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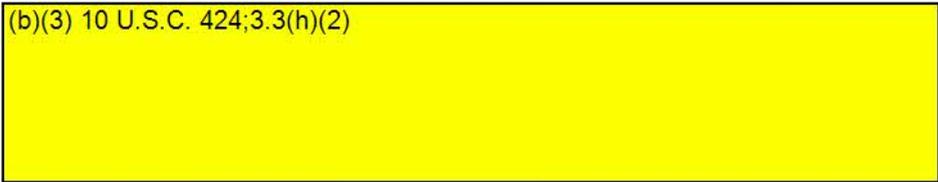
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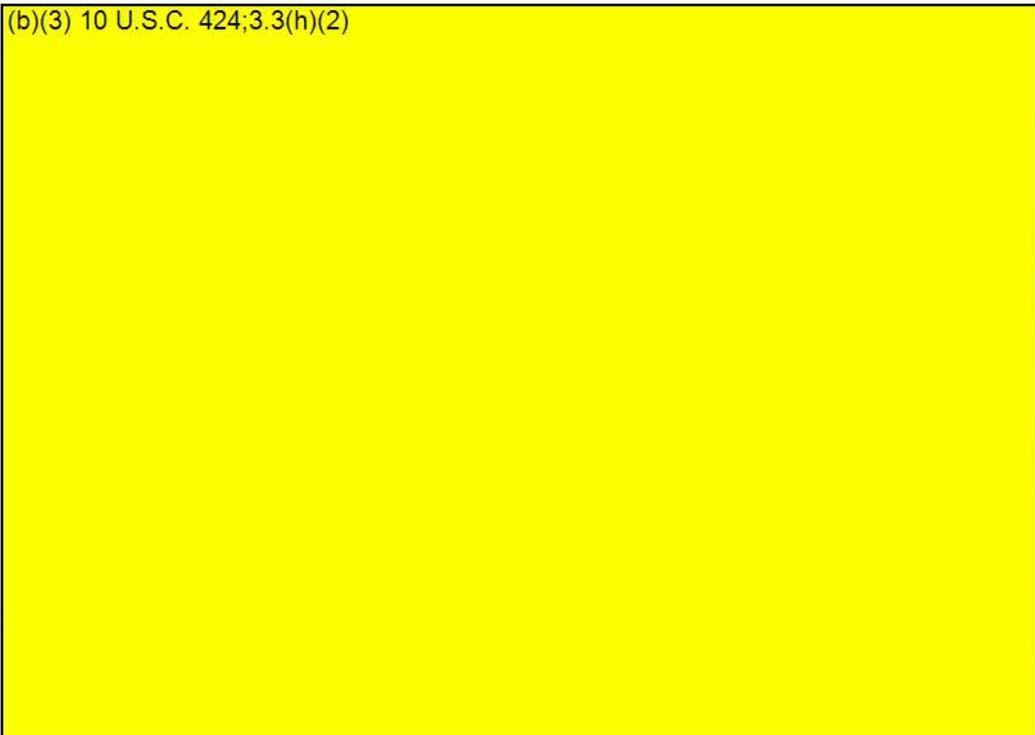
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OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS

SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 44 bn-size or larger opns in prog: (22 US, 19 ARVN, 1 ROK, 1 Thai, 1 Aust). (C)

1 CTZ: USMC co called arty fire on 35 VC/NVA 12 nm NNW Quang Tri on 3 Dec. 13 VC/NVA KIA, 1 US WIA. (C)

PF plat atkd by est en co 4 nm S of Quang Ngai on night 7 Dec. 5 PF KIA, 4 WIA, 6 indiv wpns, 4 radios lost. 1 VC/NVA KIA, 1 wpn seized. (C)

22 small-unit contacts resulted 15 VC/NVA KIA, 3 wpns seized. 2 US, 1 ARVN KIA, 2 US, 14 ARVN WIA. (C)

