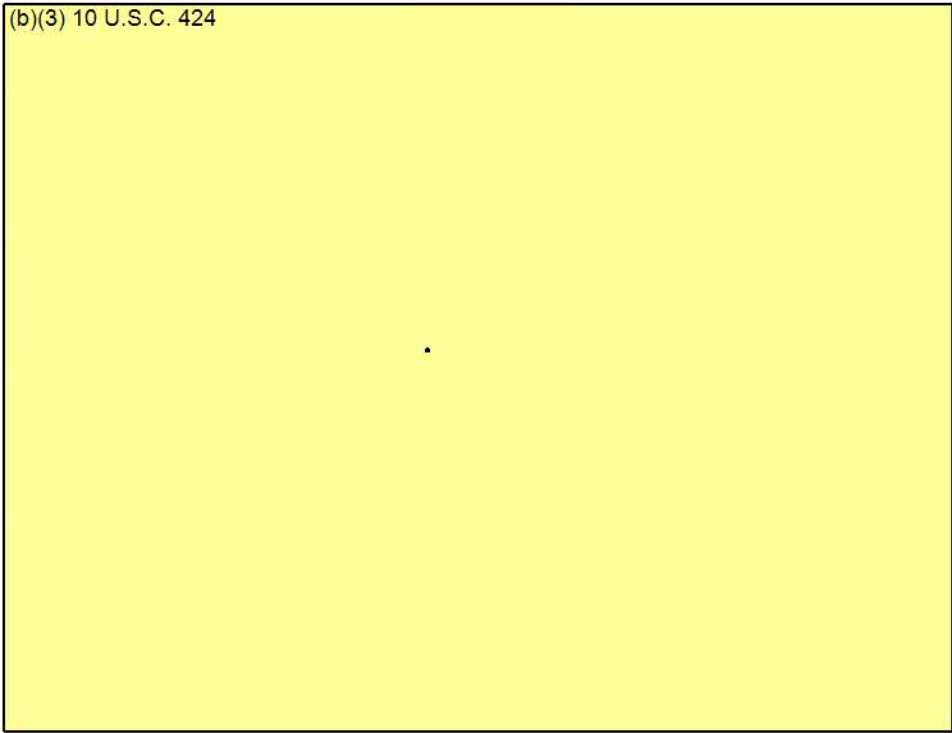
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## OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS

SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 40 bn-size or larger opns in progress: 25 US, 2 FW, 13 ARVN. (S)

TET truce stand-down cancelled by GVN at 292030 EST. Wholesale truce violations plus widespread series of mortarings/heavy atks on US mil installations/population centers throughout 1 and 2 CTZ prompted the action. Incl in atks were Da Nang, Nha Trang, Ban Me Thuot, Kontum, Pleiku, Tuy Hoa, Qui Nhon (see below Briefs). (S)

1 CTZ: On 29 Jan, Da Nang Afld recd rkt and mort fire. Afld closed due to en SA fire. USMC reaction force committed. Losses -- US: 1 KIA, 6 WIA; 2 A6s dest, 8 F-4s, 1 F-8 damaged. (S)

On 29 Jan, 1st Corps Hq in Da Nang and helo landing pad recd mort and satchel charge atk. US reaction force committed. Losses -- US: 3 KIA, 7 WIA; VC/NVA: unk. (S)

On 29 Jan, 13 nm S of Da Nang, USMC A-4E crashed and burned while on close air spt msn. No ejection obs. Pilot believed KIA. (S)

24 small-unit contacts resulted in -- US: 3 KIA, 6 WIA; VC/NVA: 15 KIA, 1 det, 4 wpns. (S)

2 CTZ: Village of Tan Canh, 3 nm E of Dak To, recd 60 rds mort fire and gnd atk by VC co. No further info presently available. (C)

Kontum city atkd by est 500-1000 en. USA reaction force engaged. Situation not now considered critical, but no further info presently available. (S)

