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OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS

SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 44 bn-size or larger opns in prog: 23 US, 18 ARVN, 3 FWF. (C)

1 CTZ: On 15 Dec, in Opn KENTUCKY, USMC plat received fire from en bn sptd by mortar, recoilless rifle, and arty. 2 USMC cos reinf'd unit in contact. Tac air, arty, tank sptd. Results -- US: 3 KIA, 31 WIA; VC/NVA: 46 KIA. (C)

On 15 Dec, Quang Tri Afld was struck by 50-60 rds 82-mm mortar fire. Results -- US: 1 KIA, 31 WIA, 2 CH-46 helos damaged. (C)

On 14 Dec, in Opn CITRUS, 1 USMC bn S&D opn commenced 20 nm SW Da Nang. Duration of opn est 5-10 days. (C)

16 small-unit contacts reported. Results -- US: 1 KIA, 3 WIA; VC/NVA: 13 KIA, 15 pers det, 1 wpn seized. (C)

2 CTZ: On 14 Dec, in Opn PERSHING, 45 nm NNW Qui Nhon, 1 USA co engaged en co-size force identified as 4th Co, 8th Bn, NVA 22d Regt. 8 USA cos and 2 ARVN bns reinforced. Interim results -- US: 16 KIA, 44 WIA, 6 MIA; VC/NVA: 47 KIA, 1 crew-served, 5 indiv wpns, and large quantity small arms ammo seized. (C)

HONG LAC 958, ARVN 3-bn S&D opn, commenced on 13 Dec, 25 nm N of Qui Nhon. Interim results -- ARVN: 12 KIA, 8 WIA, 1 APC dest; VC/NVA: 20 KIA, 3 wpns seized. (C)

3 CTZ: In Opn YELLOWSTONE, ARVN bn engaged en co. Tac air, arty, helos sptd. Results -- US: 5 WIA; ARVN: 1 KIA, 50 WIA, 22 MIA; VC/NVA: unk. (C)

On 14 Dec, CIDG co contacted est 150 en 30 nm WNW Saigon. Helos, AC-47 acft sptd. Results -- US: 1 KIA, 1 WIA; CIDG: 13 KIA, 3 WIA; VC/NVA: 7 KIA. (C)

On 14 Dec, Opn FAIRFAX, combined US/ARVN S&D opn, terminated. Results -- US: 118 KIA, 725 WIA; ARVN: 57 KIA, 200 WIA, 2 MIA; VC/NVA: 1,275 KIA, 2,920 det, 525 indiv and 12 crew-served wpns seized. (C)

9 small-unit contacts reported. Results -- US: 4 WIA; ARVN: 1 KIA, 6 WIA; VC/NVA: 1 KIA, 2 pers det, 2 wpns seized. (C)

4 CTZ: On 14 Dec, an unk-size en force atkd an outpost manned by 11 PF pers, 36 nm ESE Can Tho. Friendly force arrived but made no contact. Results -- PF: 7 KIA, 4 MIA, 11 indiv wpns, 1 radio lost; VC/NVA: unk. (C)

4 small-unit contacts reported. Results -- ARVN: 4 KIA, 1 WIA, 3 MIA; VC/NVA: 2 KIA, 1 indiv wpn seized. (C)

