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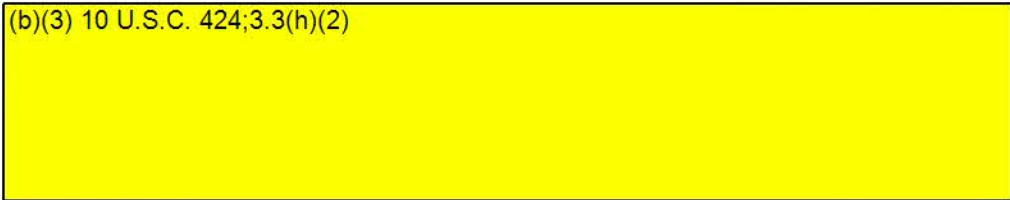
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OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS



SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 41 bn size or larger opns in progress: 25 US, 15 ARVN, 1 Thai. (e)

1 CTZ: On 7 Nov, unk en force conducted gnd and mortar atk on refugee hamlets 12 nm SSW Da Nang. Counteratk by combined action plat killed 29 VC/NVA, seized 8 indiv wpns. 1 US, 4 RF, 9 PF KIA; 2 US, 8 RF, 22 PF, 2 RD WIA. (e)

USMC bn killed 13 VC/NVA in fire fight 13 nm SSW Da Nang on 7 Nov. (e)

33 small-unit contacts resulted 25 VC/NVA KIA, 1 wpn seized. 1 ARVN KIA, 3 US, 4 ARVN WIA. (e)

2 CTZ: 2 contacts Opn MAC ARTHUR 8 Nov. In first, gnd, rkt, and mortar atk on 2 USA cos and USA fire-spt base 42 nm NW Pleiku (i.e. SW Dak To) resulted 6 US KIA, 15 WIA. In second, mortar atk on USA bn CP and fire-spt base resulted 1 US KIA, 11 WIA. En losses unk. (e)

On 6 Nov, 4 PF plats and RD team engaged unk en 5 nm S of Tuy Hoa. 7 ROK cos reinforced, cordoned, and swept area. 3 ROK KIA; 3 ROK, 1 RD, 1 PF WIA. 54 VC/NVA KIA, 26 indiv and 8 crew-served wpns seized. 2000 SVN civs temp displaced due engagement. (e)

Update of en attack on ARVN outpost on 7 Nov (OIS 8 Nov) are: 25 ARVN KIA vice 21, 35 ARVN WIA vice 33, 6 US WIA vice 0, and 32 indiv wpns lost vice 4. 45 VC/NVA KIA vice 10. 10 indiv and 1 crew-served wpns seized. 1 UH-1H helo destroyed by gnd fire with no casualties to crew. (e)

7 small-unit contacts resulted 11 VC/NVA KIA, 2 wpns seized. 3 ARVN KIA, 11 WIA. (e)

3 CTZ: On 8 Nov, ARVN sentry obs and fired at swimmer pulling unk obj toward barge loaded with 105-mm ammo 2 nm NNE Saigon. Obj sank and exploded, causing barge to sink. Ammo did not detonate. 1 ARVN KIA; 2 US, 2 ARVN WIA; 2 US, 1 ARVN MIA; 1 barge sunk, 1 LCM damaged. (e)

2 (b)(3) 10 Opn ENTERPRISE 15 nm SSW Saigon engaged est en co in fire fight 8 Nov. 14 US WIA. 5 VC/NVA KIA, 1 indiv wpn seized. (e)

USA fire spt base 43 nm NW Saigon atkd by unk en force 8 Nov. 1 RF KIA; 15 US, 11 RF WIA. (e)

10 small-unit contacts resulted 2 VC/NVA KIA, 3 wpns seized. 1 ARVN KIA, 17 WIA. (e)

