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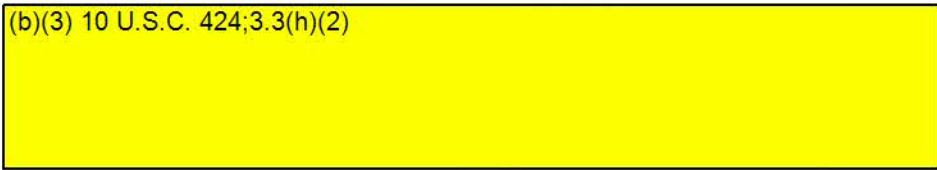
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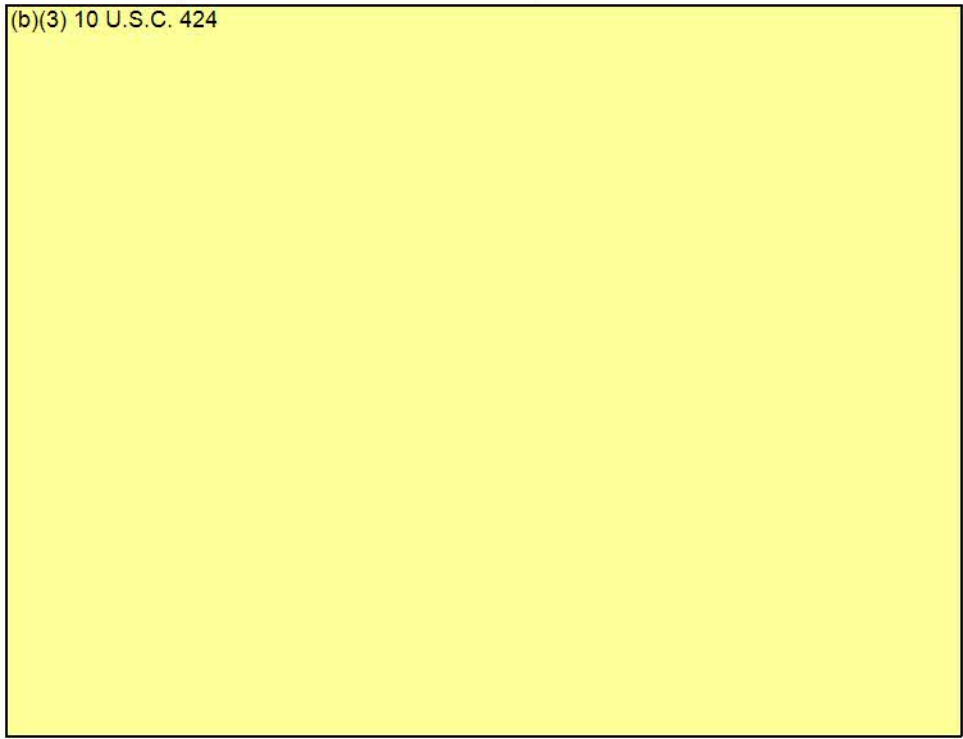
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OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS



SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 38 bn-sized or larger opns in progress: 25 US, 11 ARVN, 1 Aust, 1 Thai. (S)

1 CTZ: Opn AUBURN, 2 USMC bn and 1 USA co S&D, term 3 Jan after 7 days. 24 US KIA, 62 WIA. 37 VC/NVA KIA; 5 wpns seized. (S)

In Opn WHEELER/WALLOWA, USA co engaged est 30 en who were sptd by mort and RR fire 24 nm S of Da Nang on 2 Jan. 1 US KIA 16 WIA, 1 MIA. 30 VC/NVA KIA. On 3 Jan, 5 nm ESE, above USA co sustained 30-40 rds mort fire. 3 US KIA, 19 WIA. 11 VC/NVA KIA. (S)

On 3 Jan, en mort and gnd atk on Hau Duc Dist Hqs 25 nm W of Chu Lai was repulsed. 35 VC/NVA KIA. Seized were -- 50 rds 60-mm mort ammo, 21 indiv wpns, 140 blocks TNT, 1 60-mm mort, 1 B-40 rkt launcher, 3 B-40 rds, 2 portable radios. There were 60 friendly WIA. (S)

