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SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 41 bn-size or larger opns in prog: 26 US, 3 FWF, 12 ARVN.

1 CTZ: On 20 Dec in Opn LANCASTER, 13 veh convoy escorted by 2 tanks rec'd small-arms, mortar, and RR fire from unk-size en force. 1 veh hit mine; 1 tank hit by RR fire. Losses -- US: 1 KIA, 9 WIA, 1 trk dest, 1 tank and 1 trk damaged; VC/NVA: unk. (C)

On 19-20 Dec in Opn WHEELER/WALLOWA, there were 24 separate contacts. Losses -- US: 2 WIA; VC/NVA: 45 KIA, 5 wpns. (C)

28 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- US: 12 WIA; VC/NVA: 17 KIA, 4 det, 7 wpns. (C)

2 CTZ: 10 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- ARVN: 7 KIA, 8 WIA, 1 MIA, 2 wpns; VC/NVA: 3 KIA, 1 det, 2 wpns. (C)

3 CTZ: On 19 Dec in Opn YELLOWSTONE, USA base camp 58 nm NW Saigon, rec'd 60-/82-mm mortar and small-arms fire. Losses -- US: 3 KIA, 11 WIA, 600 rds 105-mm ammo dest by fire; VC/NVA: 39 KIA, 2 wpns. (C)

On 19 Dec 42 nm NW Saigon, acft atkd en bunker/tunnel complex. Losses -- US: none; VC/NVA: 10 KIA. (C)

In Opn MANCHESTER, 2 contacts reptd. USA recon patrol contacted 2 en sqds 18 Dec. On 19 Dec, USA co contacted unk-size en force. Cum losses -- US: 5 KIA, 7 WIA; VC/NVA: 10 KIA. (C)

On 19 Dec, 22 nm WNW Saigon, SVN Ranger Trng Center rec'd mortar and small-arms fire. Losses -- US: 2 KIA; ARVN: 2 KIA, 12 WIA; RF: 2 KIA, 20 WIA; VC/NVA: unk. (C)

14 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- US: 5 WIA; ARVN: 7 KIA, 17 WIA; VC/NVA: 17 KIA, 7 wpns. (C)

4 CTZ: LONG PHI 9/144 term 19 Dec after 2-day opn. Cum losses -- ARVN: 3 KIA, 12 WIA; VC/NVA: 6 KIA, 10 det, 2 wpns. (C)

5 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- ARVN: 6 KIA, 7 WIA; VC/NVA: 6 KIA, 10 det, 2 wpns. (C)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 19 DEC: 9 B-52s bombed area 32 nm W of Kontum containing elms NVA 32 Regt. Gnd follow-up sked by US SF co. (C)

VC ACTIVITY SAIGON AREA: Recent increase in terrorist/harassing actions Saigon area will prob continue during holiday periods. There is also possibility of atks by fire against FWF bases, incl TSN and Bien Hoa. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424:3

NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 19 DEC: 294 sorties (135 USN, 106 USAF, 20 Dec 67)
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM

WHICH INVOLVE PARTICIPATION BY US FORCES

(1ST & 2D CORPS)

20 DECEMBER 1967

KENTUCKY - 31 OCT 67, S&D
6 BNS USMC
US VC/NVA
KIA 64 281 (BC)
WIA 614
DET 55

LANCASTER - 31 OCT 67, S&D
1 BN USMC
US VC/NVA
KIA 2 2 (BC)
WIA 42
DET 8

SCOTLAND - 31 OCT 67, S&D
2 BNS USMC
US VC/NVA
KIA 15 5 (BC)
WIA 125
DET 12

OSCEOLA - 20 OCT 67, S&D
2 BNS USMC
US VC/NVA
KIA 4 125 (BC)
WIA 123
DET 131

NEOSHO - 31 OCT 67, S&D
1 BN USMC
US VC/NVA
KIA 15 25 (BC)
WIA 65
DET 24

WHEELER/WALLowa
(INIT 10 SEP 67) (INIT 14 OCT 67)
(CombiNed 10 NOV 67)
8 BNS US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 221 292 (BC)
WIA 1161
DET 209

MAC ARTHUR - 11 OCT 67, S&D
10 BNS US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 221 1427 (BC)
WIA 1249
MIA 13
DET 217

PERSHING - 11 FEB 67, S&D
5 BNS US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 584 4946 (BC)
WIA 2768
MIA 3
DET 10, 235

DAZZLEMM - 1 OCT 66, TAOR
1 BN US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 21 80 (BC)
WIA 130
DET 388

BOLLING - 18 SEP 67, S&D
2 BNS US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 221 180 (BC)
WIA 56
DET 1717

BYRD - 25 AUG 67, S&D
5 BNS US ARMY
TEMP SUSPENDED
US VC/NVA
KIA 34 833 (BC)
WIA 335
DET 1159

KLAMATH FALLS - 30 NOV 67, S&D
5 BNS US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 11 95 (BC)
WIA 50
DET 11

U.S. AREA OF OPERATIONS

NOTE: S&D = SEARCH AND DESTROY
TAOR = TACTICAL AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

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63 USMC) dest/damaged 22/17 bldgs, 6/25 gun psns, 4/104 trks, 3/6 bridges, 25/85 WBL, 14/6 RR cars, 0/28 stor areas, 0/12 trk pkrs, [b)(3) 10 U.S.C.] 0/3 SAM sites, 0/3 transship pts, 0/2 radar sites, 0/1 bunkr and LOCs. (c)

