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SITUATION ROOM REPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1967

SOUTH VIETNAM

FIGHTING CONTINUED IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS AS TROOPS OF THE 173RD AIRBORNE PUSHED THE BATTLE FOR HILL 875, SOME 19 MILES SOUTHWEST OF DAK TO. THE BATTALION OF THE 173RD WHICH MADE THE INITIAL CONTACT IN THIS AREA ON SUNDAY HAS NOW BEEN REINFORCED BY A SECOND BATTALION. HEAVY ENEMY GROUND FIRE DAMAGED SEVERAL HELICOPTERS ATTEMPTING TO EVACUATE US WOUNDED, BUT MOST OF THE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED HAVE BEEN BROUGHT OUT.

PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE PARATROOPERS HAVE TAKEN THE CREST OF THE HILL. OFFICIAL REPORTS STATE ONLY THAT THEY ARE PRESSING THE ATTACK, AFTER SATURATING THE AREA WITH ARTILLERY AND NAPALM. (OFFICIAL REPORTS ARE UNDOUBTLY RUNNING BEHIND, HOWEVER, SINCE THEY ARE CONCENTRATING ON THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF TAKING THE HILL.)

US LOSSES ON THE HILL THUS FAR ARE 79 KILLED, 123 WOUNDED, AND 39 MISSING; ENEMY LOSSES ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN MUCH HIGHER THAN THE 26 BODIES COUNTED. IT WILL BE AWHILE, HOWEVER, BEFORE THIS CAN BE VERIFIED.

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NEARLY 280 US SOLDIERS AND OVER 1,100 ENEMY TROOPS HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE DAK TO AREA SINCE NOVEMBER 1. OVER 414 ENEMY WEAPONS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED. THE INTENSITY OF THE FIGHTING EQUALS THAT OF NOVEMBER 1965, WHEN SOME 250 AMERICANS AND AN ESTIMATED 1,200 NORTH VIETNAMESE WERE KILLED IN THE IA DRANG VALLEY, SOME 70 MILES SOUTH OF THE CURRENT ACTION.

IN THE LAST 48 HOURS, US ARMY ELEMENTS HAVE HAD THREE SEPARATE CONTACTS WITH THE ENEMY IN AN AREA 30 MILES NORTHWEST OF SAIGON. THESE THIRD CORPS CONTACTS, EACH LASTING 30 MINUTES TO AN HOUR, INVOLVED FRIENDLY GROUND, ARTILLERY AND HELICOPTERS AGAINST SCATTERED POCKETS OF ENEMY FORCES. US LOSSES WERE 5 KILLED AND 44 WOUNDED; ENEMY LOSSES ARE NOT KNOWN.

IN THE FIRST CORPS AREA, SCATTERED SMALL-UNIT ACTIONS ACCOUNTED FOR 66 ENEMY KILLED; FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED AS 4 KILLED AND 17 WOUNDED.

NORTH VIETNAM

US PILOTS FLEW 243 SORTIES OVER NORTH VIETNAM YESTERDAY. HOWEVER, POOR WEATHER FORCED THE CANCELLATION OF SCHEDULED STRIKES AGAINST MAJOR TARGETS. NO US AIRCRAFT WERE REPORTED LOST.

A STUDY OF AIRCREW LOSSES OVER NORTH VIETNAM INDICATES THAT 1,076 AIRCREW PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN DOWNED AS OF YESTERDAY. THE STATUS OF THESE PERSONNEL IS AS FOLLOWS:

RESCUED	- 346
KILLED	- 106
MISSING	- 477
CAPTURED	- 147

THE RECOVERY RATE FOR DOWNED PERSONNEL IN NORTH VIETNAM IS 32.1 PERCENT.

MILITARY CASUALTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

22 NOVEMBER 1967

	(1) 24 HRS ENDING 11 AM EST 21 NOV 67	(2) CURRENT WEEK BEGINNING 19 NOV 67	(3) CUMULA- TIVE FROM 1 JAN 67	(4) CUMULA- TIVE FROM 1 JAN 66	(5) CUMULA- TIVE FROM 1 JAN 61
UNITED STATES					
KILLED	24	53	8,253	13,008	14,899
WOUNDED NOT HOSP	56	61	26,855	40,422	43,976
WOUNDED HOSP	60	66	28,761	45,287	49,378
CAPTURED	0	0	110	177	227
MISSING	2	6	253	263	627
SOUTH VIETNAM					
KILLED	12	54	9,169	18,641	51,507
WOUNDED	60	291	26,250	46,466	111,461
MISSING/CAPTURED	0	0	1,089	5,185	26,709
OTHER ALLIED					
KILLED	1	1	961	1,530	1,574
WOUNDED	2	2	2,108	3,706	3,835
MISSING/CAPTURED	0	0	2	17	19
VIET CONG/NVA					
KILLED	427	580	77,874	133,282	239,367
WOUNDED	641	871	116,811	199,923	359,051
(ESTIMATESS)					

\$ U.S. CASUALTIES INCLUDE LAOS AND VIETNAM.

\$\$ ESTIMATE BASED ON A 1.5 TO 1 WOUNDED TO KILLED RATIO.

A. THE FIGURES SHOWN IN COLUMN (1) ARE PRELIMINARY CASUALTIES RECEIVED FROM COMUSMACV DAILY.

B. THE FIGURES IN COLUMNS (2) THROUGH (5) ARE VERIFIED FIGURES REPRESENTING CASUALTIES REPORTED DURING THE PERIOD INDICATED.

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