2 CTZ: Updated results ARVN contact 45 nm NNW Qui Nhon (OIS 8 Dec) are: 8 ARVN KIA vice 7, 19 ARVN WIA vice 9; 27 VC/NVA KIA vice unk; 1 indiv & 1 crew-served wpn seized. (C)

Updated results of US engagement 43 nm NNW Qui Nhon (OIS 8 Dec) indicate 16 US KIA vice 12, 90 WIA vice 57. 3 reported MIA now confirmed dead. 210 VC/NVA vice 159; 17 indiv, 5 crew-served wpns seized. (C)

Updated results of ROK contact 14 nm NW Qui Nhon (OIS 8 Dec) indicate 67 VC/NVA KIA vice 34; 24 indiv wpns seized. (C)

3 CTZ: Opn YELLOWSTONE, US 9-bn (7 US, 2 ARVN) opn, commenced 7 Dec. Msn is to conduct S&D, construct log base, and establish LOCs in area 50 nm NW Saigon. 6 US WIA. (C)

Opn DIAMOND HEAD, 3-USA bn TAOR opn 33 nm NW Saigon, term 7 Dec. 80 US KIA, 605 WIA. 237 VC/NVA KIA, 104 indiv, 2 crew-served wpns seized. 7 months old. (C)

Update of USA contact 23 nm NNE Saigon (OIS 8 Dec) are 24 US KIA vice 16, 90 WIA vice 76, 2 MIA. 62 VC/NVA KIA vice 2. (C)

BARKING SANDS, 3-USA bn TAOR opn, term 6 Dec after 7 mos. 152 US KIA, 1,060 WIA. 304 VC/NVA KIA, 209 indiv, 18 crew-served wpns seized. (C)

On 6 Dec, KOLE KOLE, 3-USA bn TAOR opn, term after 7 mos. 92 US KIA, 640 WIA. 645 VC/NVA KIA, 286 indiv, 5 crew-served wpns seized. (C)

On 7 Dec, est en co atkd PF outpost 13 nm SE Saigon. 9 PF KIA, 11 WIA, 17 indiv wpns lost. (C)

10 small-unit contacts resulted 12 VC/NVA KIA, 2 wpns seized. 3 ARVN KIA, 11 US, 4 ARVN WIA. (C)

4 CTZ: Opn DAN CHI 315 C, 6-ARVN bn S&D, commenced 7 Dec 20 nm SW Can Tho. Opn continues with hvy contact. ARVN units are closing the en, supported by arty, tac air, armed helos, and AC-47s. Interim results -- 67 ARVN KIA; 102 WIA. 365 VC/NVA KIA, 48 indiv, 15 crew-served wpns seized. (C)

7 small-unit contacts resulted 9 VC/NVA KIA, 6 wpns seized. 2 ARVN WIA. (C)

