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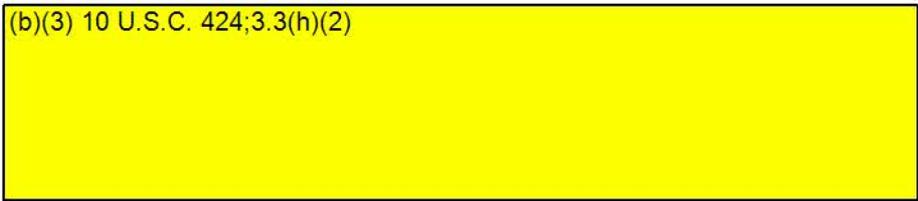
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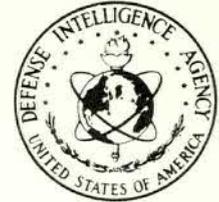


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OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS



SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 42 bn size or larger opns in progress: 25 US, 16 ARVN, 1 THAI. ~~(C)~~

1 CTZ: On 6 Nov, ARVN bn discovered ammo cache 12 nm NNW of Quang Tri. 120 rds 140-mm rkt ammo, 20 rds 60-mm mortar ammo seized. ~~(C)~~

GRANITE, USMC 2-bn S&D opn, term 6 Nov. 25 US KIA, 88 WIA. 34 VC/NVA KIA, 1 indiv wpn, 7 crew-served wpns seized. ~~(C)~~

In Opn ESSEX, 2 USMC cos engaged unk-size en force in fortified village 23 nm SW Da Nang for 14 hrs on 5, 6 Nov. Results of hvy contact: 6 US KIA, 45 WIA. ~~(C)~~

55 small-unit contacts resulted 54 VC/NVA KIA, 8 wpns seized. 1 US KIA; 13 US, 14 ARVN WIA. ~~(C)~~

2 CTZ: In Opn MAC ARTHUR, USA bn engaged in several contacts with en elems 44 nm NNW Pleiku 6 Nov. 16 US KIA, 27 WIA. 18 VC/NVA KIA, 1 crew-served and 18 indiv wpns and 1 B-40 rkt launcher seized. ~~(C)~~

On 5 Nov, 7 ROK cos atkd 2 en cos in 2 villages 20 nm NNW Nha Trang. 64 VC/NVA KIA, 10 indiv, 2 crew-served wpns seized. 20 ROK KIA, 27 WIA. ~~(C)~~

13 small-unit contacts resulted: 20 VC/NVA KIA, 8 wpns seized. 1 ROK, 6 ARVN KIA; 8 ARVN WIA; 2 ARVN MIA; 1 indiv wpn lost. ~~(C)~~

3 CTZ: 20 rds 60-mm mortar fire on USA bn psn 5 nm NE Loc Ninh 6 Nov resulted in 18 US WIA. ~~(C)~~

Update of OIS 6 Nov report of ARVN contact 60 nm NE Saigon: 96 ARVN KIA vice 15; 33 WIA vice 30; 56 indiv wpns, 2 crew-served wpns, 6 radios lost. ~~(C)~~

In Opn SANTE FE I, elems ARVN bn located en wpns cache 43 nm E of Saigon. 34 indiv wpns, 18 crew-served wpns, 1200 lbs cement, 600 lbs rice, and small-arms ammo seized. ~~(C)~~

4 CTZ: 3 small-unit contacts resulted 6 VC/NVA KIA, 11 wpns seized. 3 ARVN KIA, 2 WIA, 2 MIA, and 5 indiv wpns lost. ~~(C)~~

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 6 NOV: 6 B-52s (PAPA 50) bombed elems VC 272 and 273 Regts in area adj to Cambodian border 70 nm N of Saigon. Gnd follow-up by USSF/CIDG recon forces. ~~(C)~~

MONTAGNARDS KIDNAPPED: Early on 6 Nov an enemy force kidnapped 238 Montagnards from 5 villages just W of An Khe. They killed a hamlet chief. USA inf search teams found 60 women/children who had apparently been released from the grp. Magnitude of kidnapping suggests some en elements may be trying replace pers losses. ~~(C)~~

