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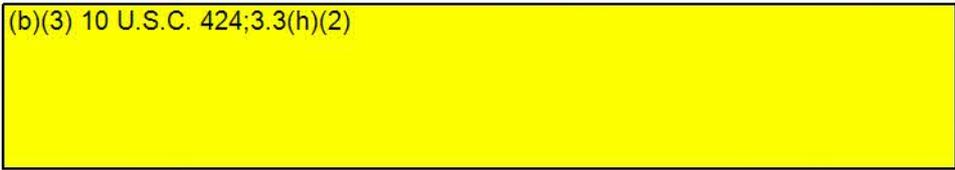
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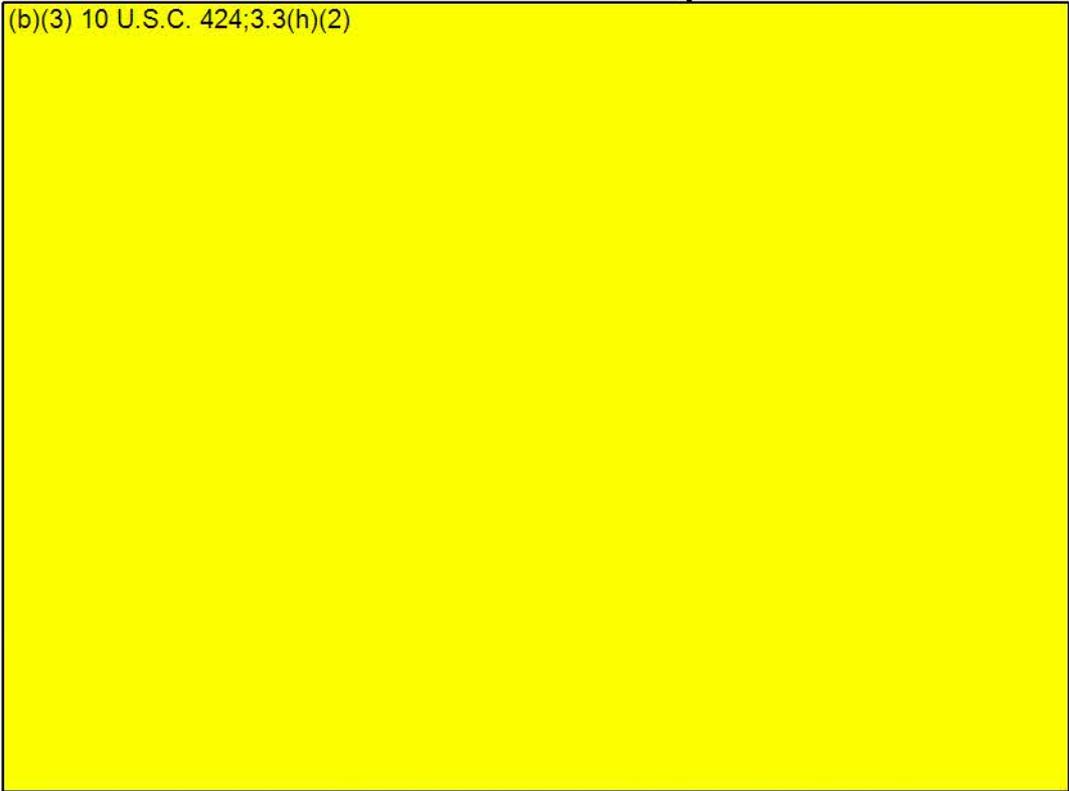
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**OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS**



SOUTH VIETNAM

en atks

GROUND OPERATIONS: New series seems imminent, prob aimed at capitalizing on recent offensive. En most likely atk while still in control of some areas and while FWF remain heavily engaged elsewhere. Fact en continues hold out widely scattered areas, mostly around Hue, Kontum, Dalat, Saigon, suggests he expects be reinforced. En acty vic Khe Sanh and northern 1 CTZ signifies hvy atks may come in next few days there. New series of atks could also incl opns against selected cities, incl Saigon, but major effort may be made against air facilities to degrade air effort. New atks appear likely prior 12 Feb, though allied reaction opns, B-52 strikes, lack of pop spt, and wx could affect timing thereof by as much as several days to a week. (C)

1 CTZ: On 8 Feb in Opn LANCASTER, USMC patrol engaged en force of unk size 15 nm WNW Quang Tri. Losses -- VC/NVA: 12 KIA; US: 5 KIA. (C)