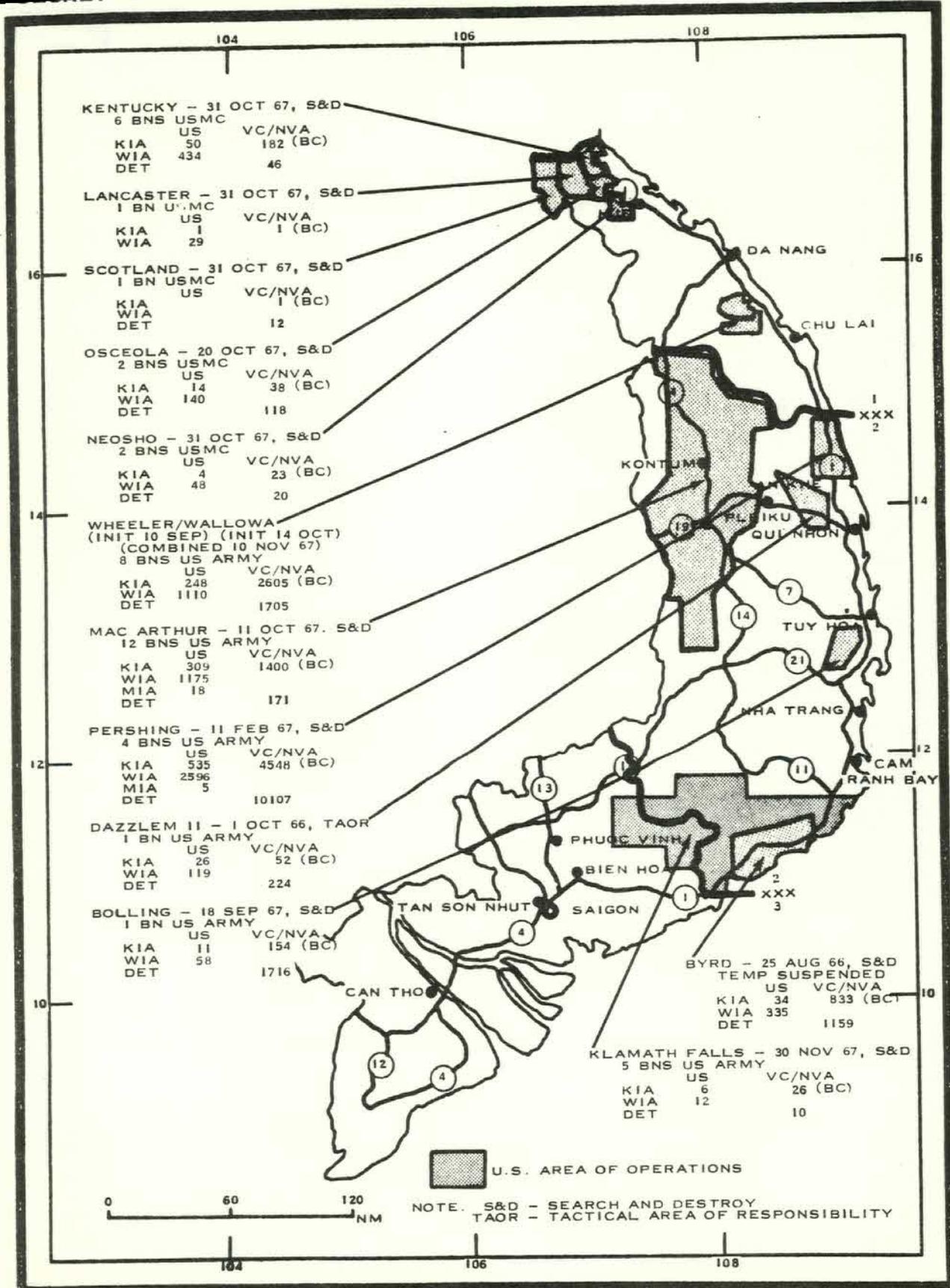
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ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 8 DEC: 9 B-52s (ROMEO 9) bombed elms VC 90 Regt in bunker complex 44 nm NW Hue at 081558 EST. (S)

LONG-DELAY FUZES: Cptrd doc describes delayed-action fuzes for 82-mm mort which cause detonation from 2.5 to 8 hrs after impact. First indic that any communist country has developed such fuzes. Ammo intended mainly for fire against rear-area installations. Could also be used in certain tac situations (but not in spt of attacking inf). Use would have psych as well as direct cas-producing effect. (b)(3) 10 U.

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NVA 325C DIV: Most recent info available on movement northward from DMZ of elms this div follows. On 29 Nov, 101D Regt was some 10 mi N of central DMZ area; this is only 12-15 mi NW of its last-known (3 Nov) loc southern part DMZ. Commo anomalies indicate regt might leave region of DMZ; on other hand, its continued close proximity to DMZ as of 29 Nov could indicate it will remain about where it is. Elms of regt active vic Con Thien during Oct; not noted in tac commo since 1 Nov. By 2 Dec, 29 Regt had moved some 50 mi, from just above DMZ to point in northern Quang Binh Prov; had not been active in DMZ since moving early Aug to suspect rest area N of DMZ, where it remained until at least early Oct. Apparent withdrawal of these forces at same time that 304 and 320 Divs indicated to be moving southward suggests possibility that a rotation of forces in DMZ may be involved. Div's third regt (95C) loc Laos-SVN border near Khe Sanh; no indic it plans leave. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.

