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(b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424; 3.3(h)(2)
SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 43 bn-size or larger opns in prog: 27 US, 2 FWF, 14 ARVN.

1 CTZ: USMC S&D Opn ESSEX term 16 Nov after 12 days acty. Cum losses -- US: 37 KIA, 122 WIA; NVA: 72 KIA, 18 det, 7 wpns. 31 small-unit contacts resulted in 2 US KIA and 8 WIA. VC/NVA losses were 32 KIA and 2 per det.

2 CTZ: Final results of ARVN abn bn contact in Opn MAC ARTHUR, 8 nm NNW Dak To on 16 Nov are: ARVN: 10 KIA, 49 WIA, US: 1 WIA; VC/NVA: unk.

Revised cas figures for contact in Opn MAC ARTHUR 4 nm SSW Dak To, on 16 Nov are: US: 8 KIA, 31 WIA; VC/NVA: 41 KIA, 1 det.

In Opn MAC ARHTUR on 17 Nov USA co engaged unk size en force. Losses -- US: 3 KIA, 12 WIA; VC/NVA: unk.

15 Nov atks on Dak To resulted in following losses -- 12,000 gal JP4, 5,000 gal avgas, 1,126 tons ammo, 18 tents, 11 wpns, 8x10,000 gal fuel bladders and misc equip and supplies.

3 small-unit contacts resulted in 1 ARVN KIA and 21 WIA. VC/NVA losses were 3 KIA, 1 per det, and 1 wpn seized.

3 CTZ: US, ARVN S&D Opn ATLANTA commenced 17 Nov, 23 nm NNW Saigon. No contact reptd.

18 small-unit contacts resulted in 4 US KIA and 18 WIA. ARVN losses were 4 KIA and 7 WIA while VC/NVA lost 14 KIA, 5 per det and 1 wpn seized.

4 CTZ: ARVN S&D Opn LONG PHI 9/139 began 16 Nov 30 nm N Can Tho. Results are -- ARVN: 4 KIA, 32 WIA. VC/NVA: 28 KIA, 1 det, 60 wpns, 6 tons ammo.

On 16 Nov, 27 nm ESE Can Tho, PF outpost received mortar fire and gnd atk. A PF plat and RD cadre en route were ambushed. A reinforced ARVN bn also en route contacted est 2 co VC/NVA force. Cum losses -- US: 1 KIA. ARVN: 43 KIA, 15 WIA, 29 wpns. VC/NVA: 18 KIA, 1 det, 1 wpn, 5 rds 57-mm RR ammo.

On 17 Nov, a USA arty unit loc 25 nm NE Can Tho, was atkd by est 2 cos VC/NVA who broke contact leaving 102 KIA. US losses were 5 KIA and 38 WIA.

NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 17 NOV: 270 sorties (143 USN, 90 USAF, 37 USMC) dest/damaged 8/2 bldgs, 17/103 WBL cft, 0/10 stor areas, 0/30

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gun psns, 0/7 trp conc, 0/5 trks, 0/4 trk parks, 0/10 bridges, 0/19 radar sites, 0/16 RR cars, 0/8 SAM sites, 0/1 transship points, and LOCs.  
Tgts within 30-nm radius Hanoi: 14 FAN SONG radars and 4 SAM sites. (C)  
MISSILE SIGHTINGS 16 NOV: 41 abn SA-2 msls sighted vic Hanoi.  
MIG SIGHTINGS 16 NOV: 4 USAF F-105Ds sighted 2 MIG-21s 3 nm S Hanoi. No engagement. (C)  
AIRCRAFT DOWNE 17 NOV: 1 USAF F-105D and 1 F-105F downed by air-to-air msls from 2 MIG-21s 52 nm NW Hanoi. F-105D pilot exited area but ejected 115 nm W Hanoi and was rescued in good condition. 1 beeper heard from F-105F but no chute obs. SAR progress unk. (C)  
2 USAF F-105Ds downed by surface-to-air msls 19 nm N Hanoi and 12 nm NW Hanoi respectively. One chute obs but no SAR initiated due to hostile environment. (Total to date is 81). (C)  
MIG STATUS: COMINT indicates 2 unidentified NVN MIGs flew to Mengtzu on 17 Nov. At least 8 MIGs have flown to China over past 2 days; only 2 MIG-21s have been noted returning. Count of opnl MIGs est to be in NVN is now about 8 compared to about 14 on the 13th.  
ENEMY ACTION IN DMZ AREA: Various info continues to indicate NVNese may launch offensive in Con Thien area. According to mgs of past 2 wks, it appears emls of 90th, 80d, and 101d Regts, plus 27th Ind Bn, are preparing for offensive actions near Con Thien. A recently cptred prisoner disclosed 90th Regt is to atk Con Thien within next 2 wks. A bn msg of 16 Nov reported guns could not be moved because of deep water and damaged rds. Recent rains have caused hy flooding on both sides of DMZ. Actual en plan of atk may be finalized at DMZ Commanders' Conference now under way in Quang Binh Prov (OIS 16 Nov).  
POLISH SHIP FIRES ON US AIRCRAFT: Merchantman GENERAL SIKORSKI directed AW fire at flight of US acft as it withdrew after atking Haiphong Shipyard No 2 on 16 Nov. This is first time a merchant ship other than Chinese has been reported as firing at US acft over Haiphong waters.  

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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS: 147 USAF sorties dest/damaged 14/42 trks, 0/32 RF sites, 0/36 road segments, 0/16 trk pk, 0/10 stor areas, 0/9 trp conc, 0/5 fords, 0/4 mil complexes, 0/2 barracs, 0/2 causeways, 0/1 construction area, 0/1 interdiction pt. (C)  

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