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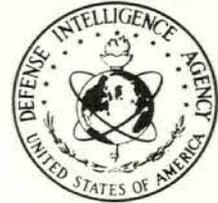
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OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS

SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 39 bn-size opns or larger in prog: 24 US, 3 FWF, 12 ARVN. (C)

1 CTZ: On 15 Dec, port facility 12 nm E of Con Thien hit with 129 rds of 100-mm arty fire. Losses -- US: 5 KIA, 31 WIA; 7 bldgs and 2 trailers dest, 10 bldgs, 5 LVTs, 1 generator damaged. (C)

In Opn CITRUS on 17 Dec, est 50 en struck by tac air and armed helos with 10 en KIA. No US cas. (C)

93 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- US: 3 KIA, 30 WIA; VC/NVA: 65 KIA, 53 det, 17 wpns. (C)

2 CTZ: Opn PERSHING term 15 Dec. Cum losses -- US: 22 KIA, 52 WIA; VC/NVA: 104 KIA, 23 wpns. (C)

Update report on ARVN/US contact 25 nm NNW Qui Nhon indicates 2 ARVN bns contacted en co 14 Dec. Cum losses -- US: 3 KIA, 10 WIA; ARVN: 15 KIA, 11 WIA; RF: 3 KIA, 3 WIA; VC/NVA: 115 KIA, 6 wpns. (C)

Opn HONG LAC 958 term 15 Dec. Cum losses -- ARVN: 12 KIA, 10 WIA, 1 APC dest; VC/NVA: 105 KIA, 2 det, 17 wpns. (C)

14 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- ARVN: 2 KIA, 7 WIA; VC/NVA: 13 KIA, 3 det, 3 wpns. (C)

USAF O-1G acft with USAF pilot and ARVN observer missing from unk causes 43 nm SW Qui Nhon 16 Dec. SAR in progress. (C)

3 CTZ: In Opn YELLOWSTONE on 15 Dec, USA base camp received mortar and small-arms fire from en plat. Losses -- US: 4 KIA, 16 WIA, 2 APCs dest; VC/NVA: 3 KIA. (C)

USA/ARVN Opn CAMDEN initiated 16 Dec 22 nm NW Saigon. (C)

Updated results of 14 Dec CIDG contact 30 nm WNW Saigon indicate following losses -- US: 1 KIA, 1 WIA; CIDG: 30 KIA, 23 WIA, 49 MIA, 66 wpns, 4 radios; VC/NVA: 14 KIA. (C)

10 USA helos hit by en gnd fire 17 Dec 23 nm WNW Saigon. 1 UH-1 dest, 9 damaged. 3 damaged acft downed in unsecure area. Acft were transporting CIDG co. Losses -- US: 2 KIA, 10 WIA; VC/NVA: 4 KIA, 4 wpns. (C)

11 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- US: KIA; CIDG: 35 WIA; ARVN: 8 KIA, 3 det, 3 wpns. (C)

