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

1 CTZ: 13 contacts Opn WALLOWA 5-7 Nov 25 nm SSW Da Nang resulted in 34 VC/NVA KIA. (c)

Updated results 5/6 Nov contacts Opn ESSEX 23 nm SW Da Nang (OIS 7 Nov): 21 US KIA vice 6, 56 WIA vice 45. 36 VC/NVA KIA, 1 indiv wpn seized. (c)

ARVN regt 5 nm NE Quang Ngai reported numerous contacts 5-6 Nov. 39 VC/NVA KIA, 19 indiv, 1 crew-served wpn seized. (c)

25 small-unit contacts resulted: 23 VC/NVA KIA, 4 wpns seized. 25 US WIA. (c)

2 CTZ: Updated results 6 Nov contact Opn MAC ARTHUR (OIS 7 Nov): 104 VC/NVA KIA vice 18, 65 indiv and 15 crew-served wpns seized vice 18 and 1. (c)

On 7 Nov, 2 USA cos on Opn MAC ARTHUR 42 nm NW Pleiku engaged unk en force in defensive psns. 10 US KIA, 35 WIA. 12 VC/NVA KIA. (c)

On 7 Nov, Ban Me Thout East Afd, 68 nm NW Nha Trang, received 25 rds 60/-81-mm mortar fire. 2 UH-1C helos destroyed, 2 UH-1C medium damage, 4 UH-1H minor damage. (c)

Update of ROK contact 20 nm N of Nha Trang (OIS 7 Nov) indicates 29 ROK KIA and 34 WIA vice 20 and 27. 140 VC/NVA KIA vice 64. 24 indiv and 5 crew-served wpns vice 10 and 2. (c)

On 7 Nov, ARVN co outpost 19 nm NE Phan Thiet atkd by est en bn. Hy contact, with US air and arty spt continuing. Interim results: 21 ARVN KIA, 33 WIA, 4 MIA, 4 indiv and 2 crew-served wpns lost. 10 VC/NVA KIA. 1 indiv, 1 crew-served wpn seized. (c)

4 small-unit contacts resulted 14 VC/NVA KIA, 8 wpns seized, 1 ROK KIA, 2 ROK, 2 ARVN WIA, 4 ARVN MIA, 1 indiv wpn lost. (c)

3 CTZ: On 7 Nov, in Opn SHENANDOAH II, USA bn engaged bn of VC 272 Main Force Regt in heavy contact vic Loc Ninh 65 nm N of Saigon. 66 VC/NVA KIA, 1 indiv and 1 crew-served wpn seized. 18 US KIA, 20 WIA. (c)

10 small-unit contacts resulted 18 VC/NVA KIA, 11 wpns seized. 6 US, 5 ARVN WIA. (c)

4 CTZ: On 7 Nov, RF co contacted unk en force 45 nm NE Can Tho. 12 VC/NVA KIA, 1 sampan seized. (c)

On 7 Nov, unk en force conducted gnd and mortar atk on ARVN recon co psn 28 nm NW Can Tho. 13 VC/NVA KIA, 5 indiv wpns seized. 1 ARVN KIA, 24 WIA. (c)

11 small-unit contacts resulted: 5 VC/NVA KIA, 15 booby traps, 4 grenades, 3 mines, 2 wpns seized. 1 ARVN KIA, 8 WIA. (c)
ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: At 071353 EST, 9 B-52s (PAPA 14) bombed elements of NVA 101 Regt and stor areas 45 nm NW Hue. 6 B-52s (PAPA 82) bombed base area 29 nm WNW Kontum at 072002 EST. 6 B-52s (PAPA 48) bombed opn area of NVA 141 Regt 48 nm NE Tay Ninh at 080045 EST. Gnd follow-up sked for last msn. ROCKET POSITIONS IN CAMBODIA: Initial PI indicates that configuration of 122-mm rkt psns involved in 26 Oct atk on Pleiku City is identical to that of sites reported in Jul in Cambodian sector of tri-border area. Neither of these 2 sets of sites is identical, however, to the original 46 (now 54) excavations detected May-Jul in Tonle Sap area (just W of Pleiku Prov border) -- latter are larger, more elaborate and may be used for trng in 122-mm rkt and/or be intended for wpn not as yet employed. DMZ AREA LOGISTIC SUPPORT: Since mid-Oct, comms by elements of NVA's Rear Services Hq's loc southern NVN has referred to actual or projected movements of (large amts of) several types of ammo (field/AA arty, mortars, small arms) plus explosives, mines, foodstuffs, POL. Prob intended for units DMZ area. NORTH VIETNAM ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 7 NOV: 321 sorties (147 USN, 126 USAF, 48 USMC) destroyed/damaged 27/1 bldgs, 30/59 WBL, 5/18 gun psns, 5/113 trks, 3/15 AAA sites, 3/35 RR cars, 2/5 bridges, 1/10 radar sites, 0/21 stor areas, 0/11 trk pk's, 0/12 boat repair yds, 0/2 trp concs, 0/4 SAM sites, 0/1 CP, 0/4 bunkers, and LOC's. Tgts within 30 nm Hanoi: Tung Tu and Thang Quang RR sidings; Ha Gia RR Bridge; SAM sites 5 and 234; Dai Loi RR Bridge bypass. Other tgts: Uong Bi Hwy Bridge. MIG SIGHTINGS: 4 USAF F-105s obs 2 MIG-21s 56 nm NW Hanoi 7 Nov. 1 MIG fired AAM which passed under flight but hit an F-105 in another flight. Acft returned safely though damaged. 4 USAF F-4Ds obs 1 MIG-21 72 nm W of Hanoi 7 Nov. F-4Ds tried to engage, but MIG egressed area. No damage. 3 USAF F-105s obs 2 MIGs 46 nm ENE Haiphong 6 Nov. No engagement. SAM SIGHTINGS: 7 abn msls obs vic Hanoi 5 Nov. 12 abn msls obs vic Hanoi 7 Nov. 1 abn msl obs vic Haiphong 7 Nov. ACFT LOSSES: USAF F-105D downed unk cause 11 nm WNW Hanoi at 072100 EST; good chute; no SAR. USAF F-4D downed by AAM 90 nm WNW Hanoi at 071950 EST; 2 chutes; 1 pilot recovered; SAR in progress for other. USAF F-100F downed by gnd fire 9 nm WNW Dong Hoi at 071940 EST; crew recovered. ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: At 070327 EST 9 B-52s (PAPA 81) bombed fortified psns 52 nm NW Hue. USE OF CHICOM AFLD: Pre-planning re recovery opns by NVN MIGs at ChiCom bases along border. On 6 Nov, Phuc Yen controller told 2 patrolling MIG-21s getting low on fuel to "continue
to follow the plan" -- after which the acft turned toward Ningming. There was no Vietnamese controller at Ningming, however, suggesting absence of firm planning date for activation of the plan. (b)(3) 10 U.S. (b)(3) 10 U.

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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 7 NOV: 146 USAF sorties dest/damaged 10/67 trks, 7/29 gun sites, 1/0 bunkers, 0/11 stor areas, 0/5 bridges, 0/6 trk pks, 0/1 supply area, 0/4 biv areas, 0/2 mil complexes, 0/5 trp concs, and LOCs. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 9 B-52s (MIKE-93) bombed admin and log areas 36 nm WSW Hue at 071514 EST. (O)

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