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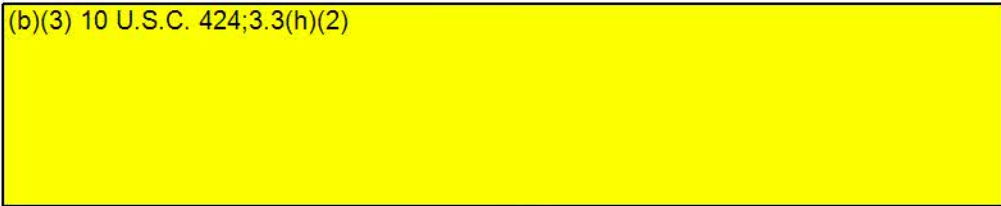
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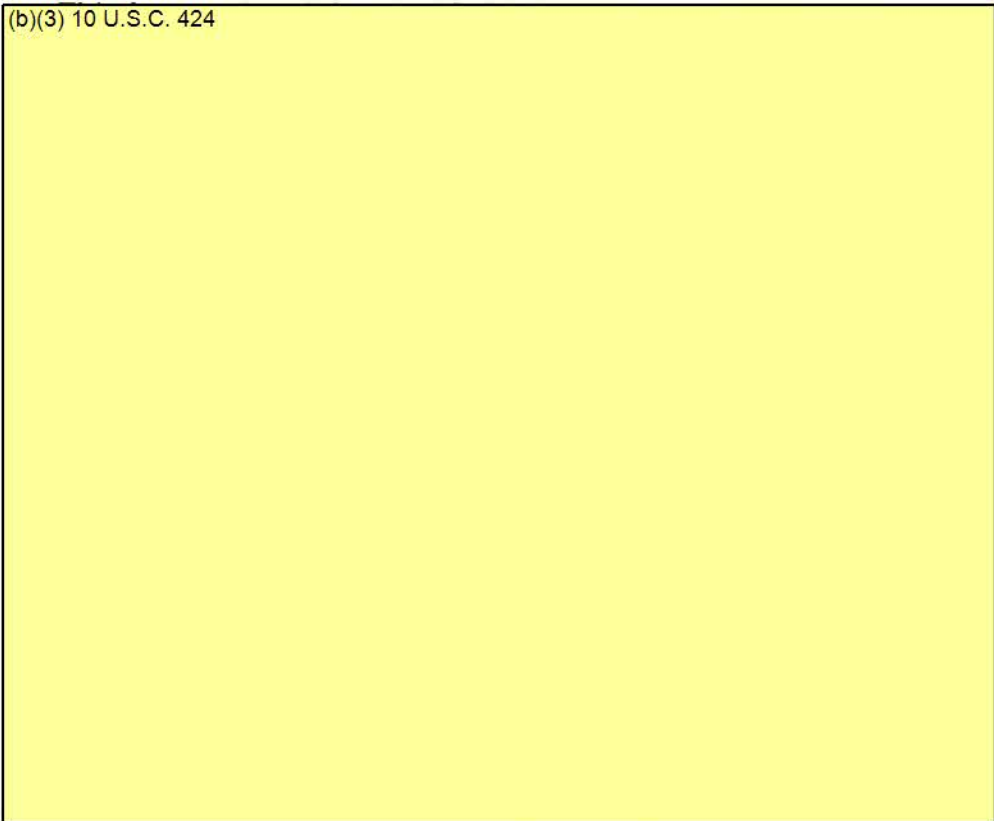
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OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS

SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 40 bn-size or larger opns in progress:
26 US, 12 ARVN, 2 FWF. (S)

1 CTZ: Update on en rocket atk on US Afld Da Nang (OIS 3 Jan) indicates 3 acft (vice 6) dest. (S)

USMC bn and MACV compound 7 nm SW Da Nang sustained mort atk from en force of unk size. Losses -- US: 1 KIA, 19 WIA; 3 USMC tks damaged; VC/NVA: unk. (S)

USMC plat 12 nm SW Da Nang sustained mort atk by en force of unk size. Losses -- US: 8 KIA, 4 WIA, 3 MIA; PF: 2 KIA, 14 WIA, VC/NVA: unk. (S)

325th RF co 15 nm S of Da Nang atkd by en force of unk size. Losses -- ARVN: 18 KIA, 50 WIA; VC/NVA: 30 KIA. (S)

Update of losses in Opn WHEELER/WALLOWA -- US: 18 KIA, 143 WIA, 2 MIA; VC/NVA: 208 KIA. (S)