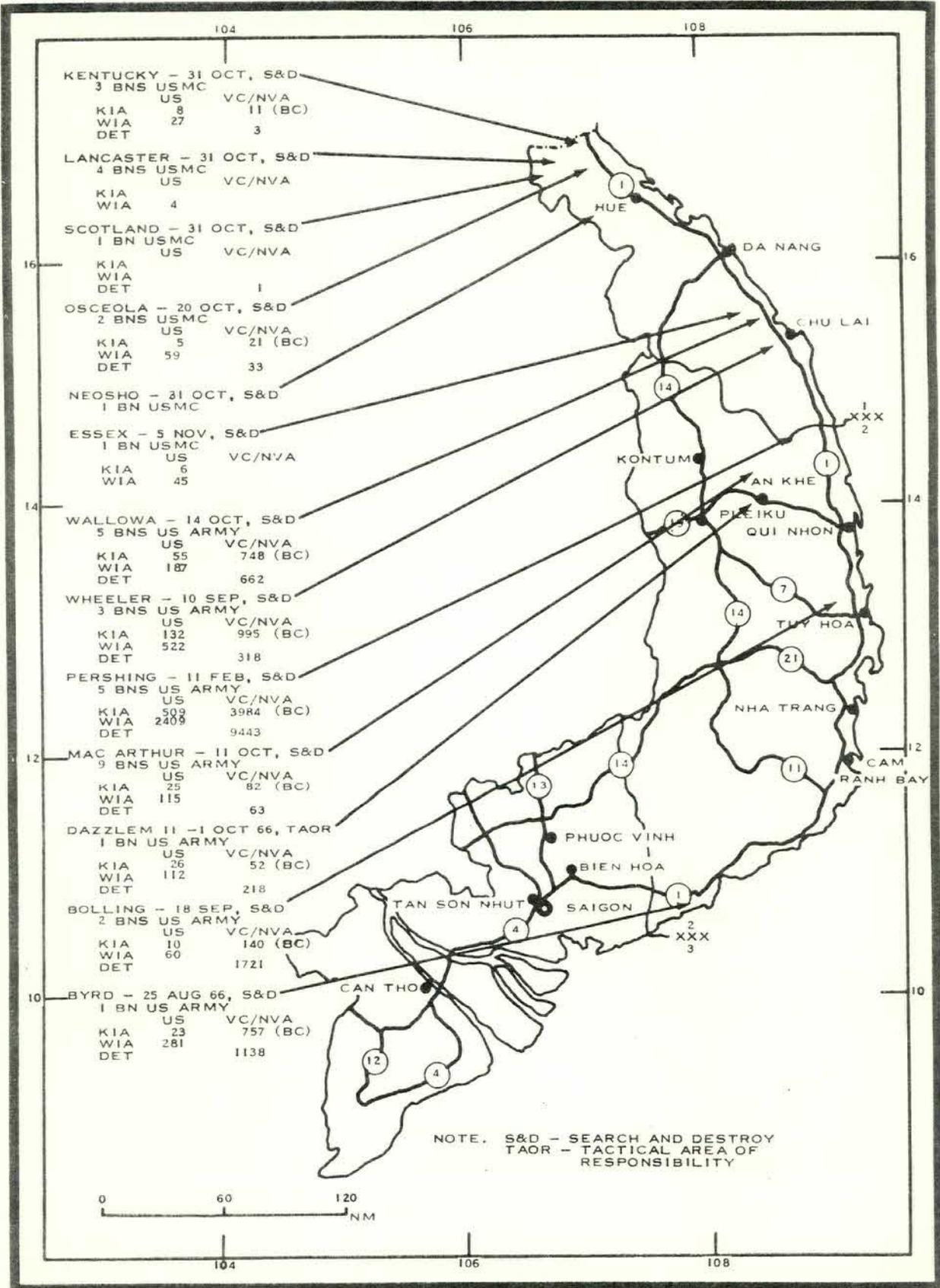
REPORT ON 122-MM ROCKETS AND ATTACK ON DAK TO: 2 NVA soldiers claim that VC 200th Main Force Arty Bn is equipped with 82-mm

