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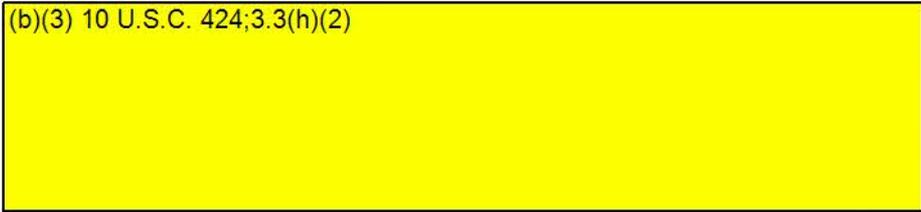
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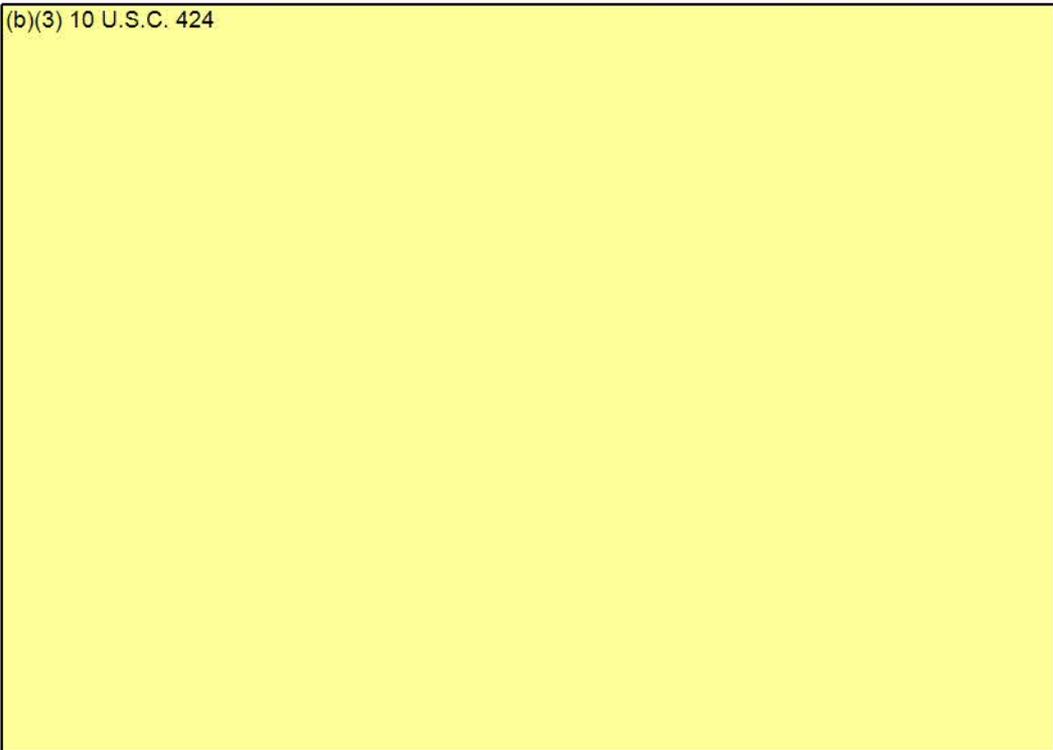
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## OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS

SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 44 bn-size or larger opns in prog: 26 US, 17 ARVN, 1 FW. (S)

1 CTZ: Opn LANCASTER (Phase I) term 20 Jan after 82 days. Cum losses -- US: 22 KIA, 141 WIA; VC/NVA: 46 KIA, 8 pers det, 12 indiv and 3 crew-served wpns. 187 tac air sorties sptd. Phase II commenced 20 Jan with same units, msn, and area of opns. (S)

Update of plat contact 6 nm NW Khe Sanh in Opn SCOTLAND indicated 103 en KIA. Friendly cas were 2 KIA and 29 WIA. At 212130 EST evac of civ populace of Khe Sanh commenced to area near combat base. In addition 1,112 pers air evac from Khe Sanh. Marine units in Khe Sanh area continued to receive sporadic arty, mortar, and rkt fire. En psns fired upon by arty, RRs, and tac air. 5 US WIA. 2 CH-34s and USMC F-4B on gnd spt msns downed by en gnd fire near Khe Sanh. Crewmembers of 1 helo and F-4B recovered. An addnl USMC bn committed to Opn SCOTLAND, bringing total to 4 bns. (S)