On 8 Feb 3 nm E of Quang Tri City, elms USA bn received 40 rds 60-mm mort fire. Losses -- US: 8 KIA, 10 WIA. (C)

Heavy contacts continue in Hue. On 7 Feb, elms USMC co received heavy SA fire from a bldg. Losses -- VC/NVA: 7 KIA. (C)

On 8 Feb, a bridge on Hwy 1, 12 nm NW Da Nang, damaged by en force on unk size, making road impassable. (C)

On 8 Feb, USMC co engaged en force of unk-size 4 nm S of Da Nang. Losses -- VC/NVA: 20 KIA. (C)

On 8 Feb, in Opn WHEELER/WALLOWA, USA co engaged en force of 300, 13 nm S of Da Nang. Losses -- VC/NVA: 25 KIA; US: 12 KIA, 43 WIA. (C)

In eastern DMZ, unusual commo acty between NVA 270 Indep Regt and Hqs MR 4 suggests regt may be preparing for offensive acty. In past, bn-size elms 270th have coord offensive actys with elms of NVA 803 Regt/324B Div. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3 803d preparing for poss atk northeastern Quang Tri Prov. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;

Subord elms of NVA 320 Div obs in commo with DMZ Front Hqs; in past, skip-echelon commo indicative of impending tac opns. COMINT indicates some elms 320th may assist NVA 27 Indep Bn in opn vic Camp Carroll, while other elms may have msn interdicting Rte 9 near Cam Lo. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424

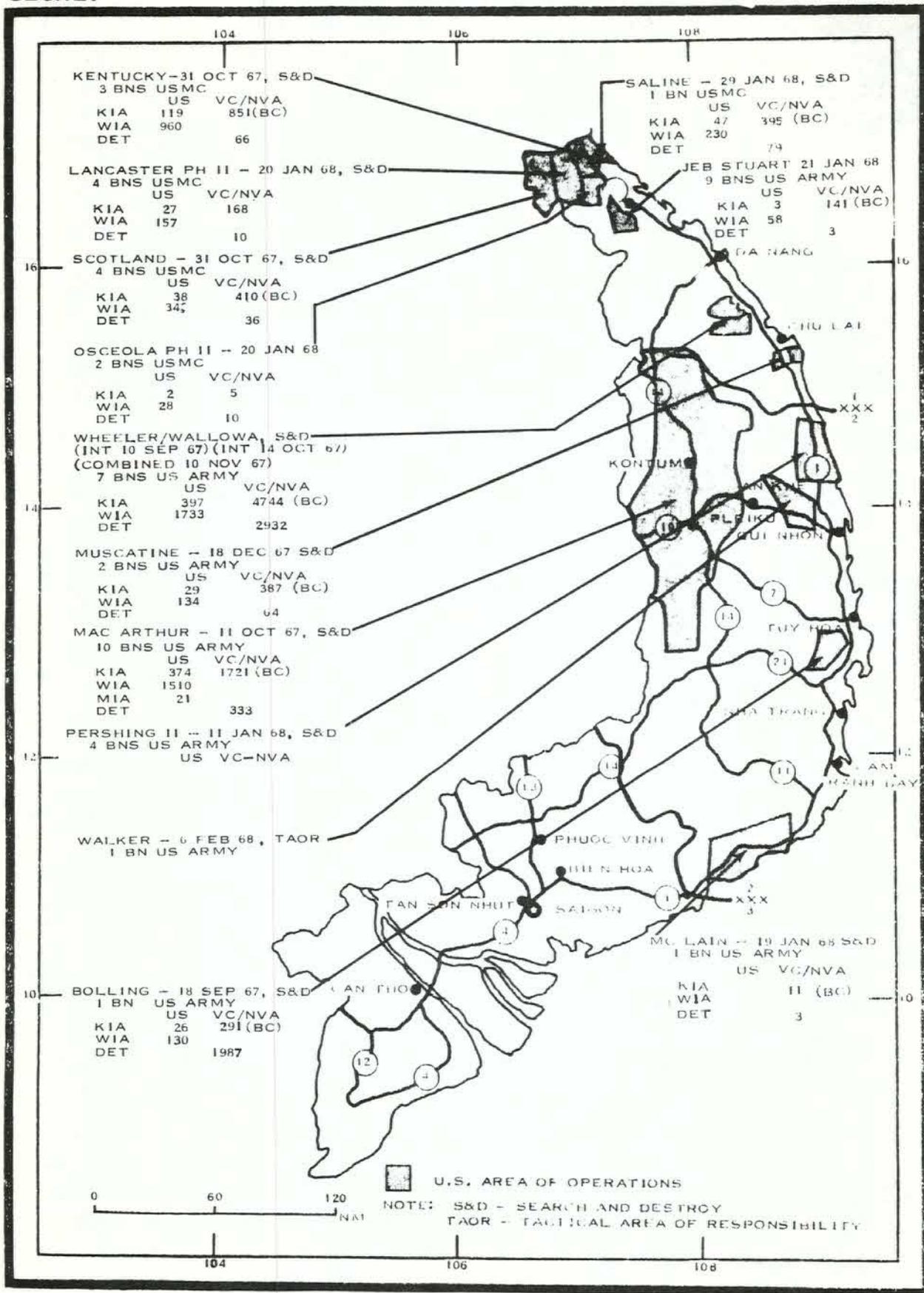
NVN voice commo indicates Lang Vei atk conducted by co-size elms 101D Regt/325C Div in coord with 66 Regt/304 Div; this first time elms 325C noted S of Rte 9. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.