BINH DINH PROV: Recent increase in acty by apparently replenished NVA 22 and 18 Regts believed aimed at regaining local pop centers plus access to rice-rich coastal area. (S)

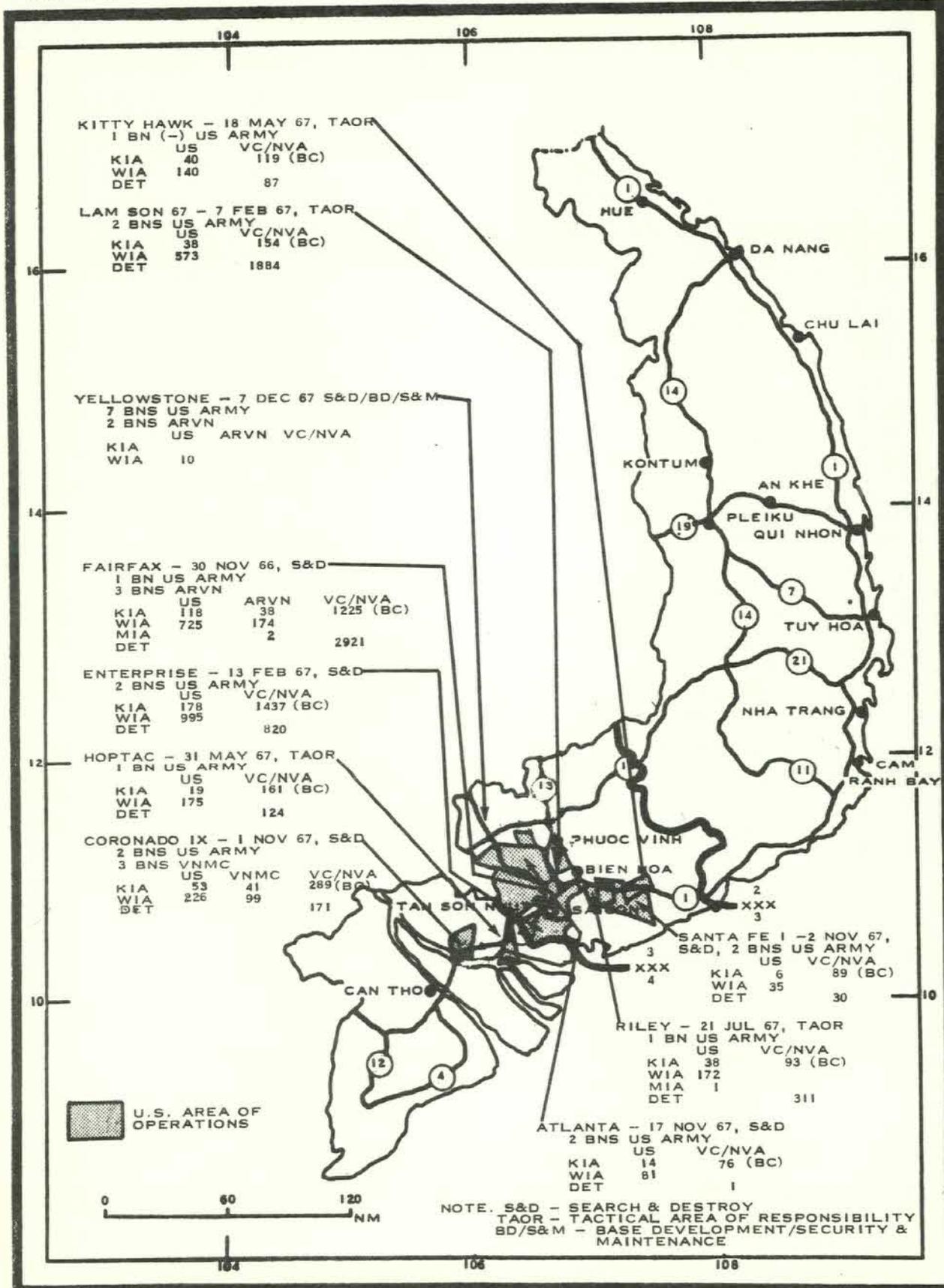
VC OBJECTIVES MR 2: Cptrd "top secret" VC doc prepared in Jul 67 said objective of forces in MR 2 was to establish coalition govt in which NLF would play key role leading to ultimate takeover. To do this, VC planned wear down FWF and force US withdrawal. Doc predicted US might up forces to 600,000 - 700,000 by '68 and, with aid of "500,000 ARVN", conduct large-scale sweep opns. To counter this, MR 2 forces were to: (1) step up mil/pol acty to "achieve decisive victories in relatively short time"; (2) inflict hvy cas on FWF; (3) disrupt pacification program and threaten pop centers/ARVN base areas; (4) conduct widespread offensive actions in order cause FWF to "defend all areas so as to reduce capabilities provide mutual support". These msn similar to ones previously reported for MR 2 and are consistent with en campaign goals throughout SVN. (S)