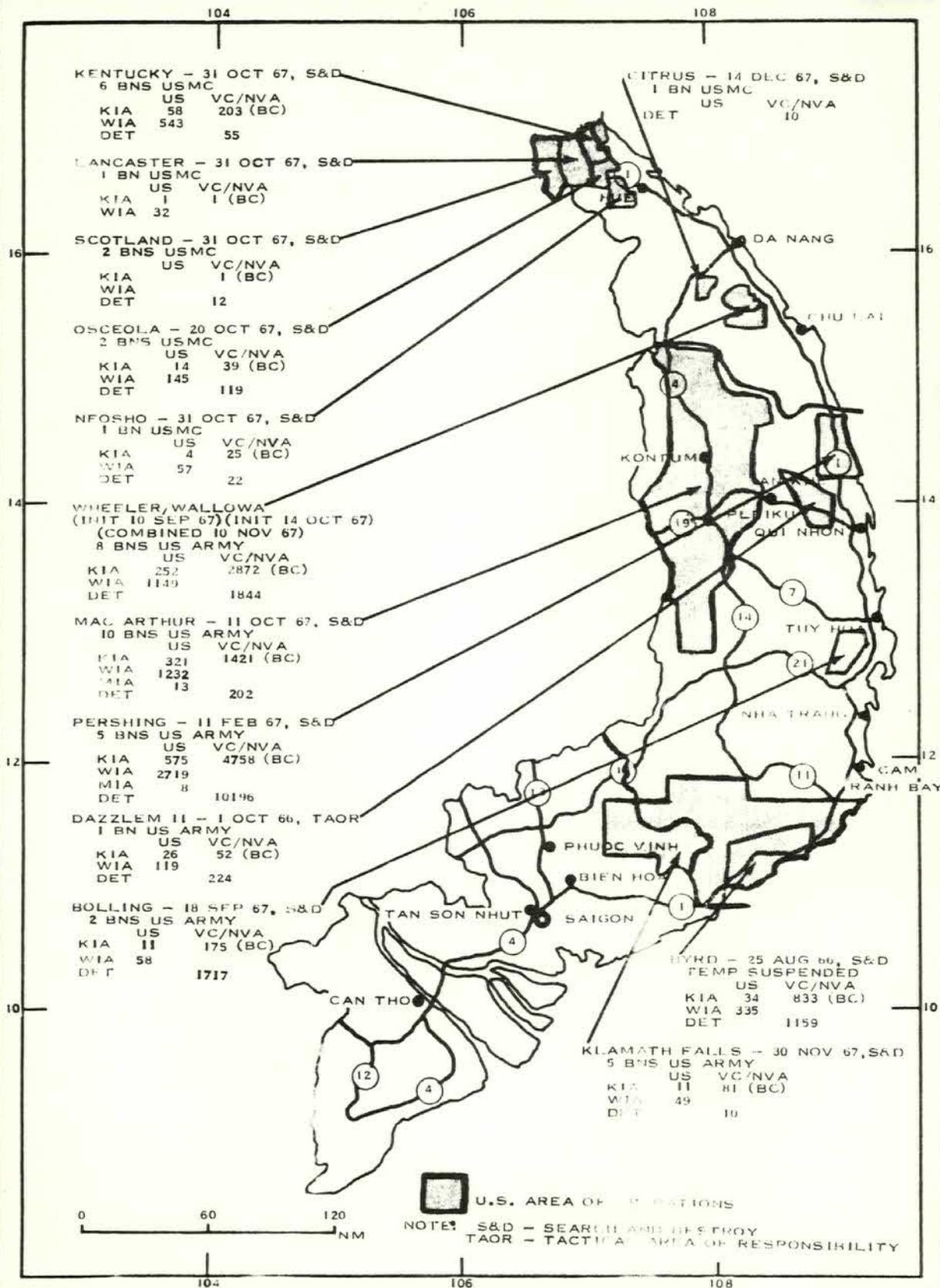
ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 9 B-52s bombed area 46 nm NW Hue at 150655 EST containing numerous arty psns, staging areas, infiltration rte, and stor/supply areas. No gnd follow-up sked. (C)

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NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS: 113 sorties (67 USAF, 34 USN, 12 USMC) dest/damaged 6/3 RR cars, 0/24 WBL craft, 0/23 gun psns, 0/18 stor areas, 0/18 trks, 0/12 road segs, 0/11 bridges, 0/9 radar sites, 0/9 trk pks, (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424; 0/2 locomotives, 0/2 transship pts, 0/1 ford, 0/1 POL stor area. (S)

Tgt within 10-nm radius Hanoi: Yen Vien RR yard; hvy damage to yard and bldg complex SE of yard. (S)

Tgts within 30-nm radius Hanoi: Hoa Lac Afld (MIG-17 on gnd damaged, (b)(3) site silenced); Hanoi RR/hwy bridge canal; 7 SAM sites. (S)

MIG SIGHTINGS: 3 MIG-21s sighted -- 2, 15 nm WSW Hanoi at 150037 EST; 1, 1 nm NNW Hanoi 140043 EST. No engagements. (S)

SAM SIGHTINGS: 23 SAMs observed over NVN. No damage to US acft. (S)

MIG ENGAGEMENT: 8 USAF F-4Ds atkd by 3 MIG-21s, 4 nm NE Hanoi at 150039 EST. 1 MIG launched 2 msls which passed 500-1,000 ft above 1 F-4D and burst harmlessly. Strike was not disrupted and no damage to US acft. (S)

AIRCRAFT LOSSES: 1 USAF F-4D was downed 22 nm NNE Haiphong 152214 EST by (en) MIG-21. 2 chutes obsd. SAR not attempted due to difficulty to loc and identify crew members. (S)

1 USN F-4B damaged by gnd fire 5 nm SW Haiphong 160007 EST. Both crew members rescued in good condition 54 nm SSE Haiphong. (S)

NVA 304 DIV: It is now believed that only 1 regt, not 2, is positioned in Laos, just opposite Khe Sanh. Entity that was reported as a regt is still associated with 304th but is now thought to be either a forward echelon of Div's Hqs or one of its smaller spting units. Meanwhile, on 12 and 13 Dec, 2 additional NVA entities have been identified immediately W of Khe Sanh, bringing total to 11. One is an unidentified NVA "watch" terminal previously associated with poss Hqs 325C Div, and other an NVA terminal previously associated with DMZ front. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;

LOCATION OF HIGH COMMAND: SIGINT indicates that radio facilities serving NVNese High Command divided in early Oct and that commo are now controlled from 2 physically separated stations in Hanoi vic. There are indications one station directs major mil elms in NVN, SVN, and those infiltrating into SVN, while 2d station is primarily concerned with log matters. High Command also operated from separate places between Mar 1966 and March 1967. From then until early Oct opns were believed to have been consolidated at single loc. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.

