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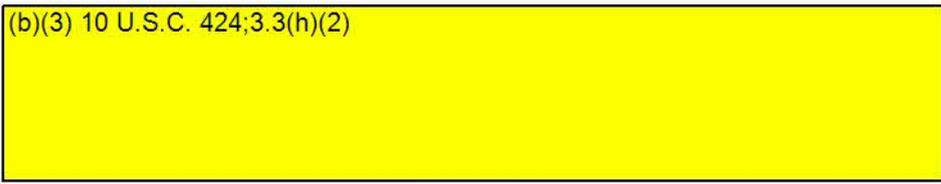
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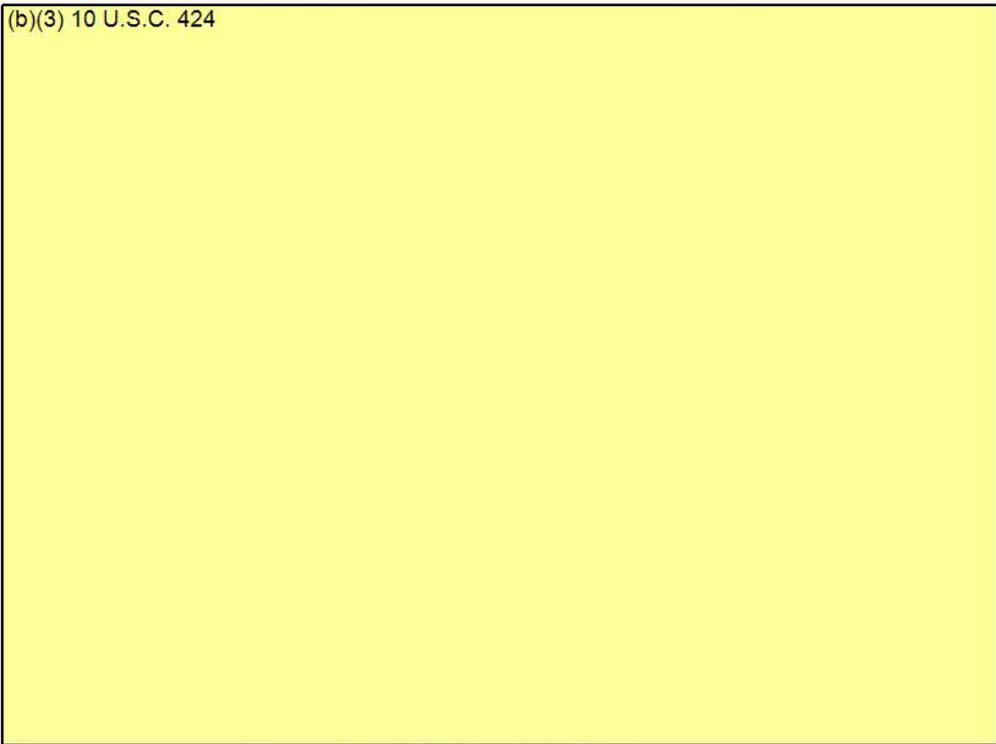
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OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS



SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 48 bn-size or larger opns in prog: 24 US, 23 ARVN, 1 FWF. Prelim info indicates that en-initiated acty was at below-normal level throughout SVN on both 11, 12 Jan. During preceding week, en effort has been maintained at high level. (S)

1 CTZ: On 12 Jan, search planes located (16 nm SSW Quang Tri) wreckage of USMC CH-53 helo missing on flight Dong Ha - Da Nang. Latest info indicates that 41 pers were aboard (36 USMC, 3 USN, 1 USA, 1 Philippine civ). Pilot report indicates no signs of life near wreckage. SAR in prog. (S)

On 11 Jan 25 nm NW Da Nang, a USMC bn CP received approx 30 mort rds. Results -- US: 6 KIA, 12 WIA; VC/NVA: unk. (S)

5 small-unit contacts reported. Results -- US: none; ARVN: 1 KIA, 9 WIA; VC/NVA: 1 KIA, 1 wpn seized. (S)