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mortars and also 122-mm rockets. Previous intel on the 200th indicated it had 82-mm and 120-mm mortars. It is poss that an NVA arty bn arriving in SVN, prob in Apr, combined with the 200th to form 2 units -- one having 82-mm mortars and the other 120-mm mortars plus 122-mm rkts. One of the soldiers (from NVA 66 Regt) stated further that: 122-mm rkts, capable of delivering tear gas, would be used against Dak To during an atk sked for early Nov; all atkg units issued gas masks; NVA 32 Regt had supplied his regt with hvy weapons (prob meaning mortars). (Last point suggests that 32d may be used in assault role in any atk on Dak To, with 66th providing fire spt/reinforcements. ~~(C)~~)

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NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 6 NOV: 141 sorties (96 USAF, 37 USMC, 8 USN) destroyed/damaged 26/5 structures, 21/22 gun sites, 4/39 trks, 0/9 trk pks, (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 1/6 WBLC, 1/3 bunkers, 0/26 stor areas, 0/5 ferries, 0/3 bridges, 0/1 biv area, and LOCs. ~~(C)~~

Tgts within 30-nm radius Hanoi: SAM sites 43, 159, 212, 245.

Other tgts: Kep RR yd; Kep Afld; SAM site 89. ~~(C)~~

MIG ENGAGEMENTS 5 NOV: 18 USAF F-105s sighted 15 MIG 17s approx 28 nm ENE Hanoi. Were engaged by 8 MIGs which fired 7 AAMs. US acft fired 20-mm cannon at 5 MIGs with unk results. No US acft damaged. ~~(C)~~

MIG SIGHTINGS: On 5 Nov, 4 USAF F-105Ds and 4 USAF F-4Ds sighted 1 MIG-17 and 5 flights of 2 MIG-17s, each respectively 67 nm WNW and 33 nm NE Hanoi; no engagements, no ord jettisoned. On 5 Nov, 4 USAF F-105Ds sighted 2 MIG-21s approx 23 nm N Haiphong; no engagement, no ord jettisoned (see MIGs RECOVER IN CHINA, below). ~~(C)~~