ARVN REORGANIZATION: Unconfirmed field report indicates senior officers have opposed an armed forces reorgn plan, on stated grounds it would make armed forces "less effective". Corps commanders reportedly objected particularly to: (1) breakup of divs into bn

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"strike" units; (2) transfer of trp command from corps/div commanders to prov chiefs; (3) decentralization of RF/PF. CJGS Vien said to have sptd plan unenthusiastically. Gen Thang reportedly said attitude of corps commanders, esp Gen Khang, seemed to doom any chance for effective reorgn. (b)(3) 10

NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 8 DEC: 93 sorties (46 USAF, 13 USN, 34 USMC) dest/damaged 2/33 WBLC, 0/23 gun psns, 0/14 stor areas, 0/9 AAA sites, 0/11 trks, 0/5 trk pks, 0/4 bunkers, 0/3 trp conc, 0/1 bridges, 0/3 radar sites, and LOCs. (S)

MIG ENGAGEMENT: 4 USAF F-4Ds engaged 2 MIG-21 50 nm NW Hanoi at 071957 EST. US acft fired 4 SPARROW AA msls. No damage either force. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 9 B-52s (ROMEO 61) bombed elms NVA 270 Regt and arty regt 41 nm NW Hue at 080400 EST. (S)

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(b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424.3(h)(2) (1) he very pessimistic re chances for peace in VN; (2) did not think Hanoi would react if bombing "halted"; (3) Hanoi completely indep of Moscow or Peiping. (b)(3) 10 U.

NAVAL ACTIVITY: (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424.3(h)(2) 2 (poss 3) P-6 class MTBs recently moved from Haiphong to Cac Ba ls area, joining 5 or 6 P-4s already there. A 6 Dec msg to P-6s from Cac Ba MTB command requested a report on their engines; msg also carried report on movements of a US acft carrier. Meanwhile, the P-4s (which active since 4 Nov in maintenance/torpedo replacement acty and which ordered to complete assembly and (poss) loading of torpedoes by 5 Dec) conducted unident firing exercise on 6 Dec. Current acty may be of training nature, but, as reported OIS 5 Dec, poss of offensive action can not be ruled out. Noted that P-6s carry heavier torpedo than P-4s. (b)(3) 10

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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 8 DEC: 241 sorties (193 USAF, 38 USN, 10 USMC) dest/damaged 11/13 trks, 1/15 gun sites, 1/0 bridge, 0/29 trk pks, 0/12 stor areas, 0/8 mil comp, 0/10 trp concs, 0/3 biv areas, 0/2 sup area & LOCs. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 6 B-52s (QUEBEC 77) bombed trk pks and stor areas 46 nm SW Dong Hoi at 081415 EST. (S)

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