I FF Hq and II Corps Tac Opn Center report en forces being engaged within Pleiku, Nha Trang, Ban Me Thuot, and Qui Nhon. (S)

9 small-unit contacts resulted in -- VC/NVA: 6 KIA, 2 det, 2 wpns. (S)

3 CTZ: In Opn SARATOGA, 2 contacts reptd on 28 and 29 Jan, with unk number of en. Losses -- US: 3 KIA, 10 WIA; VC/NVA: 10 KIA. (S)

On 29 Jan, in Opn COBURG, Royal Australian co engaged est 20 en. Losses -- AUST: 6 WIA; VC/NVA: 6 KIA, 5 wpns. (S)

11 small-unit contacts resulted in -- US: 1 KIA, 4 WIA; ARVN: 1 KIA; VC/NVA: 15 KIA. (S)

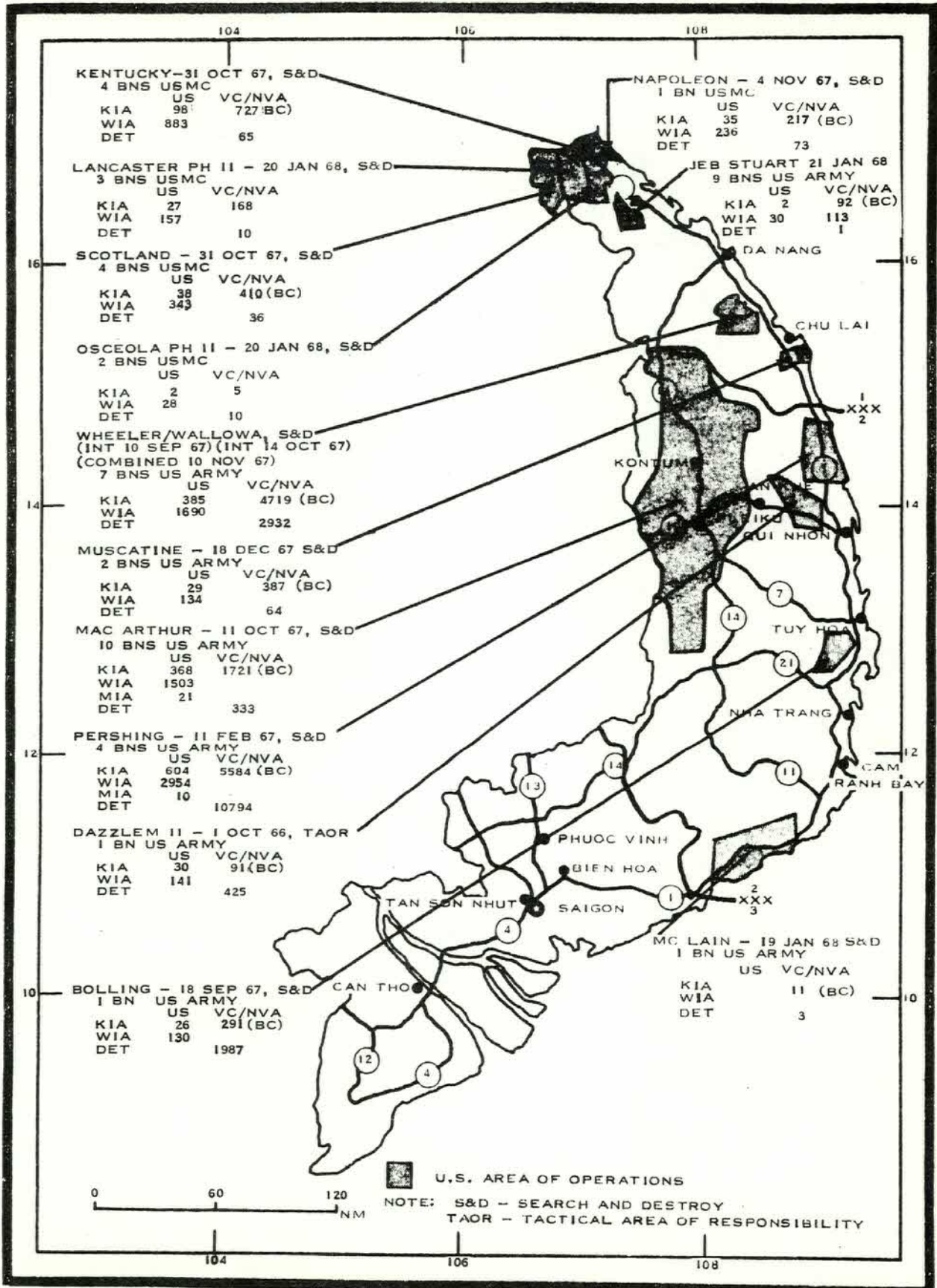
4 CTZ: 2 small-unit contacts resulted in -- ARVN: 5 KIA, 6 WIA, 2 MIA; VC/NVA: 26 KIA, 9 wpns. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 29 JAN: 6 B-52s bombed area 47 nm W of Hue in support Opn NIAGARA. Area contained Hqs NVA 304 Div. (S)