2 CTZ: Cumulative losses Opn PERSHING, a USA 4-bn opn -- VC/NVA: 5,401 KIA, 13,033 det; US: 60 KIA, 2,921 WIA, 10 MIA. (C)

On 9 Feb, 23d ARVN Ranger Bn and 2 CIDG cos engaged well-entrenched en force of unk size in western sector of Dalat City.

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Friendly forces withdrew to permit air strikes. (e)

Presence elms NVA 32 Regt SW Pleiku City indicate offensive actys this area could occur at any time. Current dispositions suggest that a second major attempt seize city will not be made. Other poss "2d phase" atks could be directed at Qui Nhon City, Tuy Hoa City, Kontum City; VC/NVA forces positioned in these areas. (b)(3) 10

3 CTZ: On 9 Feb, 1st Inf Div base camp at Lai Khe 25 nm NNW Saigon received 4 rds of 122-mm and 4 rds 82-mm fire. Losses -- 3 UH-1D helos. (e)

On 8 Feb, in Opn SARATOGA, 2 USA cos engaged en force of unk size 15 nm NW Saigon. Losses -- VC/NVA: 15 KIA; US: 4 KIA, 10 WIA. (e)

On 9 Feb, 4 USA cos engaged en force of unk size 8 nm NNW Saigon. Losses -- VC/NVA: 176 KIA; US: 3 KIA, 30 WIA. (e)

On 9 Feb, 2 USA cos engaged en force of unk size 7 nm NW Saigon. Losses -- VC/NVA: 102 KIA; US: 3 KIA, 4 WIA. (e)

On 8 Feb, en force of 70 atkd 2 PF plats 32 nm ENE Saigon. Losses -- Friendly: 7 KIA, 4 WIA. (e)

Opn HAVERFORD 1, a USA 1-bn S&D opn, commenced on 4 Feb 7 nm SW Saigon. (e)

En acty continues Saigon, esp Cholon; police est will take several more days eliminate residual en elms from city. Cu Chi, Lai Khe, Bien Hoa have recd atks by fire. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3 Hqs (h)(2) VC 9 Div moving toward Saigon; other reports, unconfirmed, state est 2000 VC have moved to SE of city. (e) SECRET S (S) (S)

4 CTZ: Opn HOPTAC, a USA 1-bn TAOR opn, term 7 Feb. Cum losses -- VC/NVA: 273 KIA, 148 det; US: 40 KIA, 366 WIA. (e)

Opn HOPTAC 1, a USA 3-bn security opn, began 7 Feb to provide security for Dong Tam. En force in area est at 1,175. (e)

On 3 Feb, USA UH-1H downed by gnd fire 4 nm NW My Tho. Losses -- US: 4 KIA, acft dest. (e)

Update of USA contact 1 nm N of My Tho (OIS 9 Feb) indicates 86 vice 52 NVA KIA, and 20 vice 35 US KIA. (e)

On 9 Feb, a 1-day ARVN 2-bn S&D opn 46 nm S of Can Tho term. Losses -- VC/NVA: 63 KIA, 2 det; ARVN: 6 KIA, 15 WIA. (e)