Phase I of Opn OSCEOLA term 20 Jan after 93 days. Cum losses -- US: 17 KIA, 199 WIA; VC/NVA: 76 KIA, 181 pers det, 32 wpns. 18 B-52 and 75 tac air strikes sptd. Phase II commenced 20 Jan with same units, msn, and area of opns. (S)

On 20 Jan, Phase I of Opn NEOSHO term after 83 days. Cum losses -- US: 12 KIA, 99 WIA; VC/NVA: 77 KIA, 51 pers det, 10 wpns. 9 B-52 and 148 tac air strikes sptd. Phase II commenced 20 Jan with same units, msn, and area of opns. (S)

33 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- Friendly: 2 US and 3 ARVN KIA, 10 US WIA; VC/NVA: 18 KIA, 25 pers det, 4 wpns. (S)

2 CTZ: USA OH-6A on recce msn downed by en gnd fire 9 nm WNW Pleiku at 220420 EST. 2 US WIA and 1 MIA; helo dest. (S)

2 small-unit contacts reported. 3 ARVN KIA and 4 WIA. (S)

3 CTZ: On 21 Jan, 2 RF plats had separate contacts with en force 45 nm NE Saigon. Mortars and AC-47s sptd both plats. Losses -- RF: 4 KIA, 8 WIA; VC/NVA: unk. (S)

In Opn SARATOGA, on 21 Jan, USA inf co made contact with en force 22 nm NW Saigon. En broke contact 1 hr later. Losses -- US: 2 WIA; VC/NVA: 12 KIA. (S)

19 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- Friendly : 5 US and 30 ARVN WIA; VC/NVA: 14 KIA, 3 wpns. (S)

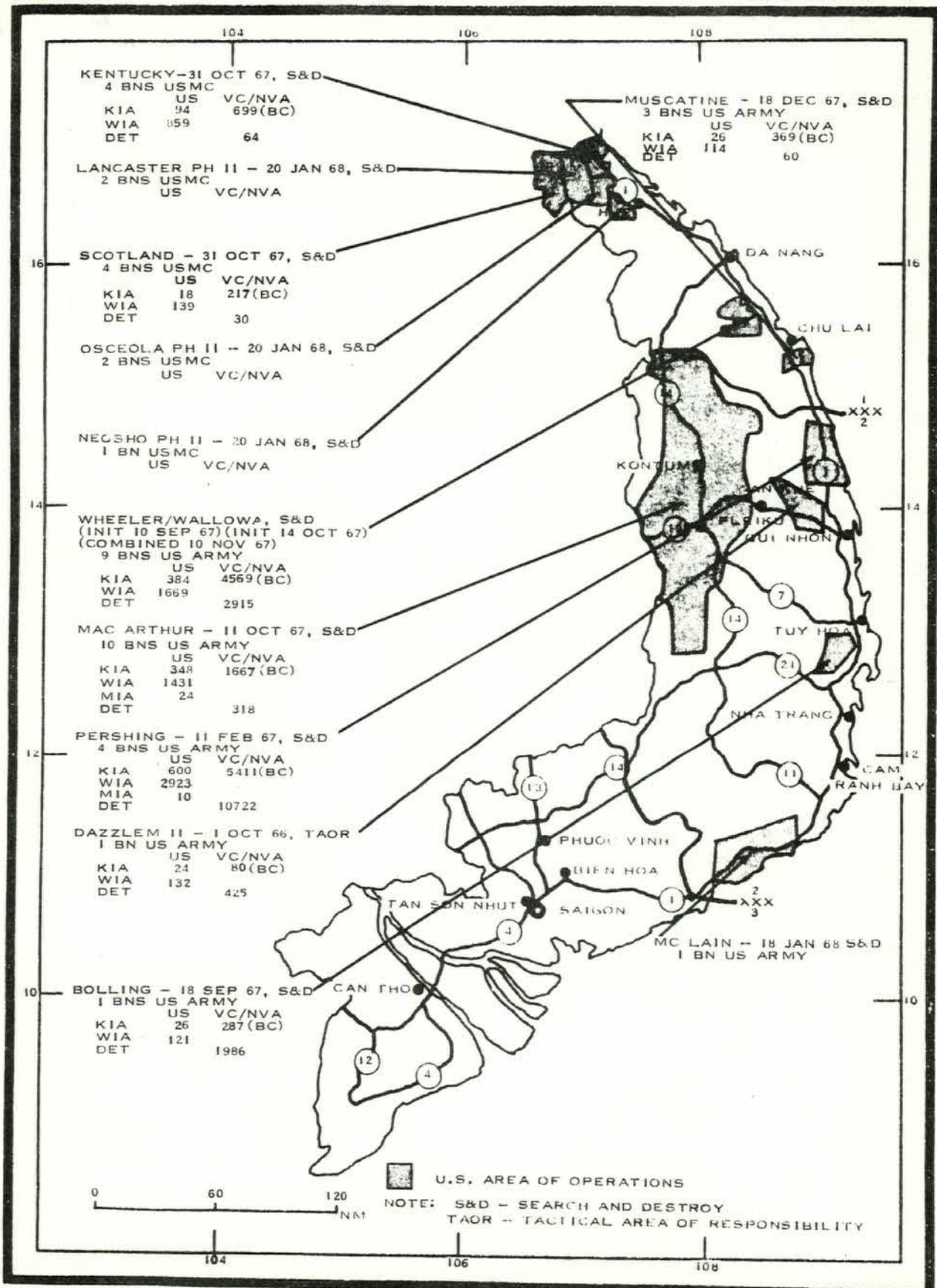
4 CTZ: 7 opns of bn size or larger in prog with no significant contacts reported. (S)