Tgts within 30-nm radius Hanoi: Dai Loi RR bridge (est mod damage); 5 SAM sites. (c)

Tgts within 10-nm radius Haiphong: 3 SAM sites. (c)

Other tgts incl: Ky Dong RR spur (results not obs); 2 SAM sites. (c)

MIG SIGHTINGS 19 DEC: 4 USAF F-4s obs 2 MIG-17s 65 nm SW Hanoi. 24 x 750-1 lb bombs jettisoned. No engagement. (d)

MIG ENGAGEMENTS: (See below Brief) Following occurred on 18 Dec:
4 USAF F-4Ds engaged 2 MIG-17s and 2 MIG-21s, 43 nm NW Hanoi. 2 SPARROWS fired. 1 US acft jettisoned tanks. No damage. (c)
4 USAF F-4Ds engaged from rear by 4 MIG-17s, 42 nm NW Hanoi. Unk number of MIGs atkd from front. 15 x 750-1 lb bombs jettisoned. 1 US acft recd minor damage. (c)
4 USAF F-4Ds engaged 5 MIG-17s and 2 MIG-21s, 52 nm NW Hanoi. US acft jettisoned 20 x 750-1 lb bombs. No ord fired, no damage. (c)

Following occurred on 19 Dec: 2 USN F-4Bs engaged by 1 MIG-17 and 1 MIG-21, 19 nm NW Haiphong. 1 MIG fired AAM and 1 US acft fired SIDEWINDER. No damage. (d)
4 USAF F-105Ds engaged 2 MIG-17s, 35 nm WSW Hanoi. Both MIGs downed by 20-mm cannon fire. No damage to US acft. (d)
4 USAF F-4Ds engaged 4 MIG-17s, 45 nm WSW Hanoi. Pilots jettisoned 24 x 750-1 lb bombs. 1 US acft fired 20-mm cannon and smoke obs coming from MIG. No damage to US acft. (c)
4 USAF F-105Ds engaged 2 MIG-17s, 38 nm WSW Hanoi. US acft jettisoned 24 x 750-1 lb bombs. No ord fired, no damage. (d)
4 USAF F-105Ds engaged 1 MIG-17, 58 nm WSW Hanoi. US acft employed cannon fire; no hits obs. No damage to US acft. (c)
4 USAF F-4Ds engaged 5 MIG-17s and 1 MIG-21, 55 nm WSW Hanoi. US acft jettisoned 20 x 750-1 lb bombs and fired 5 SPARROW and 1 FALCON msls. No hits, no damage to acft. (d)
4 USAF F-4Ds engaged 9 MIG-17s, 53 nm WSW Hanoi. 3 SPARROWS fired. No hits obs. No damage to US acft. (d)
4 USAF F-105Ds engaged 4 MIG-21s, 64 nm SW Hanoi. US acft jettisoned 19 x 750-1 lb bombs. No ord fired, no damage to acft. (d)
4 USAF F-105Ds engaged 6 MIG-21s, 64 nm SW Hanoi. US acft jettisoned 24 x 750-1 lb bombs. 1 MIG fired (b)(3). No damage to US acft. (d)

MIG REACTIONS UP: Series of engagements outlined above Brief took place over 3 successive, (and discrete) periods of time. An apparent total of 35 MIG-17s and 16 MIG-21s were involved. However, spot analysis of time/space factors (coupled with info
from available COMINT) tends to support an estimate that a total of only about 10 MIG-17s and 6 MIG-21s were actually involved in the several engagements. Of these, 2 (poss 3) MIG-17s were downed by US acft (with 1 US acft receiving minor battle damage). Current est NVN in-country AOB is approx 7 MIG-17s and 11 MIG-21s.

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There have been MIG engagements every day now since 14 Dec, for total of at least 13 (with 3 US acft lost and 3 MIG-17s confirmed down, 1 prob down, and 1 poss down). Recent return from Yunanni of at least 5 MIG-21s (OIS 19 Dec), plus combat accty by KorComs in MIG-21s, plus use of MIG-17s in forward area intercepts in coordination with MIG-21s (as on 19 Dec) point up NVN determination continue active air def opns. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C.

SAM SIGHTINGS: 29 SAMs obs vic Hanoi and Haiphong -- 3 on 17 Dec, 22 on 18 Dec and 4 on 19 Dec.

MORE SAM SITES: Sites 266, 267, 269 rim Hanoi in arc 3 to 8 nm west of city. Site 268 loc 1 nm NW Vinh. Add depth. Total of about 228 sites currently considered capable accepting missiles.

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"SEA MINES": On 16 Dec, an unident NVN rear services elm made reference to prob shipment of at least 40 tons of naval "sea mines". No further info. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424:3.3

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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS: 148 sorties (130 USAF, 16 USMC, 2 USN) dest/damaged 19/50 trks, 7/0 structures, 3/20 gun sites, 0/23 road segs, 0/25 trk pks, 0/11 stor areas, 1/0 bridges, 0/3 mil compl, 0/1 transshipment pts, 1/1 WBLC, 0/4 fords, 0/5 trp concs, 0/2 interdiction pts, 0/2 bunkers. (c) ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 19 DEC: 6 B-52s bombed stor area and transshipment pts 49 nm W of Dong Hoi. (c)

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