USA plat and USMC plat 11 nm NNE Quang Ngai attacked en force. Losses -- VC/NVA: 31 KIA; US: none. (S)

USA CH-47A helo downed by gnd fire 18 nm SE Da Nang. Losses -- US: 1 WIA. Helo dest. (S)

15 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- US: 1 KIA, 6 WIA; ARVN: 1 KIA, 6 WIA; VC/NVA: 9 KIA, 2 det. (S)

2 CTZ: Cum losses USA contact Opn PERSHING (OIS 3 Jan) -- US: 6 KIA, 33 WIA; VC/NVA: 79 KIA, 2 det. (S)

An Khe Afld sustained 20-30 rds mort atk. Losses -- US: 1 WIA, 5 CH-47 helos and 1 structure damaged. (S)

Prov Chief's compound vic Ban Me Thout aflld and aflld itself sustained 30 rds mort atk. Losses -- ARVN: 2 KIA, 3 WIA; 4 UH-1 acft dest, 11 UH-1 and ten O-1E acft damaged; 1 trk dest and 3 damaged. (S)

Update of losses in USA contact Opn KLAMATH FALLS (OIS 3 Jan) -- US: 6 KIA, 14 (vice 11) WIA. (S)

13 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- ARVN: 2 KIA, 8 WIA, 1 MIA; VC/NVA: 11 KIA, 1 det. (S)

3 CTZ: USA co engaged en force of unk size 17 nm NW Saigon. Losses -- US: 19 WIA; VC/NVA: 10 KIA. (S)

18 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- US: 12 WIA; ARVN: 7 KIA, 15 WIA; VC/NVA: 16 KIA, 1 det. (S)

4 CTZ: CUU LONG 73, a VNMC 2-bn S&D opn, term 3 Jan with light to moderate en contact reported. Final results -- VNMC: 37 KIA, 141 WIA; VC/NVA: 152 KIA, 29 det. (S)

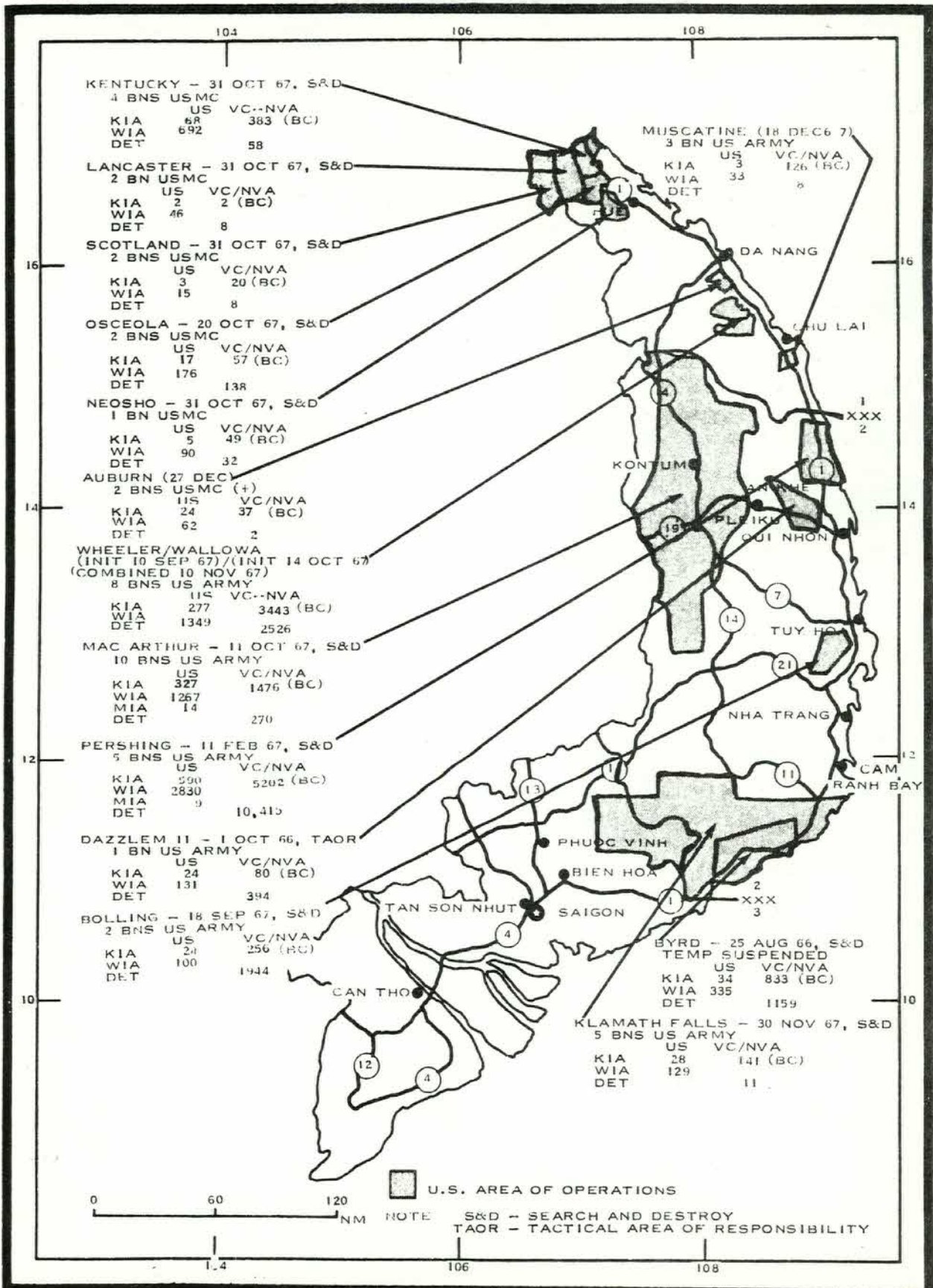
6 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- ARVN: 2 KIA, 2 WIA; VC/NVA: 13 KIA. (S)

**SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM
WHICH INVOLVE PARTICIPATION BY US FORCES**

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ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 3 JAN: 6 B-52s bombed tgt 25 nm S of Da Nang containing elms VC 1 Regt and NVA 3 Regt; no gnd follow-up sked. 3 B-52s bombed tgt 26 nm S of Da Nang containing bunkers. 3 B-52s bombed tgt 36 nm NNW Nha Trang containing elms NVA 5 Div; no gnd follow-up sked. 6 B-52s bombed tgt 19 nm NE Tay Ninh containing en mort psns; gnd follow-up sked by elms US 3d Squadron 18th Air Cav. (S)

DOWNED ACFT: USAF F-100D downed by gnd fire 19 nm S of Ban Me Thout. Pilot recovered in good condition. (S)

NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 3 JAN: 239 sorties (115 USN, 107 USAF, 17 USMC) dest/damaged: 1/8 gun sites, 0/11 road segs, 0/9 stor areas, 1/19 trks, 0/2 trp conc, 0/4 trk pks, 0/1 bunker, 12/26 WBLC, 1/5 bridges, 0/26 RR cars, 0/2 boat yds, 0/18 (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 0/1 mil compl, 0/4 radar sites. (S)

Tgts within 10 nm radius Hanoi: Dong Dau RR bridge; Trung Quan RR yard; 4 SAM sites. (S)

Tgts within 10 nm radius Haiphong: Kien An highway bridge; 6 SAM sites. (S)

MIG ENGAGEMENTS 3 JAN: (1) 4 USAF F-105Ds engaged by 1 MIG-21, 11 nm NNW Hanoi; US acft fired 314 rds 20-mm; no hits, no damage. (2) 4 USAF F-105Ds engaged 2 MIG-21s, 67 nm W Hanoi; 1 MIG fired 2 msls; no damage. (3) 4 USAF F-105Ds engaged by 2 MIG-21s, 48 nm WNW Hanoi; 1 MIG fired 4 msls; no damage. (4) 4 USAF F-4Ds engaged by 4 MIG-17s, 20 nm ENE Hanoi; MIGs fired cannon and 1 msl; no damage. (5) 3 USAF F-105Ds engaged by 2 MIG-21s, 53 nm NW Hanoi; 1 MIG fired 2 msls; flight jettisoned 4 x CBU-24s and 12 x MK-82s; no damage. (6) 4 USAF F-105Ds engaged by 1 MIG-21, 40 nm NW Hanoi; flight jettisoned 28 x MK-117; 1 F-105D downed by ATOLL (this acft reported down to unk causes OIS 3 Jan). (7) 4 USAF F-105Ds engaged by 4 MIG-21s, 55 nm NW Hanoi; flight jettisoned 6 x CBU-24s and 2 x CBU-29s, 6 x MK-117s, and 6 x MK-82s; no damage. (S)

MIG SIGHTINGS 3 JAN: 4 USAF F-4Ds obs 4 MIG-17s, 39 nm NW Hanoi. 4 USAF F-105s obs 1 MIG-21, 88 nm NW Hanoi. 4 USAF F-4Ds obs 2 MIG-21s, 76 nm WNW Hanoi. (S)

