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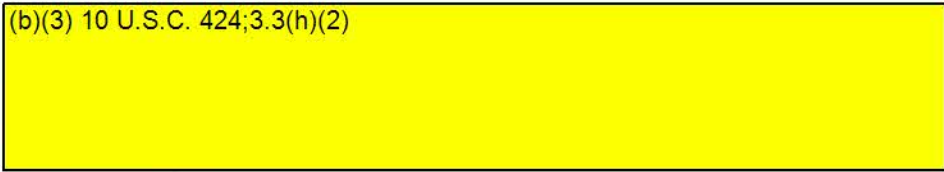
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OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS



SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: There are 44 (24 US, 18 ARVN, 2 FW) bn-size or larger opns in progress. (S)

Lull in significant mil acty continues in all Corps areas.

Determined en pockets are still holding out in Hue and Saigon. (S)

1 CTZ: On 11 Feb, in Opn JEB STUART, 12 nm NW Hue, elms 1st Cav

Div received 100 rds 82-mm mortar fire. Losses -- US: 3 KIA, 28 WIA. (S)

Khe Sanh Combat Base recd 32 rds 60/82-mm en mortar fire. USMC co outpost also recd 5 rds 82-mm mortar. Losses -- 2 US WIA. (S)

ARVN 37th Ranger Bn patrol engaged unk-size en force 500 meters SE Khe Sanh Afld. No further info avail at this time. (S)

House-to-house fighting continues in Hue in an effort to eliminate en resistance. (S)

On 12 Feb, a Hwy 1 bridge 11 nm NW Da Nang was dest. (S)

On 12 Feb, in Opn MUSCATINE, 6 nm NE Quang Ngai, elms of 2 USA inf cos engaged en force of unk size. Losses -- US: 1 KIA, 4 WIA; VC/NVA: 78 KIA, 3 det. (S)

23 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- US: 1 KIA, 12 WIA; VC/NVA: 31 KIA, 8 det. (S)

2 CTZ: USA abn co engaged reinforced en co 7 nm SSW Ban Me Thout. Losses -- US: 2 KIA, 20 WIA, 6 MIA; VC/NVA: unk. (S)

No small-unit contacts have been reported. (S)

3 CTZ: On 11 Feb, 17 nm ENE Saigon, a USA light fire team made contact with an en force of unk size. A USA plt and 2 ARVN cos reinforced the fire team. Losses -- US: 10 KIA, 4 WIA; ARVN: 4 KIA, 3 WIA; VC/NVA: unk. (S)

On 12 Feb, Bien Hoa AB was hit by 10 rds 122-mm rocket fire. Losses - US: 1 WIA. 2 C-123s and 1 C-130 damaged. (S)

Clearing opns continue in Saigon with reduced number of contacts. (S)

Update of USA contact 1 nm W Saigon (OIS 12 Feb) indicate 6 (vice 5) US KIA and 49 (vice 24) VC/NVA KIA. (S)

On 11 Feb, in Opn HAVERTFORD 15 nm SW Saigon, a USA inf co engaged en force of unk size. Losses -- VC/NVA: 9 KIA, 2 det. 26,000 rds small arms ammo was seized. (S)