2 CTZ: On 11 Jan in Opn PERSHING, 24 nm NNW Qui Nhon, elms of USA 1st Cav Div (AM) obs and engaged an unk-size en force for 1 hr. Results -- US: 2 WIA; VC/NVA: 22 KIA. (S)

8 small-unit contacts reported. Results -- US: none; ARVN: 5 WIA; VC/NVA: 5 KIA, 1 pers det, 1 wpn seized. (S)

3 CTZ: On 12 Jan in Opn YELLOWSTONE, a USA co engaged an en co 21 nm NE Tay Ninh. Results -- US: 6 WIA; VC/NVA: 5 KIA. (S)

On 12 Jan in Opn SARATOGA, a USA co contacted unk-size en force 23 nm NW Saigon. Tac air, light fire teams, and arty sptd. Results -- US: 1 KIA; VC/NVA: 8 KIA. (S)

On 11 Jan in Opn AKRON V, 24 nm ESE Saigon, USA co mort and atkd by unk-size en force. Helos, AC-47 acft sptd. En broke contact after 1½ hrs. Results -- US: 46 WIA; VC/NVA: unk. (S)

17 small-unit contacts reported. Results -- US: 4 WIA; ARVN: 4 KIA, 8 WIA; VC/NVA: 21 KIA, 2 pers det, 7 wpns seized. (S)

4 CTZ: On 11 Jan, an en reinf co atkd a VNSF co and RF co 45 nm NNE Can Tho. Helos sptd friendly force. En broke contact after 75 min. Results -- ARVN: 5 KIA, 11 WIA; VC/NVA: unk. (S)

On 11 Jan in Opn CUU LONG 74, 24 nm NNE Can Tho, a US helo atkd en sampan containing 1 US prisoner. Prisoner rescued by helo crew. On 12 Jan, several miles to south, ARVN units recovered en cache containing 2 indiv wpns, 56,750 rds SA ammo, 670 grenades, 157 rds RR ammo, 100 mort rds, 18 mines. (S)

11 small-unit contacts reported. Results -- US: none; ARVN: 2 KIA, 2 WIA; VC/NVA: 14 KIA, 1 pers det, 14 wpns seized. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: At 121536 EST, 6 B-52s struck tgt 21 nm ESE Tay Ninh containing base camp, supply cache, 9 bunkers, and suspected elms VC/NVA bns; follow-up sked by 2d Bde of 25th Inf