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NVA 320 DIV: A defector's statement that div's 52nd and 64th Regts are in general area of Camp Carrol is prob correct. The third regtl subord is believed loc in Laos opposite Khe Sanh.

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KHE SANH: Aerial recce 28 Jan detected movement large number trps toward Khe Sanh from Laos and from area south of Base. Cptrd soldier from NVA 95C Regt claims that each of some 20 trks he saw near Ban Na (10 nm NW Khe Sanh) was being used to tow a large arty piece (type unk).

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#### NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS: 233 sorties (116 USN, 100 USAF, 17 USMC) dest/damaged 27/146 trks, 12/157 WBLC, 5/6 RR cars, 4/11 bridges, 2/0 bldgs, 0/24 gun sites, 0/16 road segs, 0/14 stor areas, 0/6 trk pks, 0/5 radar sites, 0/4 ferries, 0/3 bunkers, 0/3 transshipment pts, 0/2 trp concs, 0/1 coastal def site, and LOCs. (S)

POLITICAL-MILITARY: According to French FonOff, AFP man Hanoi was told recently by NVN officials that none of the news items out of Hanoi since Trinh statement of 29 Dec should be interpreted as a hardening of Hanoi's position. (French official said Hanoi's concern prob stemmed from Washington's reaction ("quite negative") to Nhan Dan's comments of 20/21 Jan on State of Union message.) Above report consistent with number of others recently received from French/Indonesian sources. Tenor of these suggests Hanoi's position remains as outlined in Trinh statement and in Mai Van Bo's Paris interview of 16 Jan (both of which Hanoi has earlier authorized as official). (Bo said: stopping of bombing/other acts of war must be unconditional, --i.e., no reciprocity; talks will begin after "suitable time", 2 sides will meet to reach agreement on level of talks/agenda.)

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According to an Indian source, Hanoi indicated its willingness to send an NVA officer to New Delhi to meet with UNSYG during latter's sked visit there this week. (UNSYG now says visit is off, owing to PUEBLO affair.) A few days earlier, UNSYG had reportedly sent letter addressed to Ho making specific proposals for cessation of bombing and reconvening of Geneva Conference, and offering to discuss these with NVNese while he was in India at end of Jan.