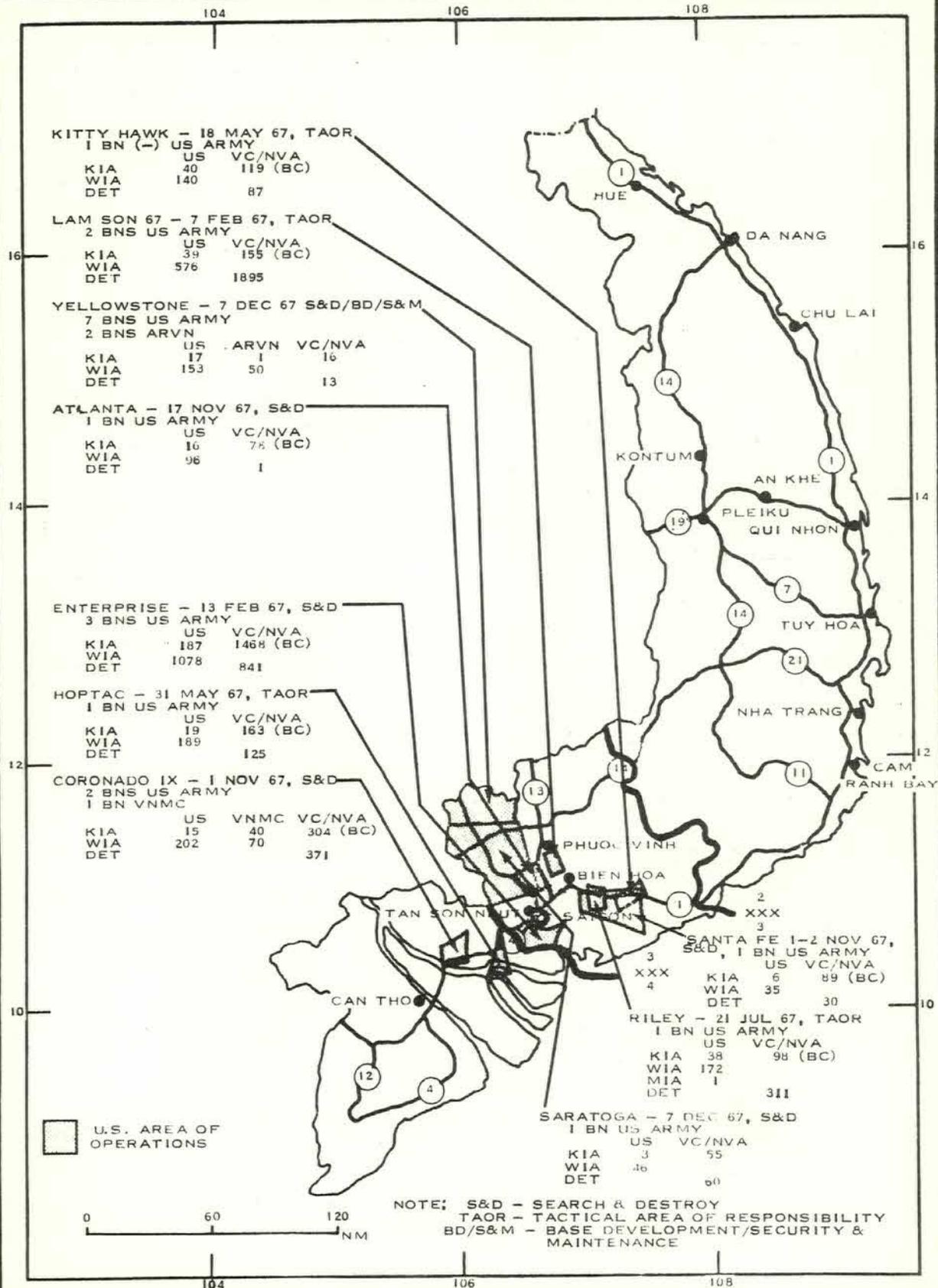
DESTRUCTION OF WATERCRAFT: Through Nov 1967, 4,768 NVNese watercraft were dest -- 4,009 by air strikes and 759 by naval action -- as compared with 4,010 for all of last yr. Since Feb 1965 air and naval atks have dest about 9,250. Watercraft inventory is est at 32,000-37,000 units which vessels range from 1-to 800-ton capacity.

