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WARNING

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GROUND OPERATIONS: There are 43 (24 US, 17 ARVN, 2 FW) bn-size or larger opns in progress. (c)

Lull in significant en mil acty countrywide over weekend may represent either a period of reassessment on part of NVA/VC following their recent widespread atks, or poss a planned pause between maj atk phases to allow for repositioning/resupply/coordination. (c)

1 CTZ: On 10-11 Feb, in Opn SCOTLAND, Khe Sanh combat base received 100 rds en mortar fire. Losses -- US: 3 KIA, 15 WIA. (c)

On 8 Feb, in Opn JEB STUART, a USA bn received mortar fire from en force of unk size. Losses -- US: 29 WIA; VC/NVA: 11 KIA. (c)

Update of USMC co contact 4 nm S Da Nang (OIS 10 Feb) indicates 46 (vice 20) VC/NVA KIA. (c)

Update of USA co contact in Opn WHEELER/WALLOWA (OIS 10 Feb) indicates 173 (vice 25) VC/NVA KIA. (c)

On 11 Feb, in Opn WHEELER/WALLOWA, a USA co engaged en force 16 nm S Da Nang. Losses -- US: 3 KIA, 4 WIA; VC/NVA: 31 KIA. (c)

On 10 Feb, a msg from an unidentified elm of 27 Ind Bn disclosed that a co was preparing to strike "local guards" approx 2 km S of Camp Carroll. This is a further indication that en plans to secure area surrounding camp as a poss prelude to maj offensive acty.

110 small-unit contact reports. Losses -- US: 13 KIA, 69 WIA; ARVN: 8 KIA, 11 WIA; VC/NVA: 211 KIA, 37 Det. (c)

2 CTZ: Opns continue in NW section of Dalat to retake en-held monastery. Cum losses since 9 Feb -- ARVN: 7 KIA, 20 WIA; CIDG: 5 KIA, 3 WIA; RF: 2 WIA; VC/NVA: 10 KIA. (c)

No small-unit contacts reported.

3 CTZ: Opn SAN ANGELO, a USA 3-bn S&D opn 78 nm NNW Saigon, terminated on 9 Feb after 25 days. Cum losses -- US: 13 KIA, 68 WIA; VC/NVA: 63 KIA, 2 det. (c)

On 9 Feb, a US 4-veh convoy was ambushed 16 nm NNW Tay Ninh by en force of unk size. Losses -- US: 1 KIA, 22 WIA, 1 MIA. 1 earthmover and 1 x 2½-ton trk dest. (c)

1st Inf Div base camp at Lai Khe received 30-rd mortar atk on 10 Feb. Losses -- US: 6 WIA, 1 UH-1B dest, 2 x 2½-ton trks damaged. (c)

On 10 Feb, Bien Hoa Afld received 20 rds 122-mm rkt fire. Losses -- US: 1 KIA, 36 WIA; 6 acft dest, 16 acft and 14 vehs damaged. (c)
On 10 Feb, elms of USA bn engaged en force of unk size 8 nm NNW Saigon. Losses -- US: 7 KIA, 30 WIA; VC/NVA: 165 KIA, 6 det.  

Low-level reports persist that en will renew large-scale atks on Saigon before 13 Feb.  

On 9 Feb, elms of ARVN bn engaged en force ½ nm NE Tan Son Nhut AB. Losses -- VC/NVA: 5 KIA.  

On 10 Feb, SVN police field warehouse was atkd by en force of unk size. Losses -- unk; contact continues.  

On 11 Feb, USA co engaged en co 1 nm W Saigon. Losses -- VC/NVA: 24 KIA, 2 det.  

On 9 Feb, Tan An City and a USA bde hq received 250 rds mortar fire followed by gnd atk. Losses -- US: 4 KIA, 11 WIA; RF: 4 KIA, 11 WIA; Nat Police: 8 KIA; VC/NVA: 123 KIA, 17 det.  

No small-unit contacts reported.  

4 CTZ: On 9 Feb, Bac Lieu City sustained en mortar and gnd atk. Interim losses of this continuing action -- ARVN: 10 KIA, 58 WIA; VC/NVA: 121 KIA, 5 det.  

On 11 Feb, Binh Thuy Afld sustained mortar attack. Losses -- 1 acft dest, 5 acft and 2 vehs damaged. There were no pers cas.  

3 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- ARVN: 6 KIA, 4 WIA; VC/NVA: 15 KIA.  