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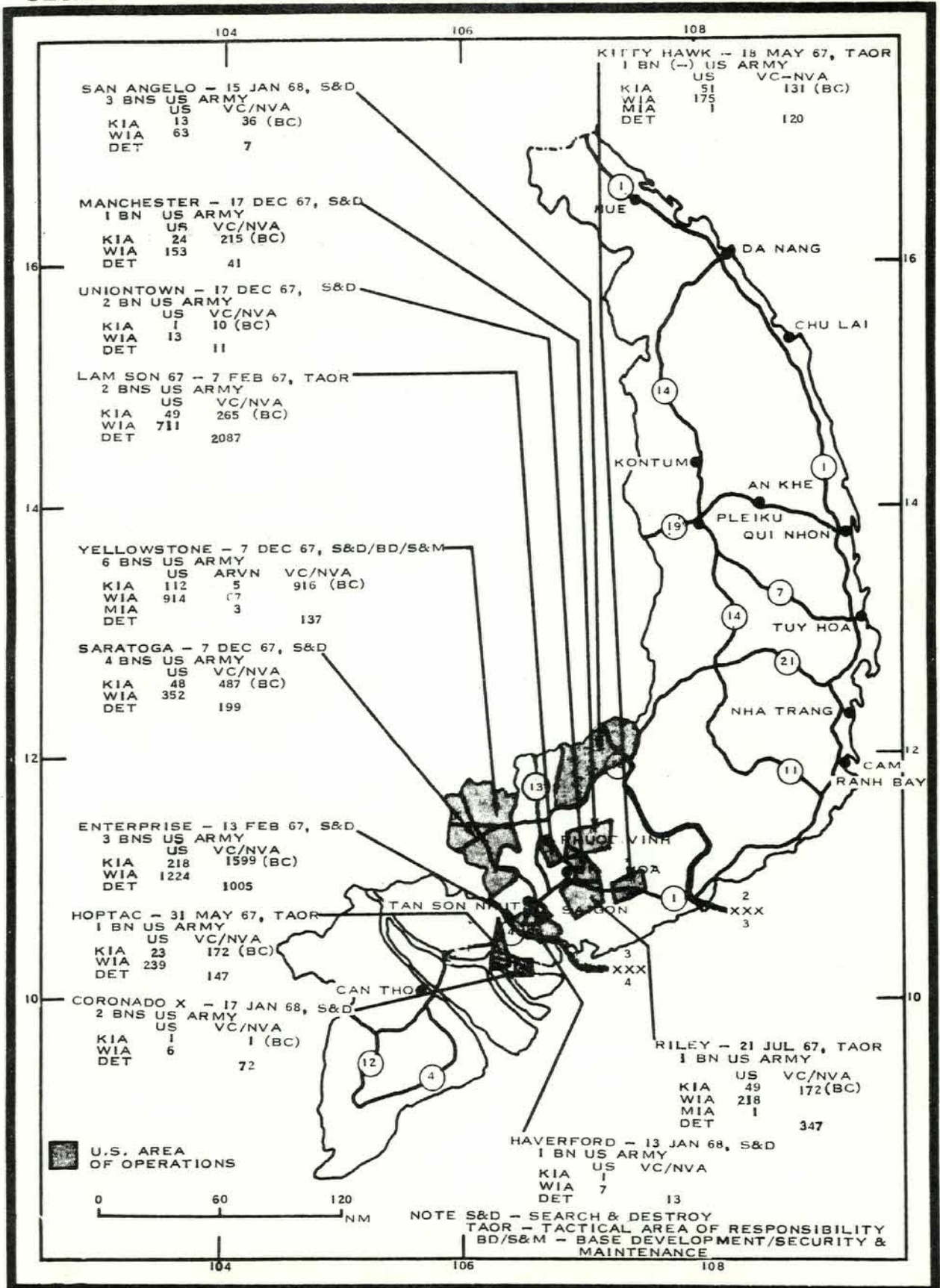
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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 29 JAN: 203 sorties (172 USAF,