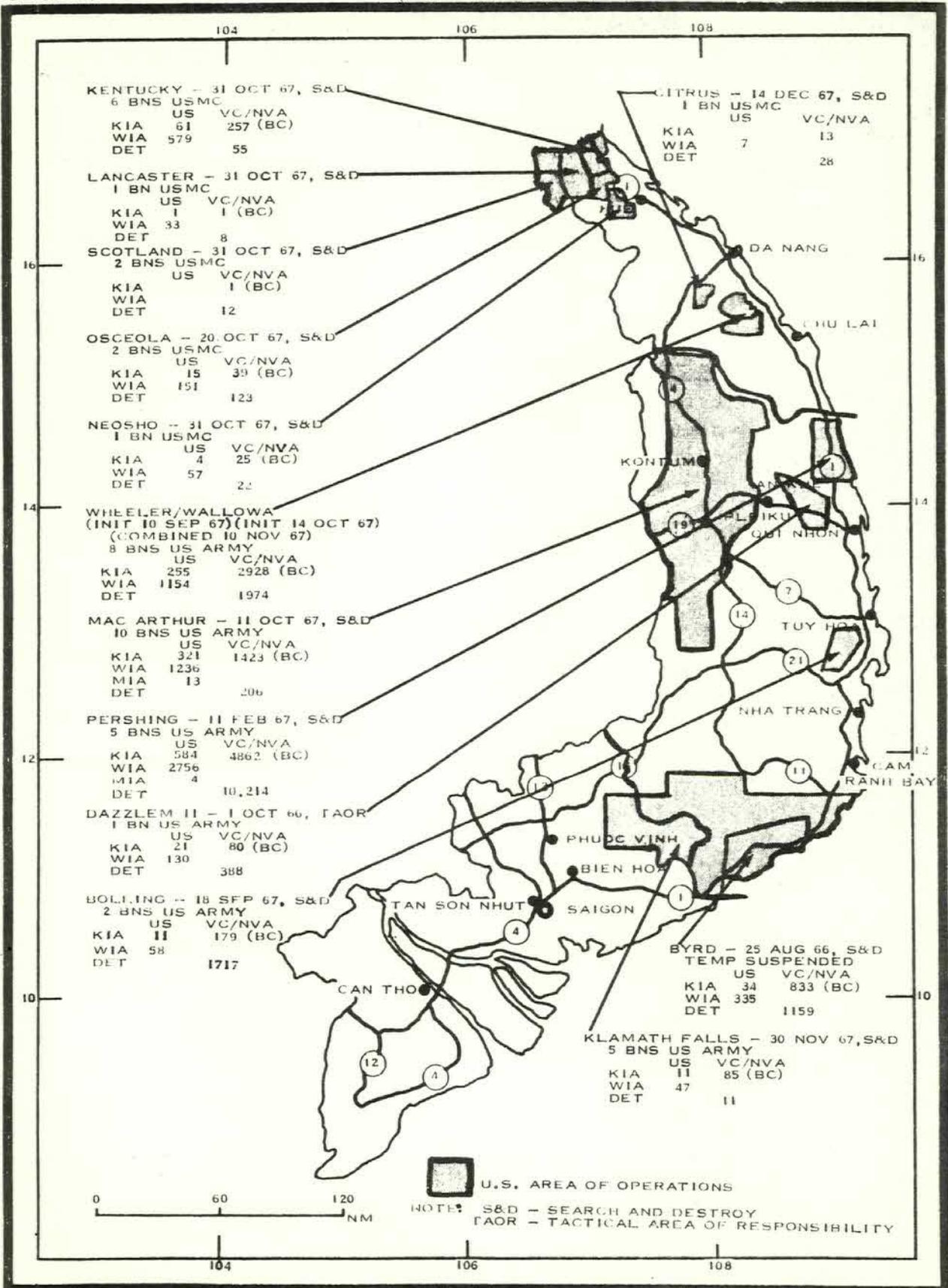
4 CTZ: 5 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- ARVN: 1 KIA; VC/NVA: 8 KIA, 3 det, 3 wpns. (C)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: On 16 Dec, 9 B-52s bombed area 44 nm WNW Hue containing gun psns, base and stor areas. 6 B-52s bombed area 26 nm NNW Saigon containing base camps, defense and stor areas and susp elms NVA 101 Regt. 6 B-52s bombed area 54 nm NNW Pleiku containing trail network from Cambodia used by NVA 66 Regt.

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Gnd follow-up sked by elms 1st Bn, 503d Abn Inf.

6 B-52s bombed area 27 nm NNE Saigon containing susp elms of Dong Mai Regt and opn plus supply areas. Gnd follow-up sked by elms 199th Inf Bde. (S)

POSSIBLE ENEMY INTENTIONS NORTHERN 1 CTZ: Notes recently made by prob pol officer of NVA 90 Regt reveal that regt was to increase pressure vic Con Thien -- in order to force FWF to reinforce the area, thus allowing (en) units in Tri-Thien MR and in MR5 to launch large-scale atks "elsewhere". (See NVN, ARC LIGHT Brief).

(S) One poss tgt area is around Khe Sanh. Recent buildup of NVA units to the west (OIS 16 Dec) plus fact favorable enemy wx runs till Feb raise possibility of offensive opns there by early next month. Another possible large-scale atk area is A Shau Valley; 31st Regt loc nearby; road/bridge preparations noted recently there. Either or both of these areas remain among poss destination(s) of southward deploying NVA 304 and 320 Divs.

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QUANG NGAI CITY: That en may atk city in near future indicated by an agent report (to effect en willing sacrifice 2000 trps to seize city), plus reports of increased acty in surrounding area (incl indications -- still tenuous -- of formation of new regt there). (S)

DAK TO: Continued recon of area by mil intel subords of NVA 1 Div is an indication that action planned soon against FWF psns -- prob in form of atks by fire against afld and SF Camp. (b)(3) 10 U.S.