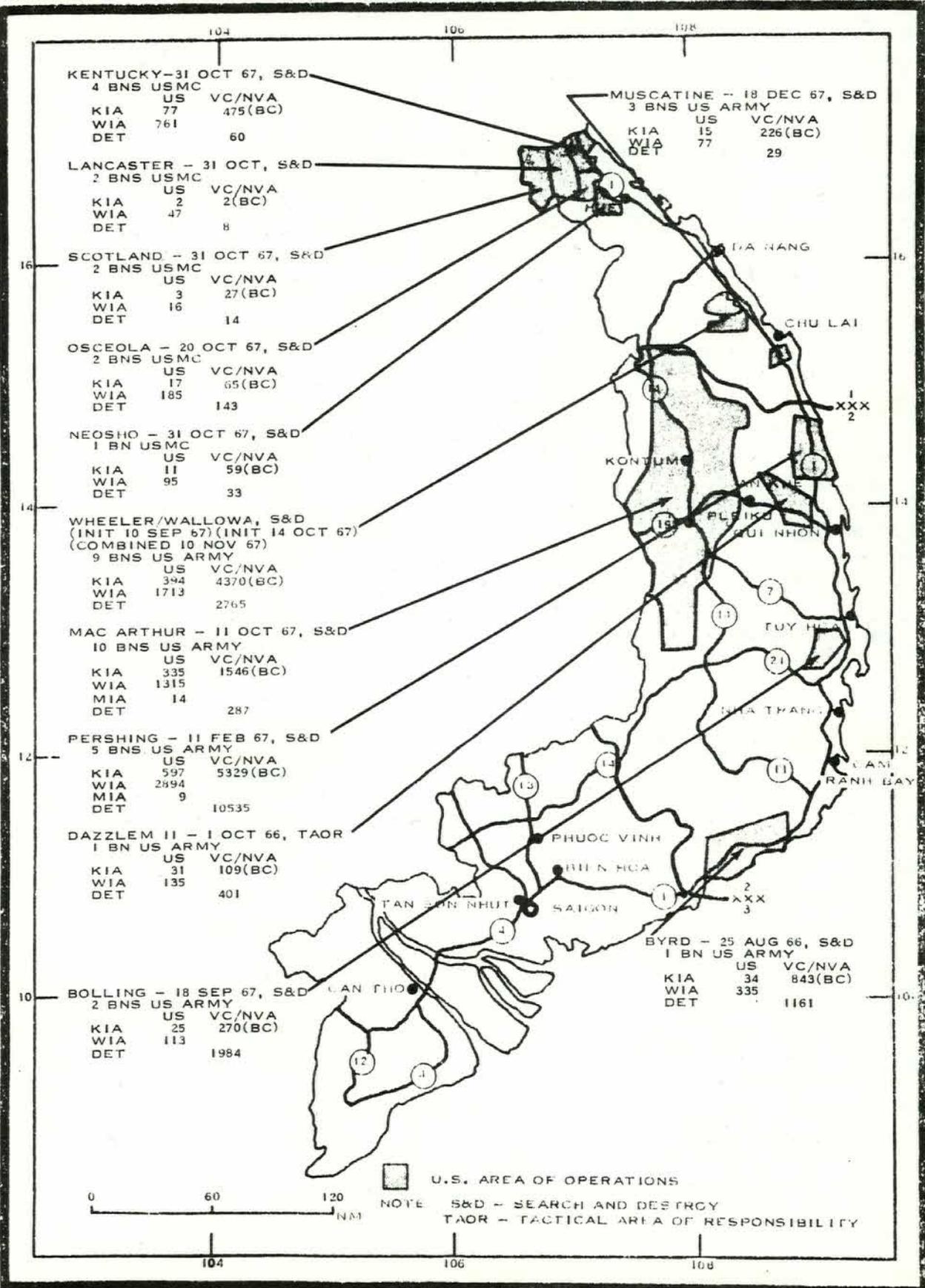
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Div. At 121655 EST, 3 B-52s struck tgt 21 nm NE Tay Ninh containing suspected elms of VC 271 and 272 Regts, and large base camp; follow-up sked by elms of 25th Inf Div. At 130046 EST, 9 B-52s struck tgt 26 nm WNW Pleiku containing structures, underground air-raid shelters, stor facilities, biv areas, and suspected elms NVA 32 Regt; follow-up sked by elms of 4th Inf Div. (S)

VC PROBLEMS: 2 cptrd docs reveal that motivation/morale of ~~communist controlled~~ populations (in Quang Nam and Phu Yen Provs) adversely affected by Allied sweep opns over last several months. In Quang Nam Prov, villages were directed to emphasize communist "victories" and to disseminate "all" propaganda docs from MR hqs, in effort to counter allied successes. In Phu Yen Prov, guerrilla movement was said to "stunted", with hamlet/village units disintegrating. (C)

NVA 304 DIV: (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424 div hqs has moved southeasterly about 12 nm, from 29 Dec psn 25 nm generally west of Khe Sanh to psn 20 nm generally S of Khe Sanh. (S) Sec. 3.3

POLITICAL: (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3(h)(2) seems to be a considerable malaise in Saigon civ/mil circles stemming from rumors re possibility of a coalition govt. Amb also notes that increased attention being paid same subject by VC circles, in what is prob a psychological offensive designed make people believe VC gaining on pol/mil front. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3(h)(2)

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NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS: 199 sorties (100 USAF, 81 USN, 18 USMC) dest/damaged 14/2 WBLC, 10/61 trks, 5/4 structures, 0/25 road segs, 0/11 stor areas, 0/10 trk pks, 0/9 bridges, 0/6 ferries, 0/4 trp concs, 0/3 CD sites, 0/3 fords, 0/3 gun psns, 0/2 causeways, 0/2 radar sites, 0/1 harbor facility, 0/1 RR siding. (S)