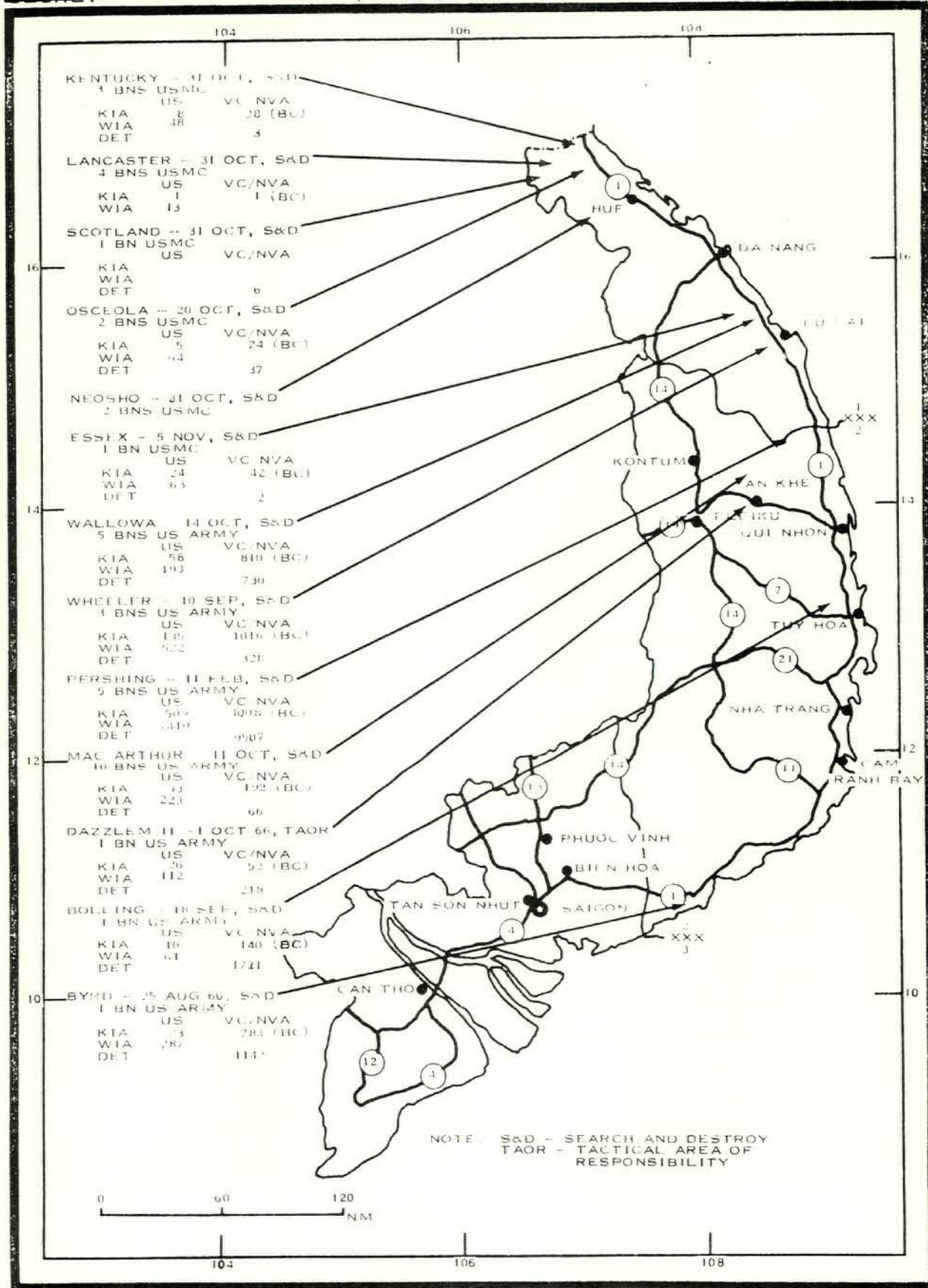
4 CTZ: On 7 Nov, Cao Lanh and nearby CIDG camp 25 nm N of Can Tho received en mortar atk. 2 ARVN, 2 civ KIA; 37 ARVN, 32 civ WIA. 32 VC/NVA KIA; 6 indiv wpns and 6 rds 60-mm mortar ammo seized. (e)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: At 081143 EST, 9 B-52s (PAPA 71) bombed elem NVA 101 Regt 44 nm NW Hue; no gnd follow-up. 5 B-52s (PAPA 68) bombed en base camps 23 nm NW Kontum at 081458 EST, gnd follow-up by US 4th Inf Div. 1 B-52 (OSCAR 73 -- diverted from PAPA 68 due