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ORDER OF BATTLE: Good account of significant changes in reporting of OB info is contained in Supplement in today's (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3(Summary, q.v. Changes stem from series of studies by COMUSMACV/ intelligence community. (S)

NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 16, 17 DEC: 429 sorties (217 USAF, 119 USN, 93 USMC) dest/damaged 4/15 AAA sites, 9/72 trks, 3/0 bunkers, 20/183 RR cars, 11/109 WBLC, 1/7 loco, 6/27 bridges, 1/48 gun sites, 0/28 stor areas, 0/7 trk pks, 0/9 radar sites, 0/5 SAM sites, 0/5 bldgs, 0/2 transship pts, and LOCs. (S)

Tgts within 30-nm radius Hanoi: Vinh Yen Army Bks; Phuc Yen Afld; 10 SAM sites. (S)

Tgts within 10-nm radius Haiphong: Kien An Sub-station; Motor Maintenance Facility and Afld; 3 SAM sites. (S)

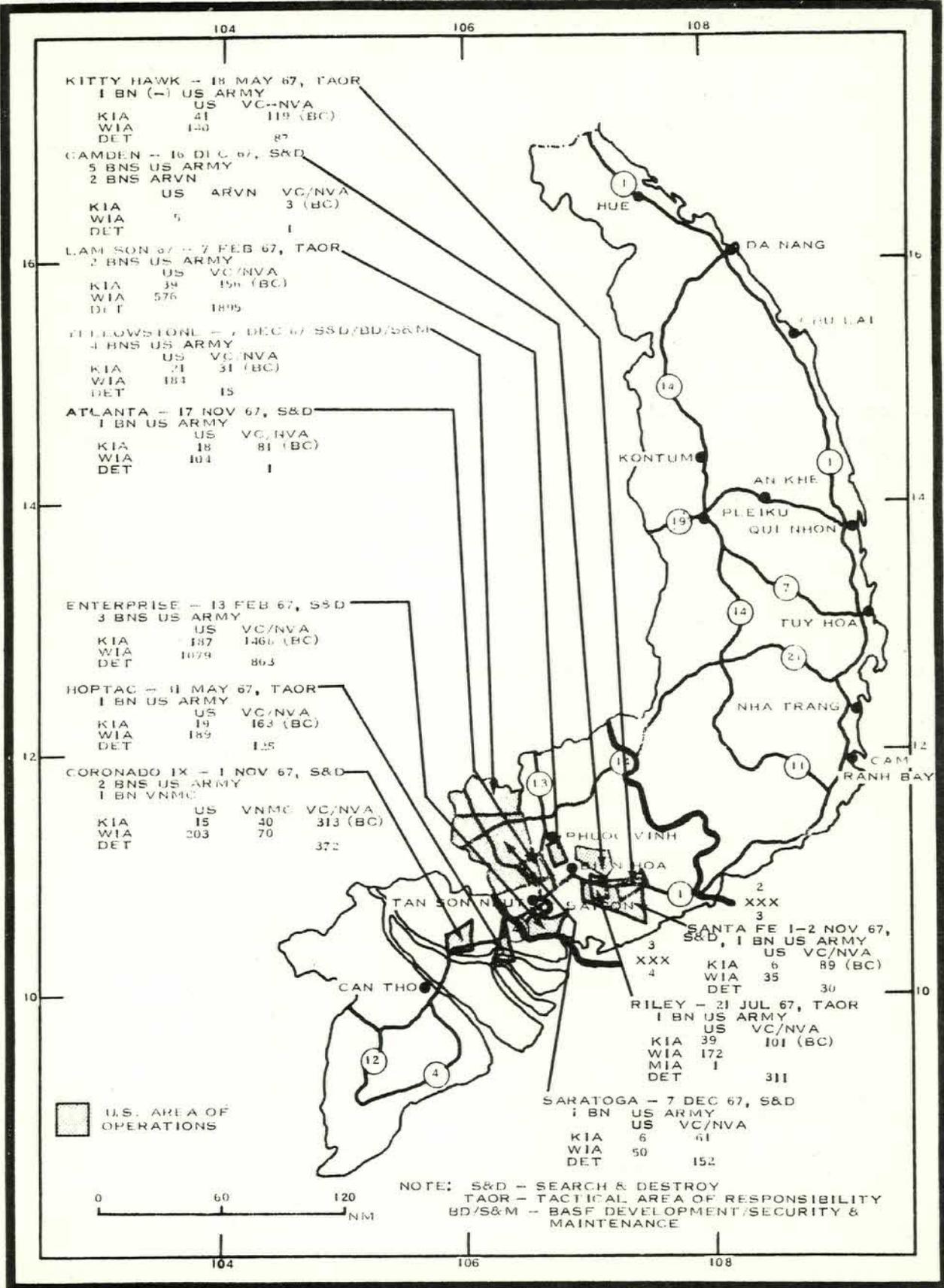
Other tgts incl: Lang Lau RR Bridge; Kep Afld; SAM site. (S)