On 3 Jan, VC/NVA cut Rte 1 in 3 places by destroying culverts 12 nm NNW Da Nang. Road impassable. Est time of repair is 5 Jan. (S)

On 3 Jan, en destroyed 3 culverts on Rte 1, 12 nm S of Da Nang plus bridge on Rte 538. Est time of repair unk. (S)

35 small-unit contacts resulted in 27 VC/NVA KIA, 5 wpns seized. 1 US, 1 ARVN KIA, 9 US, 7 ARVN WIA. (S)

2 CTZ: On 3 Jan, elms of ROKA cav bn placed fire on en force 300 meters from Phu Cat Dist Hqs, 16 nm NNW Qui Nhon. 18 VC/NVA KIA, 6 indiv 1 crew-served wpn seized. (S)

On 3 Jan, ROKA regt on S&D nearby had 3 engagements. 7 ROKA WIA. 41 VC/NVA KIA, 20 indiv and 4 crew-served wpns seized. This opn term same date, after 7 days. Cum results -- 4 ROKA KIA, 14 WIA; 118 VC/NVA KIA, 56 indiv, 12 crew-served wpns seized. (S)

8 small-unit contacts resulted: 17 VC/NVA KIA, 16 wpns seized. 17 ARVN KIA, 16 WIA, 8 wpns lost. (S)

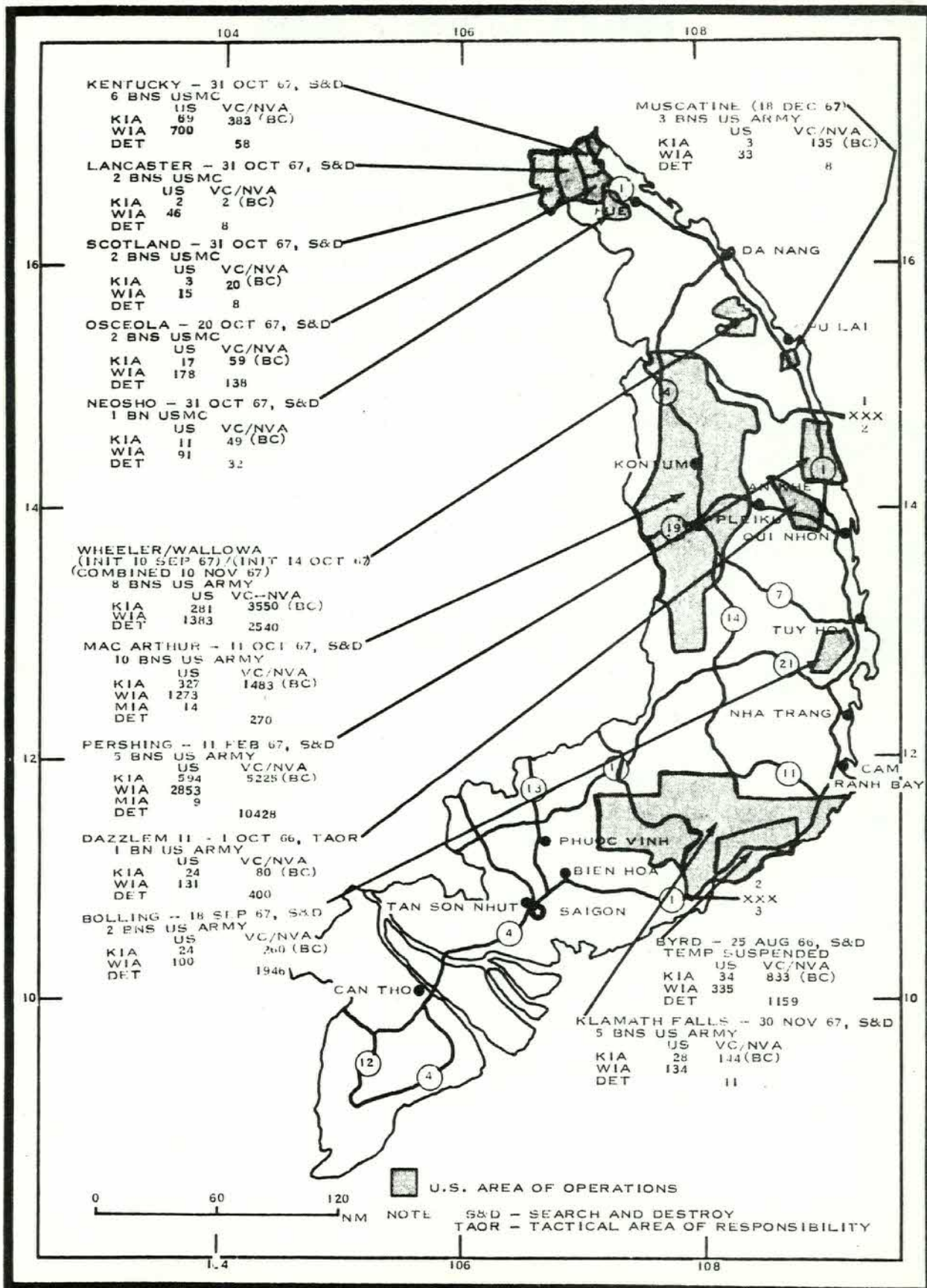
3 CTZ: In Opn YELLOWSTONE, USA co engaged unk-size en force 24 nm NE Tay Ninh on 3 Jan. 2d US co rein; en broke contact. 7 VC/NVA KIA. 5 US KIA, 4 WIA. 6 nm to the west, USA co located base camp with 4 VC/NVA bodies and 20 tons rice, which was destroyed. (S)