Significant tgts: 2 suspected SAM sites. (S)

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POLITICAL-MILITARY: Hanoi has begun to call attention to latest Trinh statement saying it "clearly points out govt stand". Nhan Dan lists comments made by US govt and concludes that these, together with "intensified raids" against "Port of Haiphong, prov capital of Lang Son, other densely populated areas, and Sov/ChiCom

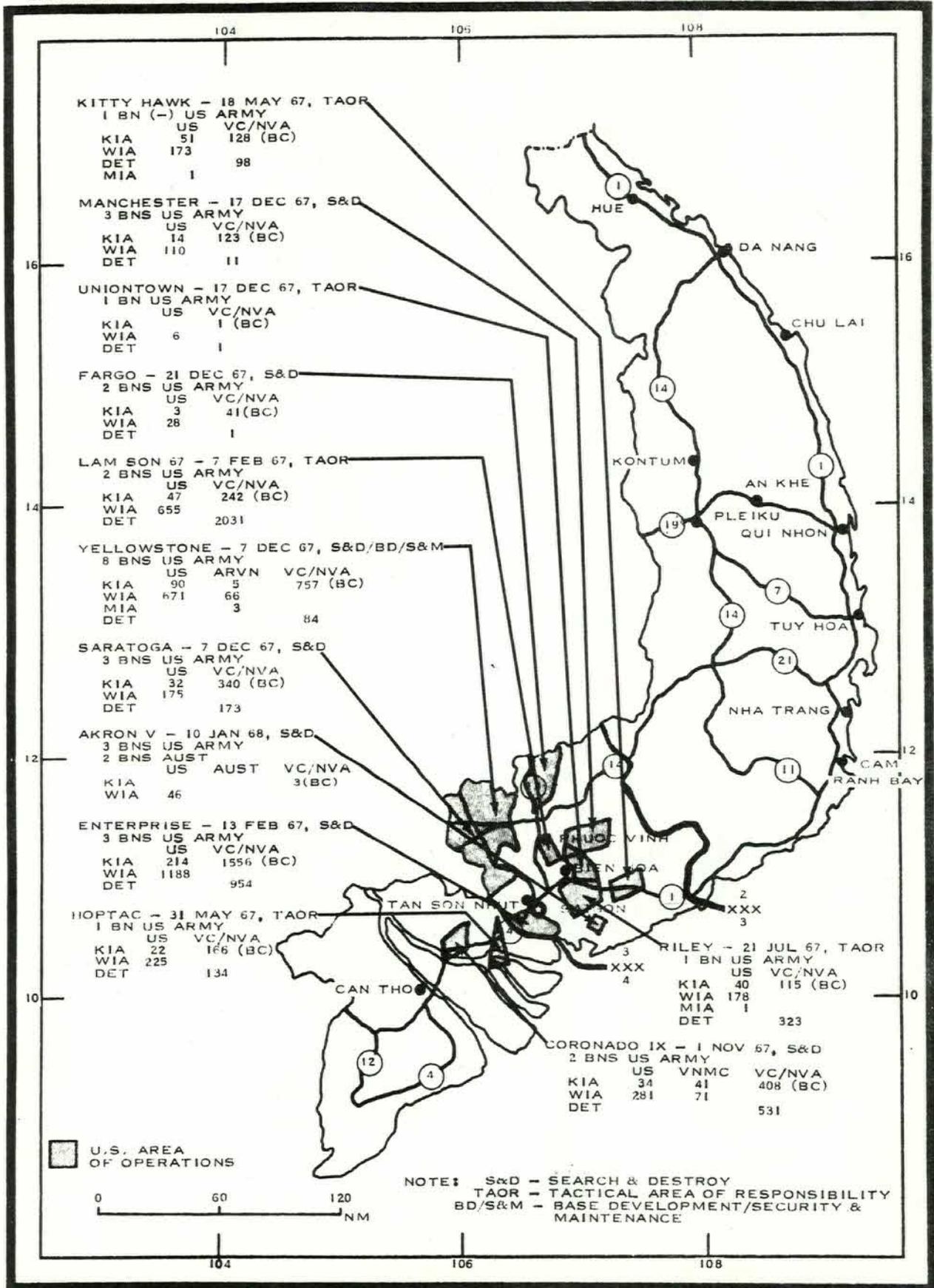
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vessels", indicate US intends expand war. Meanwhile, Danish Emb Peiping states that NVN Emb there has said that Trinh statement intended make clear that (in addition to change from "could" to "will") demand for "permanent" bombing pause now no longer maintained. But noted that Trinh has again -- this time in undated interview with Bulgarian news agency -- described his 28 Jan 67 interview with Burchett in language which makes operative portion read very much like his Dec 67 statement; reason for this not clear (OIS 9 Jan). (b)(3) 10