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radar malfunction) bombed prov hqs and elems NVA 18B Regt 13 nm NW Nha Trang at 081458 EST. At 082331 EST, 6 B-52s (PAPA 20) bombed elems VC 272 Regt 52 nm NE Tay Ninh; gnd follow-up by US 1st Inf Div. (S)

PRELIM LIST NEW CABINET MEMBERS: Most of 29 appointees (14 southerners, 9 northerners, 6 central SVN) served old govt in one way or another. PM Loc only important southerner. Most key jobs held by northerners. Re mil officers: Tri vice Thang as MinRevDev; Thang vice Vy as C/S of JGS; Vy replaces C.V. Vien as DefMin (Vien remains as CJGS); L.Q. Vien is MinInt. (EconMin Hanh not in cabinet but continues as Gov National Bank.) In general, Ky fares very well.

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DA NANG TARGET: A number of sources report en intends atk USMC complex at Da Nang. No clear indication timing, but one report states prior to end of year. Reports vary as to tactical plans involved, but all specify Da Nang as primary tgt. Some reports state that probing actions, extensive propaganda, use of large rkts will precede the atk. (S)

NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER 57 OPERATIONS: 194 sorties (105 USAF, 68 USN, 21 USMC) dest/damaged: 24/6 bldgs, 6/7 RR cars, (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424; 4/62 trks, 3/18 WBLC, 2/6 bridges, 1/13 gun psns, 0/7 SAM sites, 0/3 ferries, 0/3 bunkers, 0/3 trk pks, 0/3 radar sites, 0/3 stor areas, 0/1 trp conc, 0/1 locomotive, 0/1 RR yd, 0/1 afld, and LOCs. (S)

Tgt 30 nm Hanoi: Dong Lo transship pt; Hoi Think RR yd; and SAM sites 43, 142, 143, and 162. (S)

Other tgts: Lang Kay RR bridge; Yen Bai Afld. (S)

MIG SIGHTINGS: USAF F-105D obs 2 MIG-21s 69 nm NW Hanoi at 080347 EST. 4 USAF F-105s obs 1 MIG-21 55 nm NW Hanoi at 072006 EST. 4 USAF F-105s sighted 3 MIG-21s 28 nm N of Hanoi at 072015 EST. 4 USAF F-105s obs 2 MIG-17s 37 nm WNW Hanoi at 072020 EST. 3 USAF F-105s obs 4 MIGs 66 nm W of Hanoi at 080355 EST. No ord jettisoned, no engagement above msns. (S)

SAM SIGHTINGS: US pilots obs 9 abn SAMs 7 Nov; 2 SAMs, 8 Nov. All within 32 nm Hanoi. (S)

SOVIET TRUCKS: An NVN request that 534 cgo trks be delivered by rail between now and mid-Dec underlines what has been a gradual change in Sov trk delivery methods. In '65, all known trk imports from USSR came by sea via Haiphong; in '66, 40% of some 1,700 Sov trks came by rail; in '67, nearly all have come by rail. EE shipments still come mainly by sea. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3(h)