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

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ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 22 JAN: 9 B-52s bombed tgt 44 nm WNW Hue containing elms NVA regt. 8 B-52s bombed tgt 58 nm W of Hue containing AW psns. 6 B-52s bombed tgt 48 nm W of Hue containing staging area. 6 B-52s bombed tgt 51 nm W of Hue containing NVA trp concs. Above msns in spt Ogn NIAGARA. No gnd follow-up sked. (S)

KHE SANH: Immediate threat to Khe Sanh includes 3 regts (1 is unidentified arty regt) of NVA 304 Div loc S of city and 95C Regt of NVA 325C Div to the N. Other important changes in unit dispositions is move of 90 Regt, NVA 324B Div, to SW and is now loc on Rte 9. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424 NVA 320 Div is in NVN's MR 4 but is prob destined for DMZ. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424-3.3(h)(2) (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3(h) hqs may be just N of central DMZ and 1 of its regts is believed to be W of Khe Sanh near Lao border.

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HUE/DA NANG: (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424 Hue and Da Nang areas may be atkd. En action against either or both might be attempted as a diversionary measure to tie down US and ARVN trps in 1 CTZ to preclude their use if Khe Sanh is atkd. (S) Sec. 3.3

PLEIKU PROVINCE: Several recent cptrd docs add to evidence that B-3 Front is planning an offensive in Pleiku Prov. Docs indicate that tgts must be struck simultaneously, that action in prov would begin during period 25-29 Jan, and that an atk on Pleiku City would take place after Tet. En apparently intends to launch small actions within city to inflict max damage while using "friendly pop" as a shield against Allied forces employing hvy wpns. (S) Sec. 3.3(b)(1)

LONG-DELAY FUZES: Cptrd doc had earlier described long-delayed fuzes for 82-mm mortars (OIS 9 Dec) -- one has now been recovered in SVN. Lack of any external indication that a delaying elm is being used makes handling of 82-mm mortar duds much more dangerous than usual. Cptrd doc said these fuzes are intended primarily for use against rear-area installations, but could also be used in some tac situations. (S)

#### NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 22 JAN: 148 sorties (78 USN, 59 USAF, 11 USMC) dest/damaged 12/45 RR cars, 7/55 WBLC, 5/0 structures, 1/13 bunkers, 0/13 road segs, 0/13 trks, 0/11 stor areas, 0/8 gun psns, 0/7 bridges, 0/5 trk pks, 0/3 ferries, 0/2 locomotives, 0/2 RR sidings, 0/1 ferry complex, 0/1 ford, 0/1 AAA site, 0/1 bridge approach, 0/1 SAM site, 0/1 transship pt, 0/1 RR yd. (S)