In Opn SARATOGA, in an area centered 15 nm NNW Saigon, 5 USA cos had three contacts on 3 Jan. 14 US KIA, 42 WIA, 1 MIA. 25 VC/NVA KIA. (S)

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16 small-unit contacts resulted: 34 VC/NVA KIA. 3 US, 2 ARVN KIA, 1 US, 9 ARVN WIA. [REDACTED]

4 CTZ: On 3 Jan, ARVN recon co located en arms cache 29 nm NNE Can Tho. 17 indiv wpns, 6 B-40 rkt launchers, 130 x 60-mm mort rds, 58 x 120-mm mort rds, 6 B-40 rds, 1 x 75-mm RR rd, 30 AT grenades, 1 Claymore mine, and assorted equip and SA ammo seized. [REDACTED]

On 4 Jan, 3 USN river patrol boats engaged unk en force 29 nm ENE Can Tho. 2 US, 2 ARVN WIA; 3 PBR, 1 UH-1B helo minor damage. 11 VC/NVA KIA, 9 sampans, 4 bldgs destroyed. [REDACTED]

6 small-unit contacts resulted 9 VC/NVA KIA, 2 wpns seized. 5 ARVN KIA, 8 WIA, 3 wpns lost. [REDACTED]

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: At 040225 EST, 9 B-52s (SIERRA 51) bombed hqs and regt opnl area 27 nm S of Da Nang. At 041409 EST, 6 B-52s (SIERRA 91) bombed opnl areas in spt of Opn YELLOWSTONE, 28 nm NE Tay Ninh. At 041631 EST, 6 B-52s (SIERRA 9) struck hqs and opnl area of VC 30 Bn, 38 nm N of Nha Trang; gnd follow-up this opn by ROK 9th Div. At 050029, 6 B-52s (SIERRA 33) bombed en opnl area 26 nm S of Da Nang. [REDACTED]

KHE SANH: Threat to Khe Sanh area currently composed of: 1 regt of NVA 324B Div; Hqs NVA 304 Div plus 2 of its regts; prob Hqs NVA 320 Div plus 1 of its regts; and poss forward CP elm of Hqs NVA 325C Div. (New info indicates that it is this above-noted fwd CP of Hqs 325C Div -- vice the parent hqs itself -- that had recently moved to western end of DMZ -- thence, a few days ago, southward in Laos to location opp Khe Sanh area. Main hqs of 325C believed still vic Dong Hoi. Noted that a prob fwd CP of 325C was involved in the acty around Khe Sanh last spring and around Con Thien last summer/fall.) [REDACTED] (b)(3) 10 U.S.C.

NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER 57 OPERATIONS: 368 sorties (219 USN, 110 USAF, 39 USMC) dest/damaged 17/113 WBLC, 11/78 RR cars, 6/3 bldgs, 4/24 trks, 3/22 AAA sites, 3/12 bridges, 1/1 SAM site, 0/28 stor areas, 0/23 radar sites, 0/6 trp conc, 0/6 trk pks, 0/3 CD sites, 0/3 ferries, 0/3 gun psns, 0/3 stage areas, 0/2 locomotives, 0/1 mil compl, 0/1 bunker, and LOCs. [REDACTED]

Tgts 30 nm Hanoi: Ha Gia RR bridge bypass; SAM site 1.

Tgts 10 nm Haiphong: Haiphong RR Hiway Bridge (1 nm W of Haiphong); Haiphong RR/Hiway pontoon and bridge ferry bypass (1 nm W of Haiphong); Haiphong Hiway Bridge (2 nm NNW Haiphong); SAM site 99. [REDACTED]

Other significant tgts: Lang Son RR/Hiway Bridge (JCS [REDACTED]) [REDACTED]

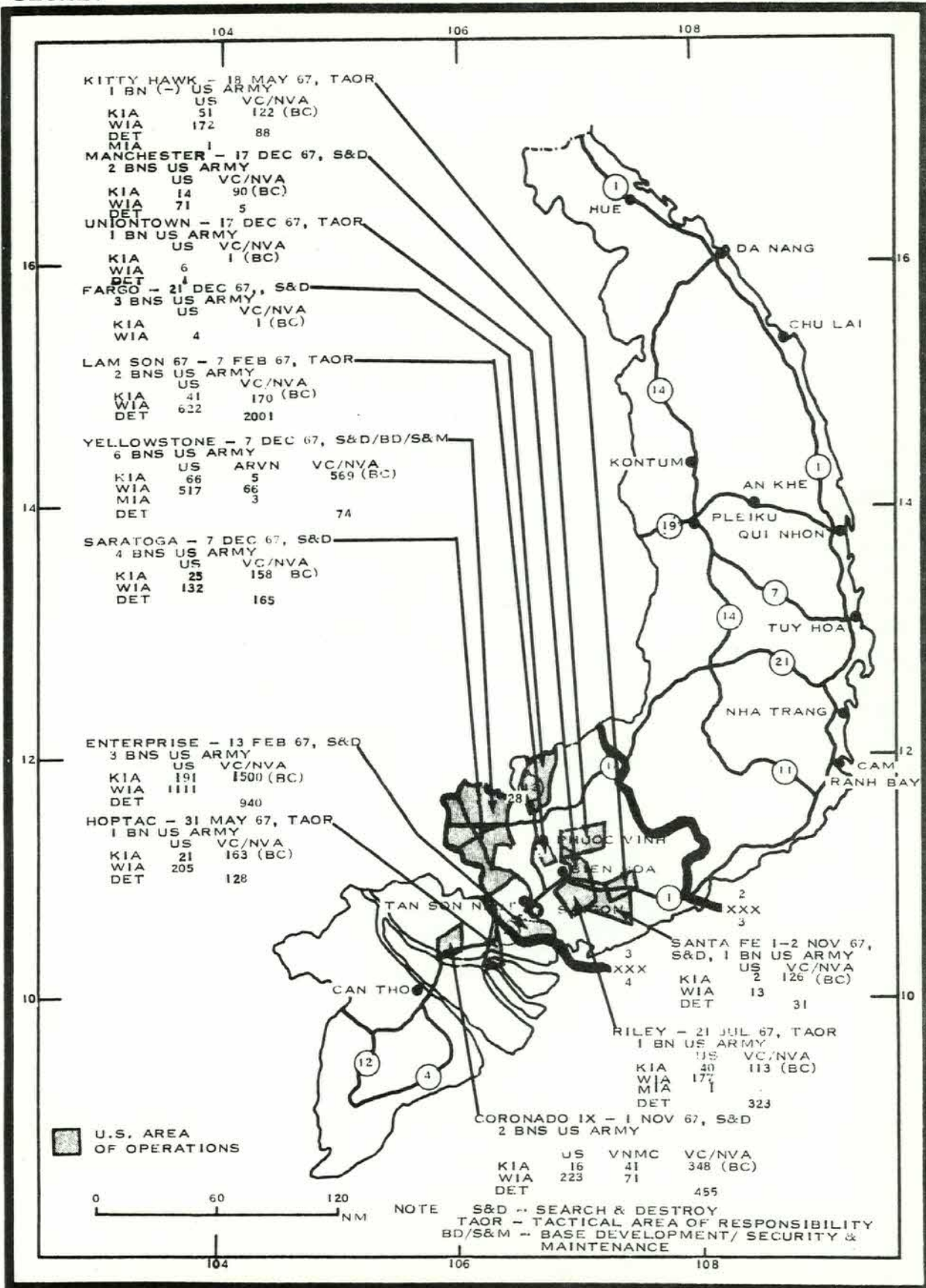
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MIG ENGAGEMENTS: At 040402 EST, 4 USAF F-105Fs received 2 air-to-air msils from 2 MIG-21s, 104 nm NW Hanoi. US acft jettisoned 2 CBU-24s. No damage. (S)