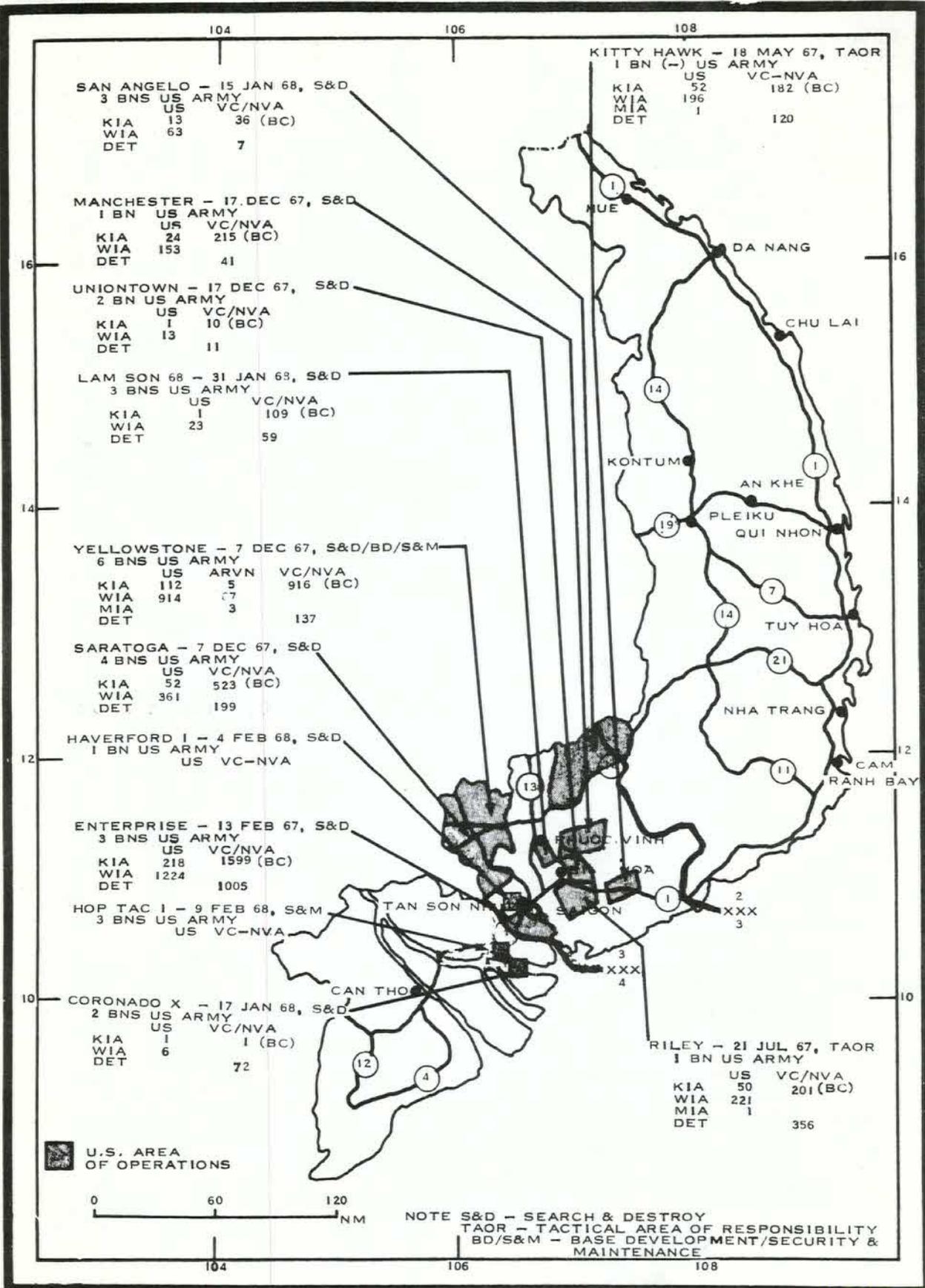
En acty at low level, a poss indication of preps for renewed fighting there. (e)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 9 FEB: 32 B-52s bombed 5 areas 3 to 16 nm from Khe Sanh containing NVA 320 Div, trp concs, stor areas, and fortified psns. 6 B-52s bombed tgt 46 nm NW Pleiku containing large tunnel compl, bunkers, trenches, and foxholes. 6 B-52s bombed tgt 27 nm NNW Nha Trang containing Hqs NVA 9 Bn/18B Regt. No gnd follow-up sked above msns. (e)