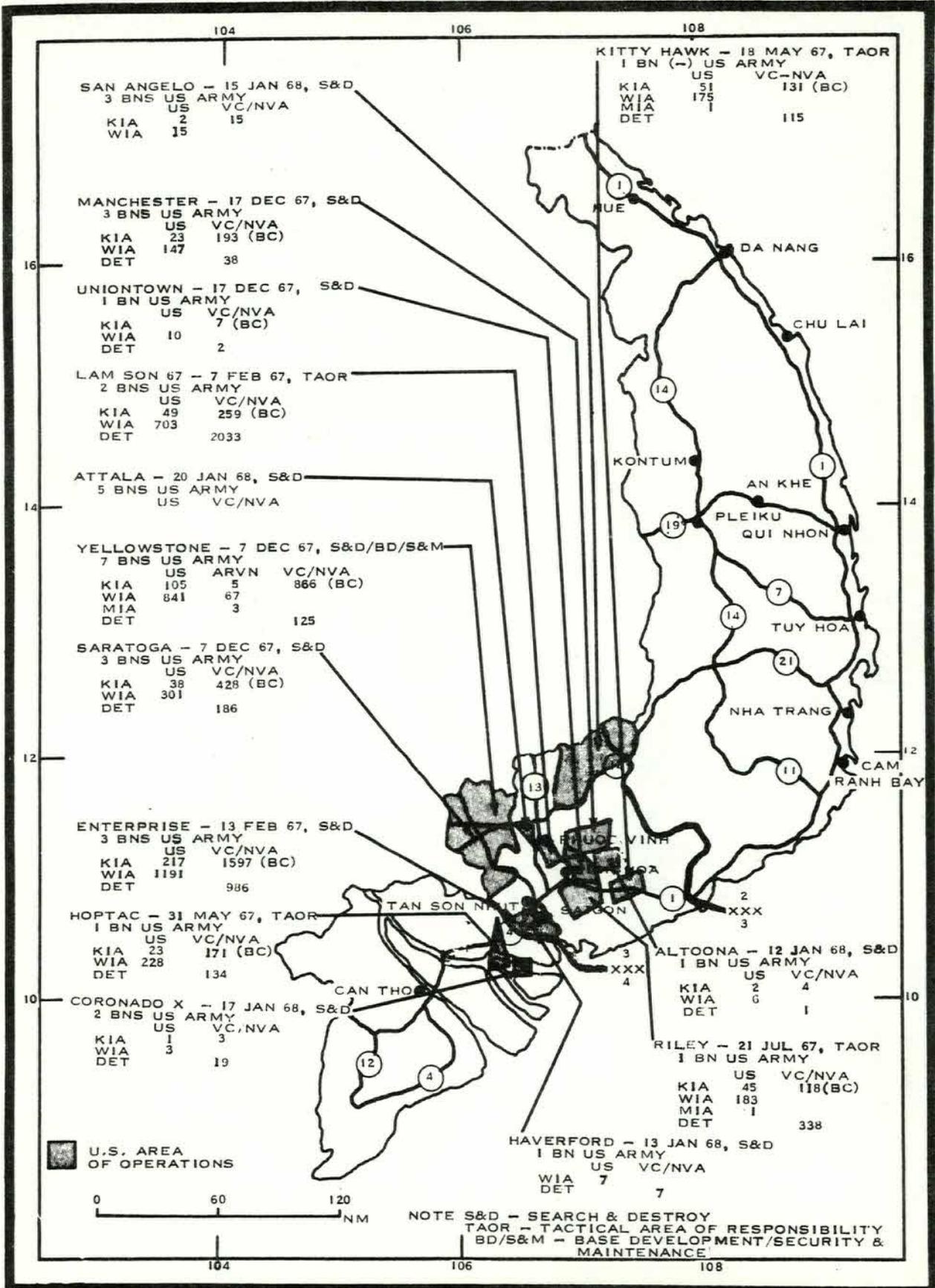
Tgts within 30 nm Hanoi: Hai Duong RR yds and 1 SAM site. (S)

Other tgt: Dong Muc RR siding. (S)