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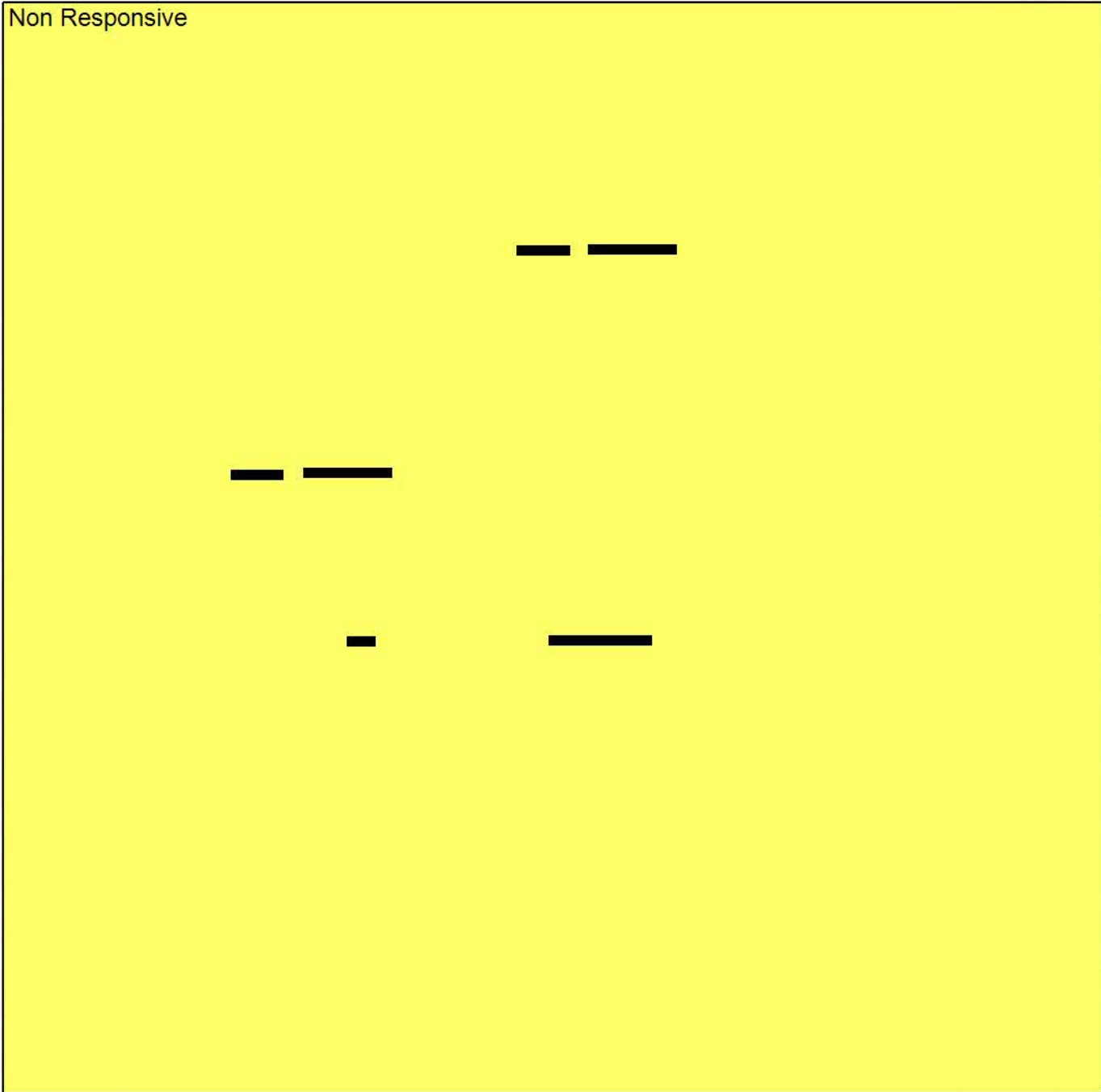
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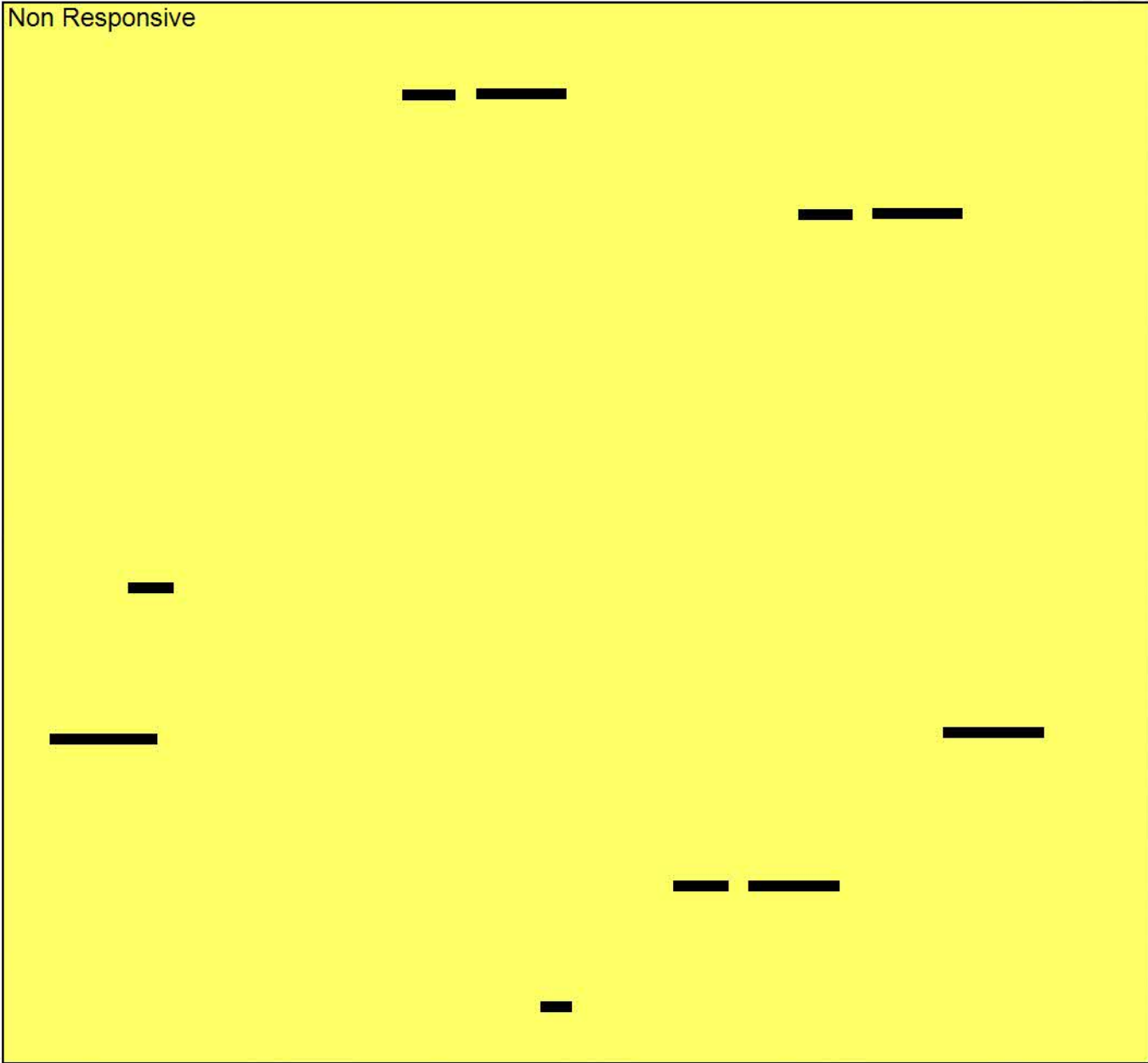
29 USN, 2 USMC) dest/damaged 18/36 trks, 6/16 bldgs, 4/1 bunkers, 0/18 stor areas, 0/15 trp concs, 0/11 road segs, 0/11 trk pks, 0/4 gun sites, 0/2 bridges, 0/1 ford, and LOCs. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 9 B-52s bombed large log base in Mu Gia Pass area. 36 B-52s struck trp concs and stor areas 70 nm WNW of Hue. (S)

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