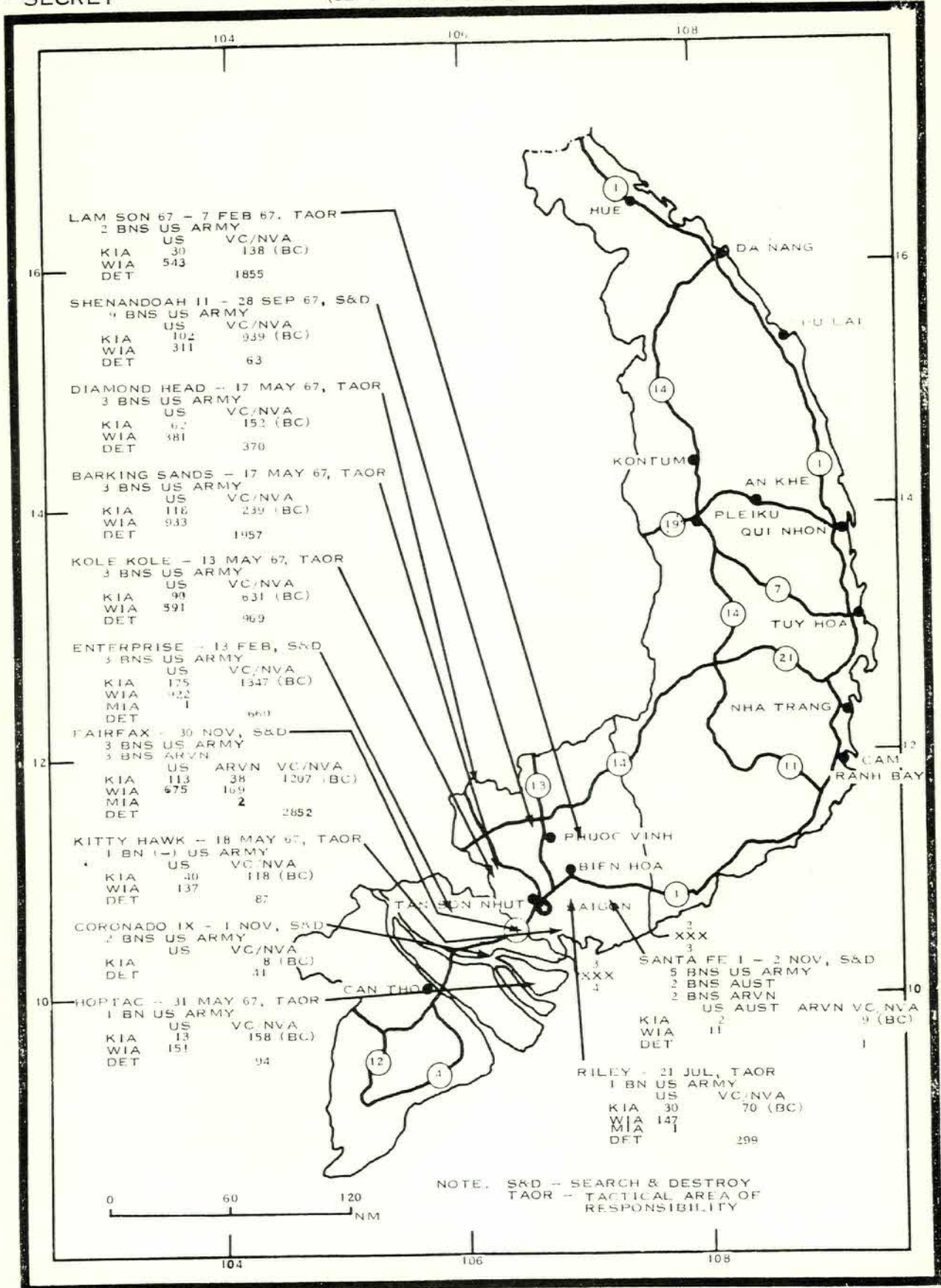
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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 8 NOV: 74 USAF sorties dest/damaged 21/22 trks, 3/7 gun sites, 1/1 bunker, 0/8 trp concs, 0/5 stor

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TYPHOON "FREDA": Now loc approx 200 nm off SVN. Expected hit Cam Ranh Bay 091300 EST with winds 65 kts and down grade to tropical storm. 246 acft deployed to alternate bases SVN and SEAsia. No effect on gnd or naval opns. ~~(S)~~

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