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GROUND OPERATIONS: 46 bn-size or larger opns in prog: 26 US, 17 ARVN, 3 FW.

1 CTZ: Update of USMC contact in Opn FOSTER. Losses -- US: 12 KIA, 80 WIA; VC/NVA: 20 KIA, 5 wpns.

On 27 Nov in Opn WHEELER/WALLOWA, 2 USA cos had 6-hr contact with en force 20 nm S of Da Nang. A 3rd co, arty, and tac air sptd. Losses -- US: 4 KIA, 20 WIA; VC/NVA: 3 KIA, 1 indiv wpn.

30 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- Friendly: 6 KIA (1 US, 5 ARVN), 14 WIA (9 US, 5 ARVN); VC/NVA: 12 KIA, 6 pers det, 5 wpns.

2 CTZ: On 26 Nov, Tuy An subsector town and 2 nearby hamlets atkd by 2 en cos for 4 hrs. ROK arty and flareship sptd. Losses -- ARVN: 23 KIA, 16 WIA, 9 indiv and 4 crew-served wpns, 1 radio; VC/NVA: 10 KIA, 4 indiv wpns, 15 grenades, 1 bangalore torpedo.

Adjusted cas figures of contact 4 nm W of Nha Trang -- Friendly: 24 KIA (6 ROK, 18 CIDG), 38 WIA (12 ROK, 26 CIDG); VC/NVA: 66 KIA, 38 indiv and 7 crew-served wpns, 6 pers det.

4 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- ARVN: 3 KIA, 9 WIA; VC/NVA: 2 KIA, 1 wpn.

3 CTZ: On 26 Nov, CIDG elem engaged en force 60 nm NNE Saigon. Losses -- Friendly: 1 US KIA, 5 CIDG WIA; VC/NVA: 15 KIA.

On 27 Nov, airborne FAC directed tac air strikes against en force 50 nm NNW Saigon. 17 en KIA as result of strikes.

On 27 Nov, USA co engaged en force for 40 mins, 42 nm WNW Saigon, sptd by arty, tac air strikes, and helo light fire teams. Losses -- US: 4 KIA, 6 WIA; VC/NVA: 1 KIA.

On 26 Nov, eles of ARVN Provisional Recce Unit (PRU) contacted est en co 17 nm SW Saigon for 4 hrs. Losses -- PRU: 2 WIA; VC/NVA: 11 KIA, 4 indiv wpns, 20 lbs of documents.

In Opn FORREST, a co of the Royal Aust Regt, sptd by arty, engaged en force 33 nm SE Saigon for 2 hrs. Losses -- Aust: 1 KIA, 10 WIA; VC/NVA: 4 KIA, 2 machine guns.

11 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- Friendly: 1 ARVN KIA, 20 WIA (7 US, 13 ARVN); VC/NVA: 26 KIA, 2 wpns.

4 CTZ: USA OH-23 downed by en gnd fire on 27 Nov 33 nm NNE Can Tho. 2 crew KIA, acft dest.

On 27 Nov, en atkd Rach Gia Afld. En occupied afld briefly, but withdrew after 1 hr. AC-47s and arty sptd. Losses -- US: 3 WIA, 1 PRC-10 radio, 2 indiv wpns, and 3 0-1Es, 1 x ½-ton trk, 1 fuel trk, and 1 VNAF 0-1E dest; VC/NVA: unk.

Soc Trang Afld sustained 15 x 82-mm mortar rds on 27 Nov. Countermortar fire, AC-47s, and armed helos sptd. Losses -- US: 1 KIA, 2 WIA, 2 MIA. 1 UH-1B and 1 0-1E dest, 7 UH-1Ds, 1 UH-1B, 28 Nov 67
and 1 O-1E damaged. VC/NVA: unk. (f)
6 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- ARVN: 7 KIA, 7 WIA, 1 MIA, 7 indiv wpns; VC/NVA: 9 KIA, 2 wpns. (g)
ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 27 NOV: 8 B-52s (QUEBEC 75) bombed rkt psns and opn area of NVA 803 Regt, 43 nm NW Hue, at 270830 EST. At 271510 EST, 9 B-52s (QUEBEC 81) bombed base camp of NVA 68 Arty Regt, 32 nm SSW Da Nang. No gnd follow-up sked. (f)
THAI TROOP DEPLOYMENTS: Tentative sked for deployment to SVN of the new 10,600/-11,000-man Thai div calls for 1st increment (60%) to arrive SVN mid-Jul 68 after 6 months' training: 2d, late Jan 69. Actual timing of moves dependent on receipt of equip. (b)(3) 10

NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER 57 OPERATIONS 27 NOV: 155 sorties (78 USN, 56 USAF, 21 USMC) dest/damaged 14/40 WBLC, 4/56 trks, 3/3 bldgs, 1/1 bridge, 1/1 radar site, 0/24 stor areas, 0/6 gun psns, 0/3 ferries, [b](3) 10 U.S.C. 424:3. 0/3 mil complexes, 0/2 trp concs, 0/1 trk pk, 0/1 C.D. site, 0/1 RR yd, 0/1 tower, 0/1 SAM site, 0/1 afd, and LOCs. (f)
Tgts 10 nm Haiphong: Kien An Afd; SAM Site 93. 11 USN sorties struck Haiphong RR yds and RR/hwy bridge at 271910 EST. (S) MISSILE SIGHTINGS: US pilots obs 2 abn SAMs 3 nm NW Haiphong at 261958 EST. No damage. (e)

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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 27 NOV: 148 sorties (140 USAF, 8 USMC) dest/damaged 27/31 trks, 2/10 gun sites, 1/2 bridges, 0/13 stor areas, 0/12 trk pk, 0/5 trp concs, 0/3 mil complexes, 0/1 ferry, and LOCs. (e)
ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 27 NOV: At 271630 EST 9 B-52s (PAPA 89) bombed log and supply areas on rte used as alternate to Mu Gia Pass, 33 nm WSW Dong Hoi. (e)