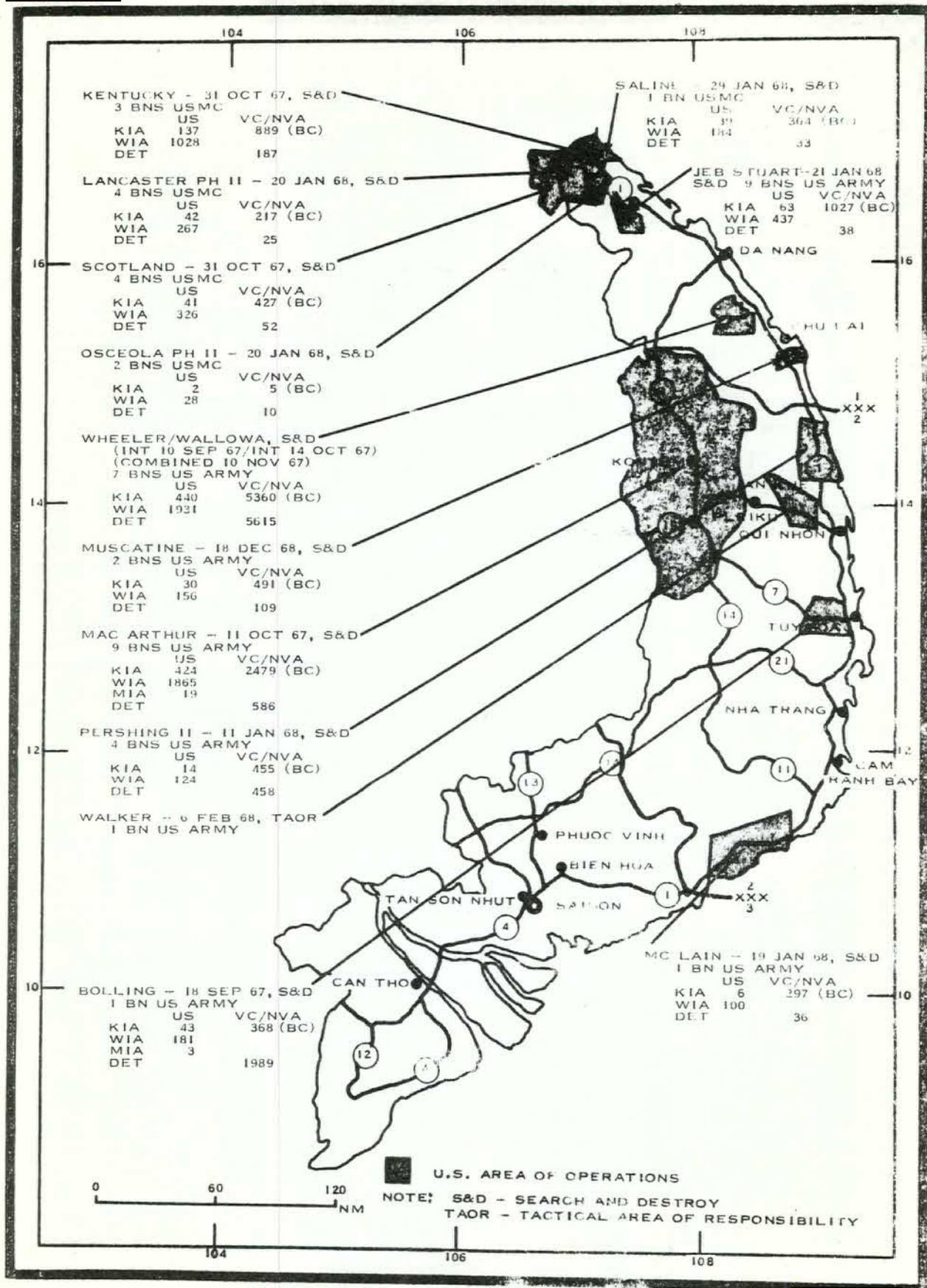
On 12 Feb, 25 nm SW Saigon, an RF co engaged an en force of unk size. Losses -- US: 1 WIA; RF: 4 KIA, 12 WIA, 1 MIA; VC/NVA: 22 KIA, 24 det. (S)

There were no small-unit contacts reported. (S)

4 CTZ: On 12 Feb, 4 nm NNW My Tho, ARVN 7th Div continued its S&D opn. Losses since 11 Feb -- ARVN: 3 KIA, 15 WIA; VC/NVA: 30 KIA, 1 det. (S)

**SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM
WHICH INVOLVE PARTICIPATION BY US FORCES
(1ST & 2D CORPS)**

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o/c An ARVN S&D opn 3 nm SW My Tho terminated on 12 Feb. Losses --
ARVN; 1 KIA, 5 WIA; VC/NVA: 42 KIA. (S)

o/c On 11 Feb, Can Tho Afld received 15 rds 82-mm fire. 6 AH-1G
helos received minor damage. No pers cas. (S)

o/c On 11 Feb, 33 nm ESE Can Tho, Opn PHAN PHONG 04, an ARVN 2 bn
S&D opn, commenced. Hvy contact reported with 2 en cos. Losses --
ARVN: 3 WIA; VC/NVA: 40 KIA, 86 det. (S)

There were no small-unit contacts reported. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 12 FEB: 4 B-52 msns (23 sorties) bombed elms
NVA 325C Div and trp conc within 6 nm radius Khe Sanh in spt Opn
NIAGARA. 3 B-52s struck trp conc 28 nm NNE Pleiku and 6 bombed
elms NVA 165 Regt and log areas 32 nm NNW Saigon. (S)

o/c POLITICAL: At a special cabinet meeting on 11 Feb, Pres Thieu
made following points, according to reliable clandestine source:

- (1) He is going to ask Nat Assembly for emergency powers for 1 yr;
- (2) govt plans to mobilize 65,000 trps in next 6 mos rather than
12 as first planned, with a 20,000 trp call-up before 1 Mar; (2)
- (3) civil def trng and wpns will be given to civil servants;
- (4) self-def units will be issued side arms, but pol or religious grps will
not be armed;
- (5) ministers told to be tightfisted with expend-
itures; (2) excise and sales taxes to be increased immediately;
- (6) dance halls/bars to be closed permanently. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3(h)

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NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 12 FEB: 99 sorties (72 USAF, 25 USMC,
2 USN) dest/damaged 4/0 WBLC, 2/24 trks, 0/12 gun psns, 0/5 ferries,
0/4 trk pks, 0/3 trp concs, 0/2 bunkers, 0/2 stor areas, 0/2 radar
psns, 0/1 barracks area, 0/1 ferry complex, 0/1 aflld, 0/1 SAM site,
and LOCs. (S)

Significant tqts: Vinh Afld, SAM site. (S)

o/c MIG ENGAGEMENTS: 4 USAF F-4Ds engaged 2 MIG-21s 73 nm NE Hanoi
at 120354 EST. 4 SPARROWS detonated close to MIG which went into
spin. 1 MIG-21 dest. (S)