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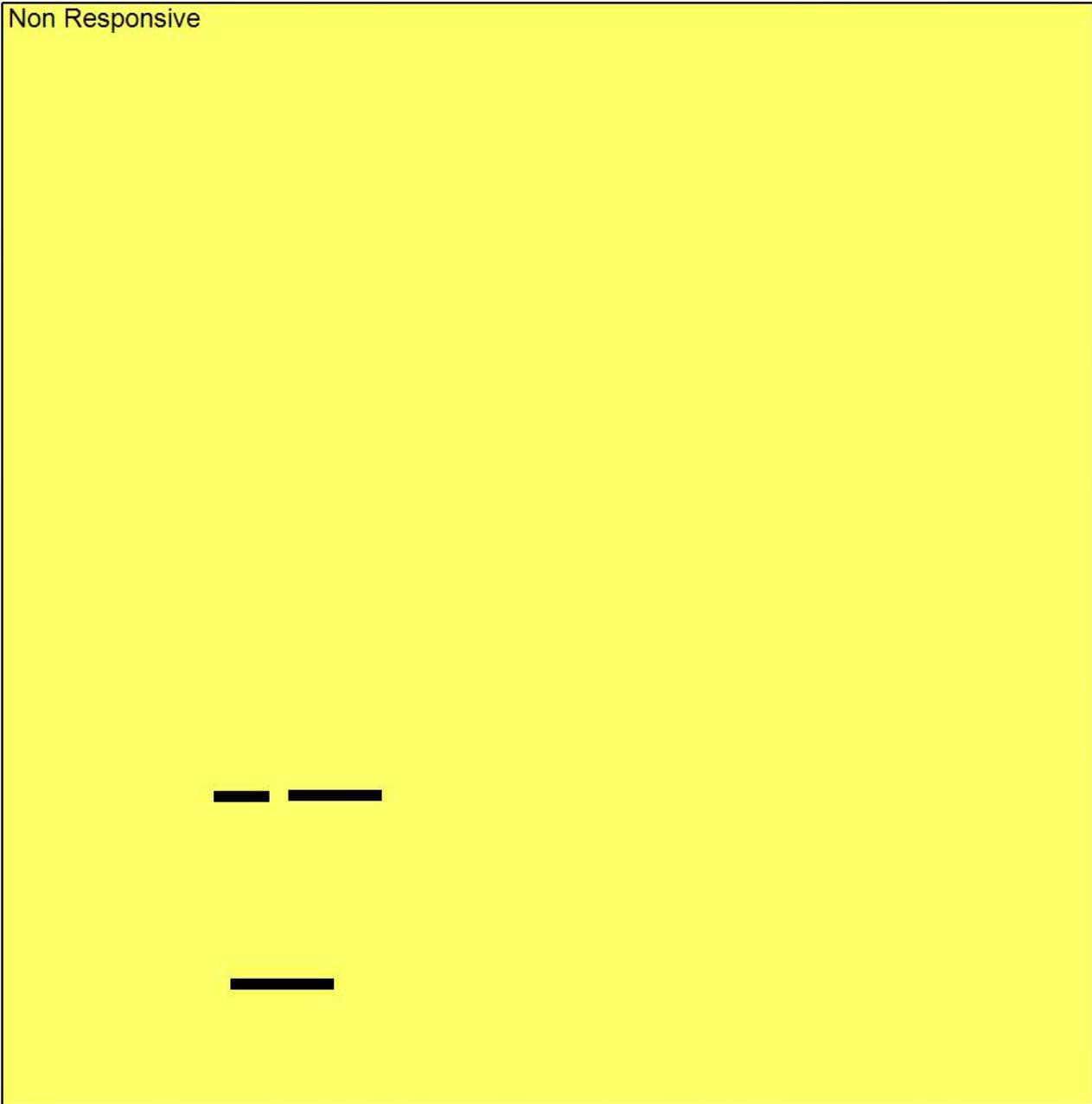
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SAM SIGHTING: 3 USAF F-105Fs sighted SAM 33 nm NW Hanoi. No damage to US acft. ~~(S)~~

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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 22 JAN: 257 sorties (190 USAF, 63 USN, 4 USMC) dest/damaged 32/62 trks, 4/0 gun sites, 3/1 AAA sites, 2/0 structures, 1/0 bridge, 0/30 trk pks, 0/27 stor areas, 0/24 road segs, 0/10 trp concs, 0/6 ford approaches, 0/4 mil complexes, 0/3 POL stor areas, 0/3 bridge approaches, 0/2 fords, 0/1 WBLC. ~~(S)~~

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