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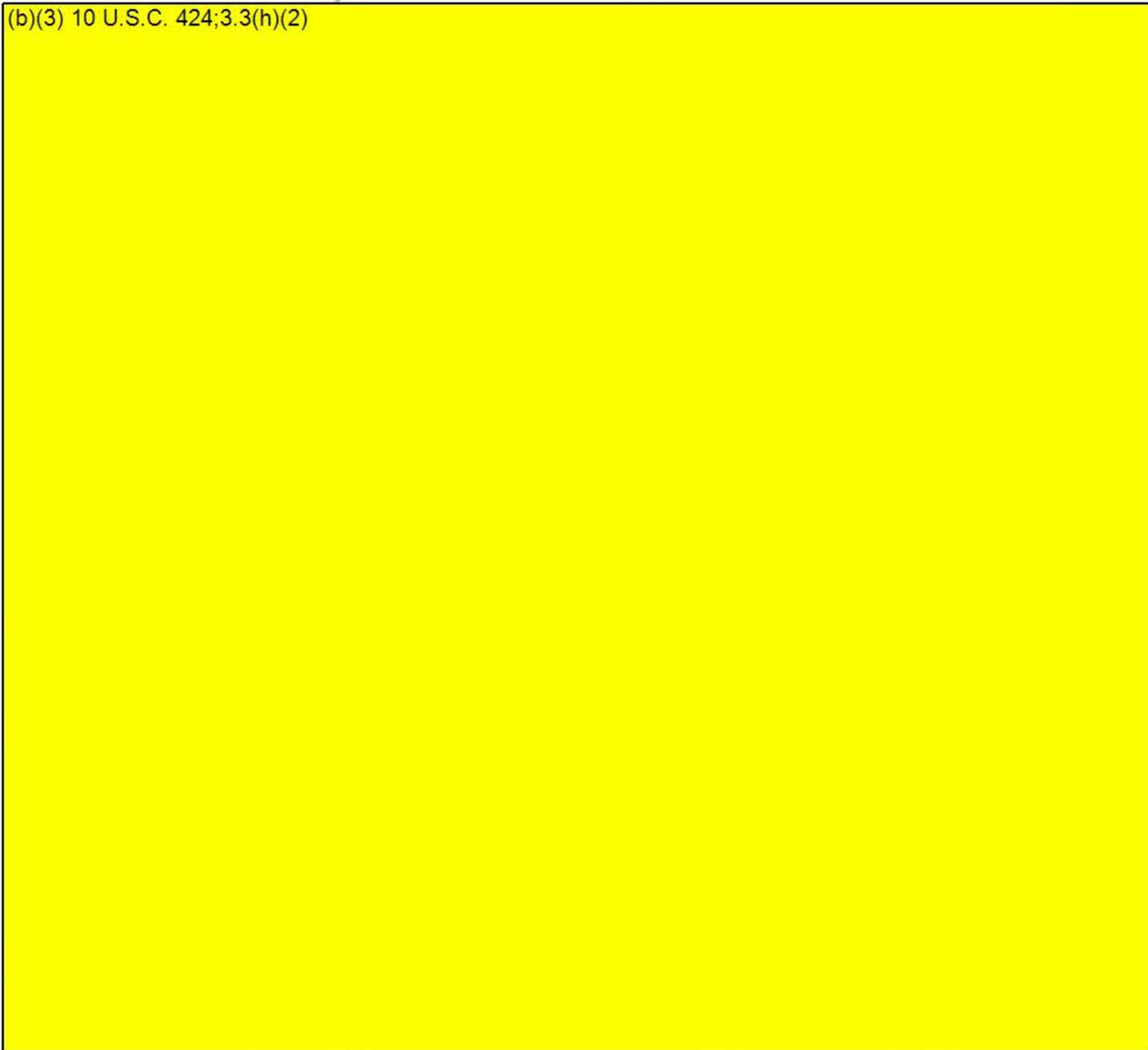
LAOS

BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS: 113 sorties (105 USAF, 8 USMC) dest/damaged 8/34 trks, 1/3 gun sites, 1/0 structure, 0/19 road segs, (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424:3 0/7 stor areas, 0/6 bridges, 0/2 interdiction pts, 0/2 trp concs, 0/1 ford, 0/1 mil complex. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 9 B-52s bombed area 50 nm W of Dong Hoi at 151223 EST containing trp concs and staging areas for further transship SVN. 9 B-52s bombed area 37 nm WSW Hue at 151610 EST. Tgt is on maj infiltration rte and contains bunkers, stor pits, stockpiles, trk pks, and hvy veh movement. (S)

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