8 USAF F-4D engaged 4 MIG-17s, 28 nm N of Hanoi at 040330 EST. 2 SPARROWS fired; no hits. 1 MIG-17 damaged by cannon fire. (S)

2 USN F-4Bs observed 1 MIG-17, 33 nm NE Hanoi, at 040330 EST. No engagements. (S)

SAM SIGHTINGS: On 2, 3, and 4 Jan, 40 abn SAMs obs by US pilots over NVN. No damage to US acft. (S)

AIRCRAFT LOSSES: USAF F-105F downed due unk cause 33 nm NE Hanoi at 041955 EST. Good chutes and beepers. SAR in prog. (S)

USAF F-105 downed by gnd fire 24 nm NW Haiphong at 042005 EST. Good chutes and beepers. No SAR, due en activity. (S)

USAF RF-4C unable to refuel from tanker; flamed out 42 nm NE Udorn at 042120 EST. Crew recovered in good condition. (S)

USN A-4E downed by gnd fire 63 nm SSE Hanoi at 041710 EST. SAR in progress. (S)

POLITICAL-MILITARY: Press release yesterday by NVN rep Paris (Mai Ban Bo) repeated Trinh statement. A Sov official in Paris has told an AmEmb officer there that "ball now in US court". AmEmb Saigon says Thieu quoted as telling newsmen that Trinh statement was only propaganda/a step backward/unacceptable. No reaction yet noted on part of ChiComs or KorComs, nor any clarification on part Hanoi. So far, there has been no outpouring of reaction statements on part of intl press/officialdom: what few comments have been received (other than Thieu's) have urged US to respond positively to Trinh overture. (S)

LAOS

BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 4 JAN: 194 sorties (180 USAF, 14 USMC) dest/damaged 27/103 trks, 4/6 gun psns, 0/24 trk pks, 0/11 trp concs, 0/10 stor areas, 0/2 road construct sites, 0/1 mil compl, 0/1 bridge, and LOCs. (S)

GROUND SITUATION: It is the view of US Mission that reports from various sources re large-scale en movements throughout country are exaggerated. Mission considers acty to be normal for this time of year. (b)(3) 10 U.S.

In north, en continues apply pressure on Nam Bac. Govt link-up opn sked begin 5 Jan. In south, reports of large-scale en acty vic Muong Phalane area and of en trp buildup vic Mahaxay not confirmed. Of interest is King Savang's est of situation MR 4 -- he thinks main objective of en is to procure rice/demoralize FAR forces. He is reported by Gen Vang Pao to have

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considered as unduly pessimistic/air est presented him by CO
of MR 4 (Gen Phasouk), viz: en offensive aimed at extending
his forces westward in order to open alternate roads in effort
expand Ho Chi Minh trail network. (b)(3) 10 U.S

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