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GROUND OPERATIONS: 46 bn-size or larger opns in prog: 27 US, 1 FW, 18 ARVN.

1 CTZ: Update report of ARVN contact 15 nm S Da Nang (OIS 16 Jan) indicates reaction force of 1 ARVN bn, 1 RF co, and 1 ARVN APC co reestablished contact with en on 15 Jan. Cum results -- ARVN: 16 KIA, 31 WIA, 29 wpns lost; VC/NVA: 40 KIA, 9 wpns seized.

39 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- US:
1 KIA, 26 WIA; ARVN: 2 KIA, 4 WIA; VC/NVA: 22 KIA, 6 det, 3 wpns.

2 CTZ: On 16 Jan, USA assault helo co at Ban Me Thout received 35 rds 82-mm mortar fire. 5 UH-1H helos damaged. No cas.

11 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- ARVN:
2 KIA, 6 WIA; VC/NVA: 5 KIA, 42 det, 2 wpns.

3 CTZ: USA 3 bn S&D Opn SAN ANGELO commenced 15 Jan, 18 nm E Bu Dop.

In Opn SARATOGA, USA bn, on 15 Jan, engaged unk size en force. Losses -- US: 13 WIA; VC/NVA: 15 KIA.

On 15 Jan, in Opn MANCHESTER, USA co engaged unk size en force. A 2d co reinf. Losses -- US: 5 KIA, 21 WIA; VC/NVA: 3 KIA.

10 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- US:
1 KIA, 1 WIA; ARVN: 2 KIA, 3 WIA; VC/NVA: 22 KIA.

4 CTZ: 12 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- ARVN: 4 KIA, 10 WIA, 2 MIA, 6 wpns.

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 16 JAN: 6 B-52s struck tgt 58 nm WNW Hue containing en trps and staging area. 9 B-52s struck tgt 43 nm NW Hue containing fortified psns and suspected elms of NVA 803D Regt. 9 B-52s struck tgt 40 nm NNW Nhã Trang containing elms of NVA 5th Div and Southern Front Hqs. No gnd follow-up sked above msns.

VIET CONG/CAMBODIA: VC elms in Phnom Penh are recruiting young VNese residents in Cambodia to serve in SVN, according to 2 reliable clandestine sources. One report said recruits between 13 and 15 yrs of age were taken without knowledge of their parents who thought their children had been kidnapped. Other report has claimed earlier that some VNese in their early teens had left Phnom Penh for duty with VC in SVN. Reports point up difficulty VC are apparently still having in meeting recruiting goals in SVN.
NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS: 196 sorties (94 USN, 72 USAF, 30 USMC) dest/damaged 1/5 AAA sites, 0/61 WBL craft, 0/16 stor areas, 0/14 gun psns, 0/14 trks, 0/8 bridges, 0/3 barracks, 0/3 bunkers, 0/2 radar sites, 0/2 trk pks, 0/2 trp concs, 0/1 C/D site, 0/1 bldg, and LOCs. 

Tgts within 30-nm Hanoi: Vinh Yen Army Bks (SW). 
Tgts within 10-nm Haiphong: 3 SAM sites, radar site. 
Other tgt ts: Mo Trang RR siding, Phu Xuyen Hwy Pontoon Bridge, Hai Duong RR/Hwy Bridge. 

MIG ENGAGEMENTS: 4 USAF F-4Ds engaged by 2 MIG-21s 62 nm W of Hanoi 15 Jan. MIGs fired 2 msls; no damage to US acft.

LAOS

BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS: 254 sorties (180 USAF, 50 USN, 24 USMC) dest/damaged 59/67 trks, 3/6 gun sites, 2/1 bridges, 0/20 trk pks, 0/13 stor areas, 0/9 trp concs, 0/3 biv areas, 0/3 mil complexes, 0/1 AAA site, and LOCs. 

SARAVANE: FAR repulsed an atk by an est 200-man en force NW Saravane on 13 Jan. Communist forces had been active near Saravane but have not shown any signs that they intended to atk city soon. They may have mounted their assault thinking that FAR units -- which had moved into area only day before -- planned to disrupt their rice-collecting opns.

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