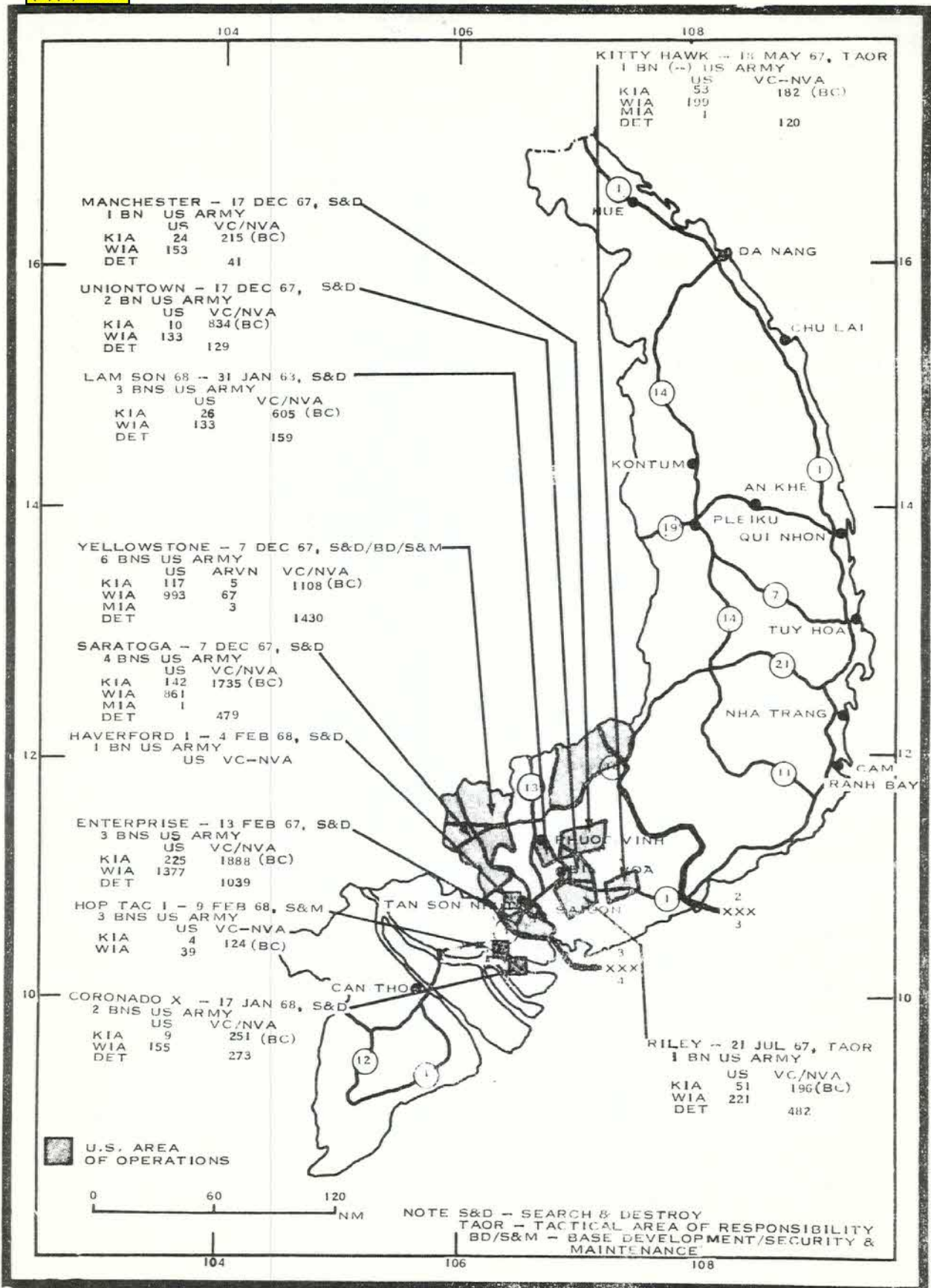
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4 USAF F-4Ds engaged 2 MIG-21s 51 nm ENE Hanoi at 120352 EST.
Two SPARROWS fired. No damage to either side. (S)

UNUSUAL AIR OPERATIONS: Three IL-14s that took off from Gia Lam
Afld on evening of 12 Feb reached Vinh area, then turned back,
apparently landing at Sai Thuong. Shortly after tpts were abn
from Gia Lam, Vinh had suggested msn be canceled because of wx.
Still later Vinh advised Hanoi that acft could not land at Vinh
because delayed action and antipers bombs had been dropped on
field. Vinh Afld was bombed by US acft on 12th. No indication
as to msn of IL-14s. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;

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SAM THREAT IN DMZ: Discovery of SAM site 278 (occ) few miles N of central DMZ area, along with nearby Site 274 (occ), emphasizes continuing SA-2 threat in region. Both sites have unrevetted psns and are loc in abandoned orchard. At least 9 more places suitable there for firing psns. Seven other SAM sites above DMZ have been abandoned after US air strikes. (b)(3) 10
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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 12 FEB: 248 sorties (177 USAF, 69 USN, 2 USMC) dest/damaged 27/55 trks, 8/0 bldgs, 2/8 gun psns, 2/0 bunkers, 0/16 stor areas, 0/15 trk pks, 0/11 trp concs, 0/6 mil complexes, (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 0/2 bridges, 0/1 ferry complex, and LOCs. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 9 B-52s bombed supply areas and arty psns 8 nm SW Khe Sanh in spt Opn NIAGARA. (S)

DOWNED ACFT: USAF A-1H downed due to battle damage 128 nm SSW Hanoi at 120245 EST. Pilot recovered safely. (S)

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