SAM SIGHTINGS: 17 SAMs obs vic Hanoi. No damage to US acft. (S)

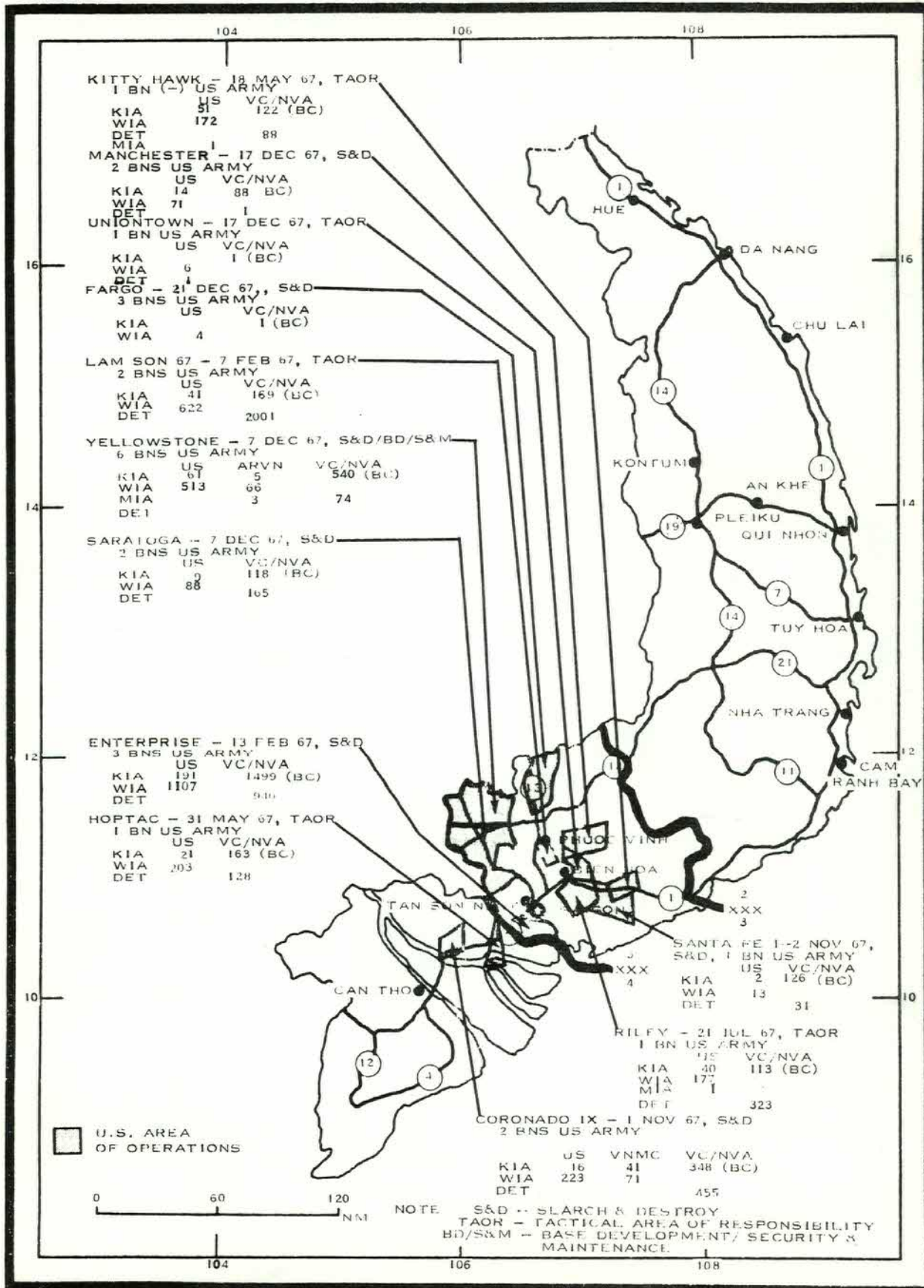
DOWNED ACFT: USN F-8E downed by SAM, 31 nm NNE Haiphong. No chute nor beeper heard. No SAR sked, due hostile env. (USN A-4C reported OIS 3 Jan down due unk causes was downed by SAM; according COMINT, pilot cptra alive. With this acft and the above F-8E, number US acft confirmed down by NVN SAMs is 88.)