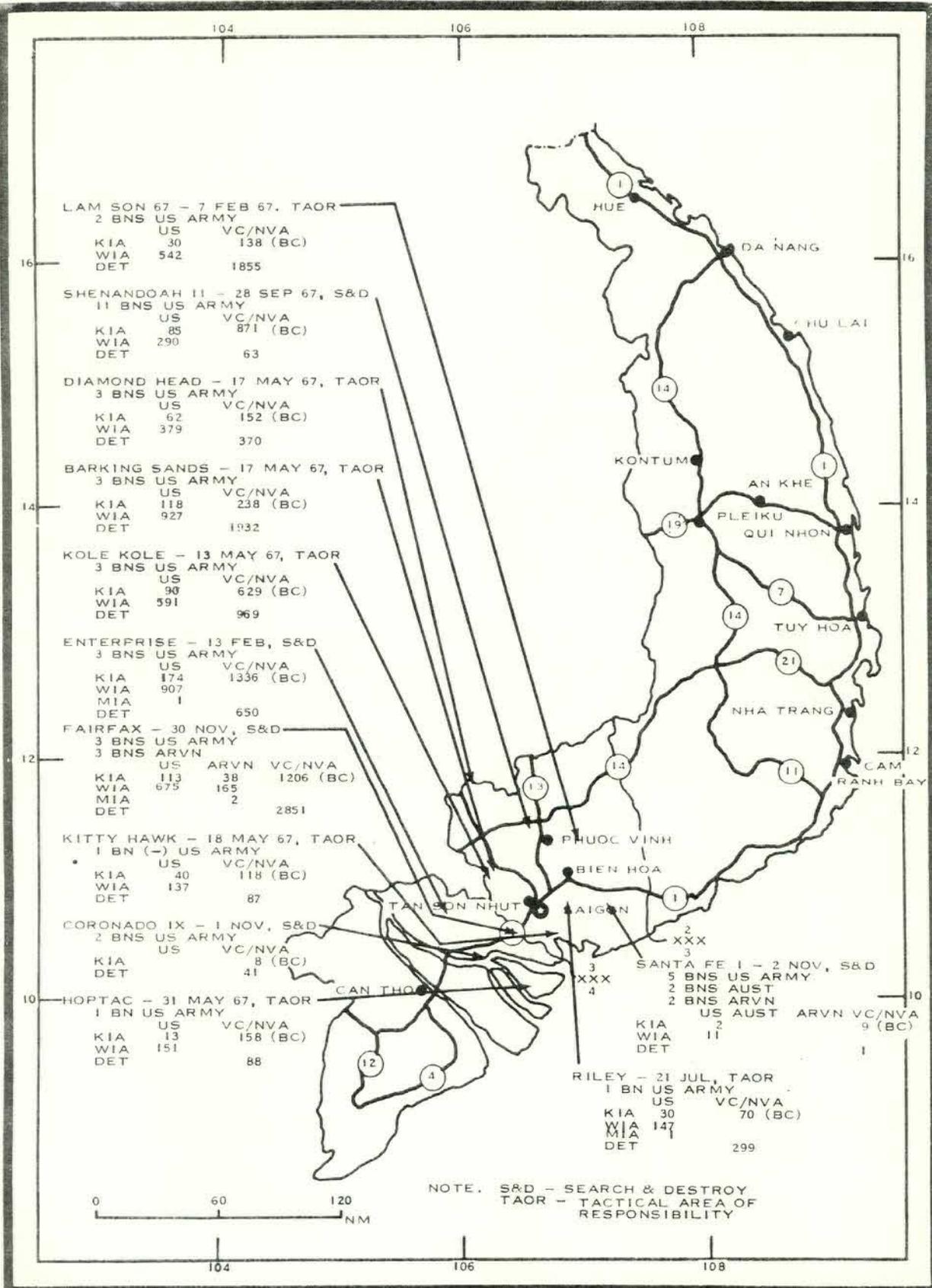
MIGs RECOVER IN CHINA: (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3(h)(2) 2 MIG-21s from Gia Lam flew prob combat reaction msn against US acft about 8 PM EST 5 Nov (early AM 6 Nov local) and recovered at Ningming Afld (see last sentence of MIG SIGHTINGS, above); some 5 hrs later, 2 MIG-21s, -- prob same ones -- returned to Gia Lam. On morning of 6 Nov EST, 2 MIG-21s again noted reacting from Gia Lam and recovering at Ningming; (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3(h)(2)

(b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3 2 MIG-21s -- prob same ones -- returned from Ningming and landed at Phuc Yen Afld late evening 6 Nov EST. NVN may have feared strike on Gia Lam. On other hand, this may be start of regular use of ChiCom bases for landings following MIG reactions. Only Ningming used so far, but other

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aflds southern China may be made available. NVN will prob maintain limited number MIG-17s/21s in-country, with primary reactions prob continuing from Gia Lam and with other NVN aflds being used, when opnl, for recovery or staging. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C.

SAM SIGHTINGS 5 NOV: US pilots obs 5 SAMs in Hanoi/Haiphong area; no US acft damaged. (S)

ROLLING THUNDER 57 OPERATIONS 6 NOV (Late Brief):

AIRCRAFT LOSS: 1 USAF F-105D downed by gnd fire 44 nm N of Haiphong at 061933 EST. Good chute; SAR in prog. (S)