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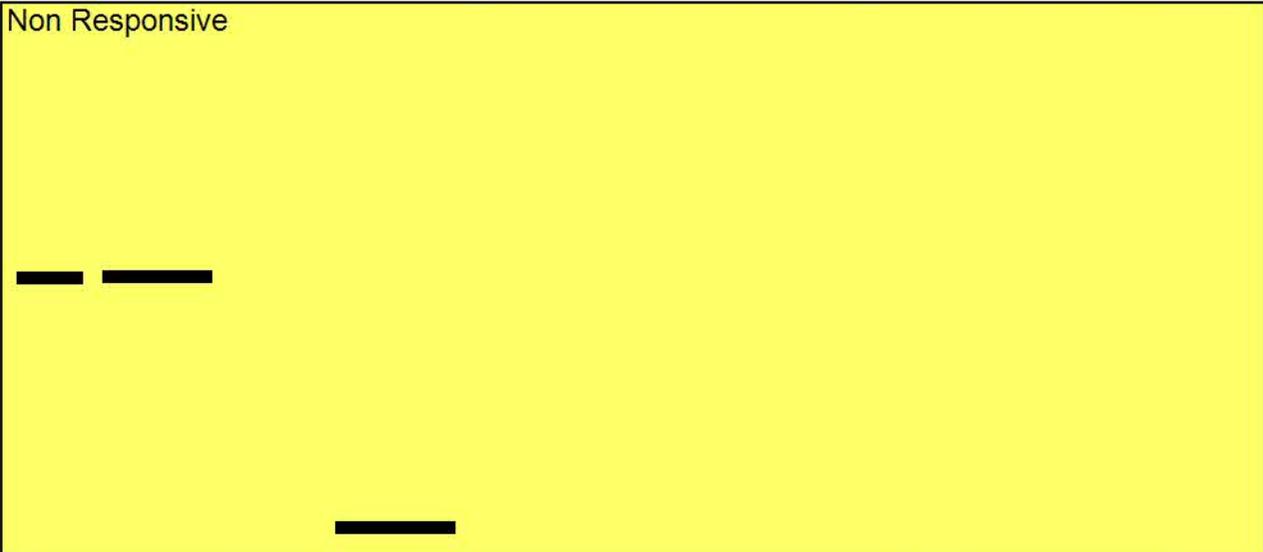
BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS: 241 sorties (161 USAF, 56 USN, 24 USMC) dest/damaged 23/53 trks, 8/5 structures, 4/7 gun sites, 2/0 AAA sites, 1/0 bridge, 1/0 WBLC, 0/51 road segs, 0/16 stor areas, 0/13 trp concs, 0/11 trk pks, 0/4 fords, 0/1 biv area. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: At 122005 EST, 6 B-52s struck tgt 30 nm WSW Dong Hoi containing 2 stor areas, 1 trk pk, and 2 unocc AW psns. (S)

SITE 85: (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424 acft which bombed Site 85 yesterday were NVN AN-2s; 4 AN-2s involved; an IL-14 served as prob airborne commo relay for Gia Lam controller; 2 failed return to NVN; 1 of returning AN-2 pilots landed in Hung Yen area (SE of Hanoi), claiming "victory". (Sec. 3.3(b) (1)

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