MIG ENGAGEMENTS: 4 USAF F-105s atkd by 4 MIG-17s 25 nm N of Haiphong 16 Dec. 1 SHRIKE jettisoned. 1 ATOLL msl obs to detonate; no damage to US acft. 4 USAF F-4Ds obs 1 MIG-21 while

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engaging 2 MIG-17s atkg F-105s. MIGs disengaged after F-4D fired FALCON msl. No damage. (S)

4 USAF F-4Ds obs 1 MIG-21 51 nm NW Hanoi 17 Dec. While egressing tgt, 1 MIG atkd 2 USAF F-105s. MIG disengaged as 2 F-4Ds broke for MIG. (S)

4 USAF F-4Es atkd MIG-17, 38 nm NW Hanoi 17 Dec. FALCON msl fired, 1 MIG kill claimed. (S)

4 USAF F-4Ds atkd 5 MIG-17s 40 nm NW Hanoi 17 Dec. 1 FALCON msl fired. 1 F-4D downed by cannon fire (see Aircraft Downed Brief). (S)

11 USAF F-105Ds engaged 8 MIG-21s 32 nm NW Hanoi 17 Dec. 4 AAMs obs. 1 US acft downed by msl. Ord jettisoned by acft and by 4 USAF F-4Ds attempting to assist F-105s. (S)

SAM SIGHTINGS: 9 abn msls sighted 14 Dec vic Haiphong. 26 obs 15 Dec vic Hanoi and Haiphong. 5 obs 16 Dec vic Hanoi and Haiphong. 2 obs 17 Dec vic Haiphong. (S)

AIRCRAFT DOWNED: USAF F-105D downed by AAM 32 nm NNW Hanoi 17 Dec. Good chute obs, good beeper heard. No SAR due hostile environment. (S)

USAF F-4D downed by gnd fire 12 nm E of Dong Hoi 17 Dec. Acft commander recovered, but pilot MIA. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: On 16 Dec, 6 B-52s bombed area 44 nm NW Hue containing assy/stor areas, defense and gun psns, susp elms NVA 803 and 270 Regts.

On 17 Dec, 9 B-52s bombed area 45 nm NW Hue containing supply/stor area, arty psns and elms NVA 324 Div.

On 17 Dec, 9 B-52s bombed area 47 nm NW Hue containing elms NVA 90 Regt. (S)

NVA 304/320 DIVS: A High Command commo grp believed to be controlling southward deployment these divs. Grp first ident early Nov, about time divs began move southward. Its 5 subords (designated by NSA as "way stations" A through E) are located at irregular intervals from Hanoi to area W of Khe Sanh and have been noted sending msgs associated with certain elms of each div. Info derived from grp's commo does not permit -- so far, at least -- a more definitive fixing of locations of div hqs and their subord elms than that indicated by RDF info reported here already. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;

CHICOM BOMBING PRACTICE: First evidence of ChiCom use of MIG-19 in gnd atk role -- and of practice bombing by fighter pilots based in the south -- is at hand. Several Nanning-based pilots conducted bombing exercises near Ningming 11-12 Dec. Related photo-recce opns also noted. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.

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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 16, 17 DEC: 315 sorties (293

USAF, 22 USMC) dest/damaged 28/69 trks, 6/13 gun sites, 4/17 bridges, (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3 0/48 trk pks, 0/18 stor areas, 0/10 trp concs, 0/3 mil compl, 0/2 biv areas, 0/1 WBLC, 0/1 POL area, 0/1 commo site, and LOCs. ~~(S)~~

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YEMEN: Immed threat to Sana apparently ended. ItalEmb reports republican acft flown by Syrian, Sov, UAR, Sov-trained Yemeni pilots are destroying Royalist psns near city. Even so, Royalists still able to harass capital/hamper tfc to outlying areas, incl Hodeida. As of 17 Dec have been some 132 AN-12 flights to Yemen; 40 more sked leave Budapest today for Cairo. The 3 Sov IL-28s have finally arrived Yemen (which now has at least 6). (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.

GREECE: (SENSITIVE BRIEF) Negotiations on King's return continuing. Emissaries sent to Rome by regime returned home Saturday. King's prime demand was for junta to take action soonest to set specific date for referendum on new constitution. He says junta's present uncertainty (true) makes it susceptible to pressure (in form of non-recognition) to take early definitive steps in direction of parliamentary govt. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3(h)

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ALGERIA: Quiet. Boumedienne apparently in full charge. ~~(S)~~

DAHOMY: No change in external/internal policies expected following bloodless army coup 17 Dec brought on by poor econ situation. Country will continue depend on France for econ support. Ambitious/capable Army C/S Alley believed to be man behind coup. ~~(S)~~

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