1 USN A-4C hit by gnd fire 62 nm SSE Hanoi. Pilot ejected 55 nm E of Thanh Hoa at 061940 EST and was recovered. (S)

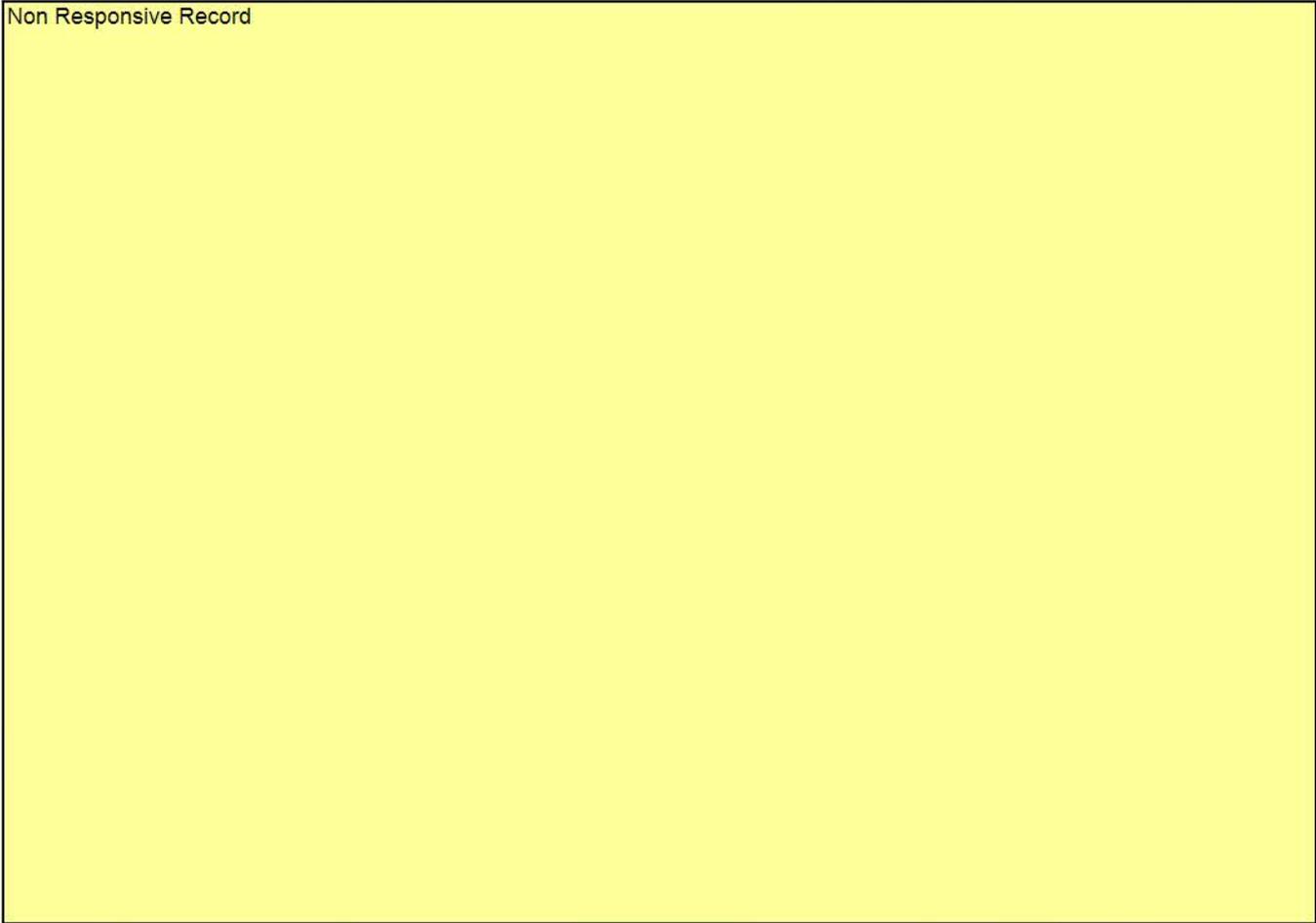
Tgt in Buffer Zone: Lang Giai RR yd at 061930 EST.

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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 6 NOV: 92 sorties (90 USAF, 2 USMC) destroyed/damaged 22/41 trks, 0/5 trk pks, 3/8 AAA sites, 1/9 gun sites, 1/3 bridges, 1/0 bunkers, 0/8 trp concs, 0/6 stor areas, 0/1 mil complex, 0/1 transship pt, 0/1 structure, and LOCs. (S)

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