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 10, 11 FEB: 54 B-52s bombed 8 areas 2 to 11 nm from Khe Sanh containing trp concs, stor areas, arty psns, and NVA 304 Div. 6 B-52s bombed tgt 26 nm NW Kontum containing bn NVA 66 Regt. 6 B-52s bombed tgt 33 nm NNW Saigon containing elms NVA 165 Regt, base camps, bunkers, and stor areas. 6 B-52s bombed tgt 30 nm N of Saigon containing elms NVA 141 Regt, base camps, bunkers, and fortified psns. No gnd follow-up sked above msn.  

BUDDHIST PROTEST: High-ranking militant Buddhist Thich Tien Hoa publicly charged today that US took advantage of VC atk on Saigon to fire on Buddhist hqs (An Quang Pagoda). Although militant Buddhists retain some capability to initiate low-level anti-US/SVNese actions, it is believed unlikely that they will do so at this time.  

NORTH VIETNAM  

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 10, 11 FEB: 179 sorties (88 USAF, 47 USN, 44 USMC) dest/damaged 6/18 WBL, 2/131 trks, 1/21 gun psns, 1/6 radar sites, 0/19 stor areas, 0/7 road segs, 0/7 trk pkgs, 0/5 bridges, 0/5 trp concs, 0/5 ferries, 0/3 bunkers, 0/2 rkt sites, 0/2 RR segs, 0/1 boat yd, 0/1 ford, 0/1 pier, 0/1 power plant, 0/1 structure.
Tgts within 30 nm Hanoi: SAM Sites 124, 234, and 255; Hanoi RadCom Receiver.

Other tgts: Thai Nguyen Thermal Power Plant; Vinh Afdld. (7)
MIG SIGHTINGS: 4 USAF F-4Ds on MIGCAP sighted 2 MIGs 58 nm NNW Hanoi at 100325 EST. 4 USAF F-105s on IRON HAND sighted 2 MIG-21s 19 nm NW Haiphong at 101850 EST. 2 USN acft on BARCAP fired 5 SPARROWS at 2 unidentified en acft 43 nm SW Hanoi at 110545 EST. Only 1 msl guided with unk results. (7)
SAM SIGHTINGS: 5 SAMs sighted vic Hanoi and 2 vic Vinh. (7)
UNUSUAL AIR OPERATIONS: (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424:3.3(h)(2)
(b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424: 2 NVNese prob IL-14s that flew to northern area of SVN on 8 Feb were on a bombing msn. Air cover was poss provided by 2 NVNese MIG-21s as far S as Thanh Hoa area. Wx apparently borted msn. Before landing at Gia Lam, both IL-14s jettisoned bombs. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424:3.3(h)(2) these IL-14s flew in same gen area as did 6 NVNese IL-14s which were on prob resupply msn in triborder area of Laos/SVN/NVN on 7th; only 2 acft were successful. (SECRET)
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At least 4 prob AN-2s and an IL-14 conducted flights over southern NVN on 11 Feb, poss tpting important logistic items.

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There may be 4 NVNese IL-28s now in country. On 9th and 10th, as many as 3 IL-28s were abn and orbited near China border while US acft were atking Phuc Yen Afdld. IL-28s recovered at Gia Lam. Early this AM unk number IL-28s abn and at last report orbiting near SINO/NVNese border. (SECRET) (b)(3) 10

STATUS OF 3 US PILOTS: No new word re 3 US pilots NVN promised to release during TET. It had been hoped they would be aboard ICC acft that flew Hanoi to Vientiane on 9 Feb; next sked trip is on 16th. Cannot be overlooked, however, that release of pilots might be made through country other than Laos. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424:3.3(h)

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TRUCK SHIPMENTS VIA RAIL: (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424:3.3(h)(2) 1,397 Sov vhs -- many cgo trks -- were shipped to NVN by rail via China between 1 Nov and 31 Jan. This is highest total ever noted for any 3 mo period. NVNese trk inventory of vhs 1 ton or larger is est at 9,000 to 10,000. (TOP SECRET) (b)(3) 10

LAOS

BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 10, 11 FEB: 165 sorties (145 USAF, 19 USN, 1 USMC) dest/damaged 23/58 trks, 8/5 gun sites, 4/0 structures, 0/17 stor areas, 0/14 road segs, 0/11 trk pks, 0/5 trp concs, 0/3 fords, (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424: 0/1 bridge, 0/1 mil complex. (7)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 11 FEB: 6 B-52s struck tgt 7 nm SW of Khe Sanh containing extensive cave stor facilities. (7)

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