C-130 DOWN: USMC KC-130 downed by gnd fire at Khe Sanh. Acft dest. Casualties: US: 2 KIA, 4 WIA, 2 MIA. (e)

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VC AND LANG VEI TANKS: Of interest is comment by chief VC rep Hanoi that VC regular forces played decisive role at Lang Vei by cptrg US tanks and immed using them against Americans there. This is one way to explain presence NVN PT-76 tks in SVN. (S)

TET OFFENSIVE: Info derived from cptrd prisoners in 4 CTZ would appear to indicate that offensive aimed at seizing/holding prov admin centers, with purpose of forcing GVN to negotiate coalition govt (Saigon 18584 refers). Taken at face value, this is an ultimate-type objective which communists prob hoped to accomplish -- or to set in full motion -- as result of first assaults. Such an ultimate-type objective would appear to warrant quick renewal of mil atks to extent of remaining en capability. (See above Briefs.) (b)(3) 10

RECOVERY SAIGON: Are signs this underway with some progress being made. (S)

NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 9 FEB: 77 sorties (30 USAF, 25 USMC, 22 USN) dest/damaged 0/18 gun psns, 0/7 stor areas, 0/5 road segs, 0/5 trks, 0/5 AAA sites, 0/3 trp concs, 0/2 bridges, 0/1 ferry, 0/1 port facility, 0/1 radar site, 0/1 SAM site, 0/1 trk pk. (S)

Tgt within 10 nm Haiphong: Cat Bi Afld. (S)

Other tgts: Kep Afld; Uong Bi Thermal Power Plant. (S)

ROLLING THUNDER 57 ALFA STRIKE: 16 USAF F-4Ds struck Phuc Yen Afld (JCS .6) 11.5 nm N of Hanoi; no BDA at drafting time. (S)

SAM SITE DMZ AREA: 28 Jan photos show a field-deployed site, prob intended as temporary firing psn, in orchard just W of Ben Quang. 3 occ psns; heavily camouflaged. 15 Jan photos showed camouflaged revetment 4 nm NE of above site -- may be spt area for this or other SAM psns in DMZ area; transporter was atkd, but no BDA available. (b)(3) 10

UNUSUAL AIR OPERATIONS: 2 IL-28s airborne 9 Feb for first time since 3 of these acft arr Phuc Yen 6 Feb. Flew north for an hour; may have recovered Gia Lam. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424.3.3; they were avoiding US acft; no other info. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;

7 IL-14s (which also arr NVN from China 6 Feb) flew Gia Lam to Nanning on 9 Feb; some were involved in 7 Feb flights to triborder area of Laos/SVN/NVN. An 8th IL-14 still at Bai Thuong with engine damaged as result commie gnd fire that day. Purpose of tpt flights still unk, but detailed analysis of commo favors airdrop acty. Such acty would prob have incl high-priority ammo, wpns, medicines. They may also have been testing feasibility of air opns to south.

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GEN GIAP: Tokyo press says he spoke at NK Emb reception 8 Feb (on NKA Day). He has done so in past. Speculation he may have been directing en forces in south, poss vic Khe Sanh, had been spurred by his absence from mid-Dec NVA Day celebration. ~~(S)~~

LAOS

BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 9 FEB: 109 sorties (84 USAF, 25 USN) dest/damaged 13/17 trks, 3/3 structures, 2/5 gun sites, 0/10 stor areas, 0/8 road segs, 0/8 trk pks, 0/8 trp concs, 0/4 AAA sites, 0/2 armored vehs, 0/1 ford, 0/1 POL stor area. ~~(S)~~

SITE 85: Est remains site could be atkd at any time. Some 7 NVA/PL bns in area have overrun several FAR psns recently and some en units within arty range of site. FAR reports 105-mm howitzers have been moved in to spt an atk; NVN air could also be used. (b)(3) 10

ACTIVITY IN SOUTH: En spreading propaganda he will atk towns 2 southern provs. Such tactics frequently used frighten FAR. Some atks expected soon, esp vic Saravane, but no evidence atks would be part of general offensive. Objective of atks prob to secure LOCs for NVN forces in Khe Sanh area. ~~(S)~~

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