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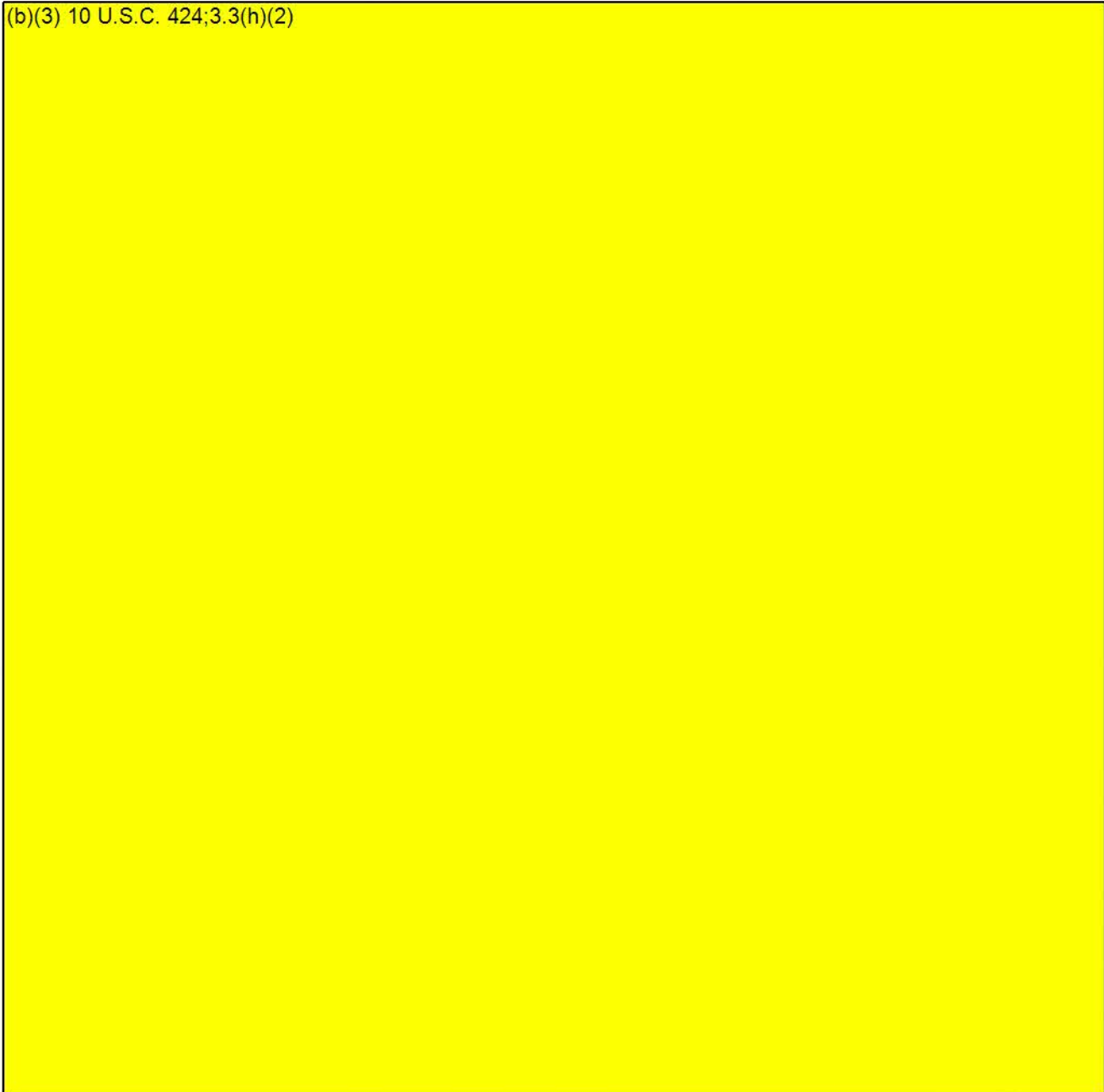
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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 3 JAN: 161 sorties (155 USAF, 4 USMC, 2 USN) dest/damaged 21/65 trks, (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3
0/21 road segs, 0/14 trk pks, 0/7 trp concs, 0/5 gun sites,
0/2 stor areas, 0/1 mil compl, 0/1 biv area, 0/1 ford. (S)
ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 3 JAN: 9 B-52s bombed tgt 49 nm W of
Dong Hoi and 15 nm S of Mu Gia Pass containing stor and biv-
ouac areas. (S)

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NORTH VIETNAM (LATE BRIEF)

12 USN A-4Cs struck Haiphong RR/Highway bridge. Results not obs due hvy smoke/dust. 3 SAMs obs. No damage to acft.
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