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1.	0030		COL BAKER CONTACTED ON NEWSMAN TAKING PHOTOS. NEWSMAN IS MR. FAULK, ABC TV.				
2	0040		704TH CI: MR. TANT STATED THAT A SGT FROM 39TH SIG HAD JUST BROUGHT 6 ADDITIONAL GUARDS TO 704TH LOCATION AT 10 HOANG HOA THAM, GIA DINH. REPORTED GUARD BEING INCREASED BECAUSE THEY HAD REPORT OF SOME PERSONNEL BEING ARRESTED AT TSN WITH EXPLOSIVES IN THEIR POSSESSION. MR. TANT WILL CHECK FURTHER AND INFORM COC. CHECKED MAJ ENGLE, 2AD CP AND AFTER A FURTHER CHECK HE SAID THE ABOVE IS NOT CORRECT. MR. TANT CAN'T CONFIRM: HSAS MP, AP TSN, OSI WERE CHECKED.				
3	0125		MP DESK (SGT PAGE): (1) DO NOT HAVE LIST OF HOTEL CHECKED BY EOD TEAMS. WILL ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN. (2) UNOFFICIAL REPORT FROM BILLETING OFFICE INDICATES THAT THEIR PERSONNEL HAVE COMPLETELY CHECKED ALL HOTELS.				
4	0340		MP (SGT WEEKS): LTJC LAYS, EOD, REPORTED FOLLOWING BOQ/BEQ HAVE BEEN CHECKED FOR BOMBS, ETC.: AMBASSADOR, BRINKS ANNEX, BUI T, CAPITOL, CARAVEL, CONTINENTAL PALACE, DAI NAM, 5 OCEANS, HAM NGHI, HONG KONG, HUNG DAO, INTERNATIONAL,				
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4	0340 (CONT'D)	KY SON, MANOR, METROPOLE AND ANNEX, NAM VI, NORTH POLE, PLAZA, REBL INN, REX, TOWNHOUSE, VICTORIA AND LE QUY DON.					
5	0608	CMD (CAPT MALLORY) TOTAL NUMBER OF VN CASUALTIES IN BRINKS HOTEL BOMBING IS 43.					
6	0609	I CORPS (CAPT THOMPSON) NEG SITREP. 0610 II CORPS (COL HOUSEWORTH) NEG SITREP. 0612 III CORPS (CAPT MCCOSKEY) NEG SITREP. 0615 IV CORPS (CAPT STANLEY) NEG SITREP. 0618 CMD (CAPT SANDLA) NEG SITREP. 0619 JOC (CAPT MEEDEN) NEG SITREP. 0620 MP (SGT EDGE) NEG SITREP. 0621 2D AIRDIV (MAJ RYAN) NEG SITREP. 0622 (USSF CAPT WESTCOTT) NEG SITREP. 0623 AOC (SGT FISHER) OP'S HIT WR 591877, WR 497883 0624 VR 970030, WQ 005993, HAMLET HIT YS 875735, XR 055875. 0625 FLARESHIPS DISPATCHED.					
7	0700	III CORPS (CAPT McCOSKEY) - LARGE OPN COMMENCED 25 DEC 64.					
8	0740	III CORPS TOC (CAPT NEWBERRY) - OPN IN TAY NINH PROV WAS INITIATED THIS MORNING, 25 DEC. TROOPS LANDED IN LZ AT 0730H.					
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9	0800		JOC (MAJ AUTHOR) - NO BRIEFING AT JOC ON 25 DEC.					
10	0800		COL MURRAY (AG) CALLED IN TO CONFIRM THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES REPORTED IN THE BRINK DISASTER. 23 STILL REMAIN IN THE HOSPITAL.					
11	0815		MR. LUMAN, (AMERICAN EMBASSY) - REQUESTED TO KNOW THE WHERE/WHEN ON THE BOB HOPE SHOW. THE AMBASSADOR DESIRES TO ATTEND.					
			<u>ACTION TAKEN:</u> NOTIFIED SGT FOSTER J-1 TO NOTIFY MR. LUMAN OF THE REQUESTED INFO ASAP.					
12	0745		(LATE ENTRY) III CORPS: TRPS IN LZ AT 0730					
13	0825		III CORPS: SUCCESSFUL LANDING - MOVING TO OBJ.					
14	0955		MAJ CRIST: PREP SMOKE WENT ON SCHEDULE OBJ 1 LOCATED XT 1537 2 CO 33 RANGER BN LANDED AT XT 1535. 1 CO LANDED N SIDE OBJ 1. ALL COS LANDED 0730 HOURS. 2D TRP 1ST ARMD CAV BLOCK- ING AT XT 1144 9 REGT MOVING WEST TOWARDS OBJ 2. OBJ 2 AT XT 1835 BOUNDARY 33 RANGER BN & 5TH DIV LOCATED BETWEEN GEORGE 1739 AND STUB UP 4 LZ. NO CONTACT RPT. 35TH RANGER BN (-). PREP SMOKE DELIVERED ON SCHEDULE AT OBJ.					
15	1000		MAJ CRIST: LINK-UP HELICOPTER FORCES ACCOM PLISHED AT OBJ 1 0900. NO CONTACT. PLAN TO					
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(CONT'D)		W/D 1000 HOURS. 1ST BN, 9TH REGT ADVANCING FROM S.E. IN OBJ 2.				
1005		704TH (MR. T. NT) CDR HUFFMAN, PUBLIC WORKS, WILL CONDUCT A STRUCTURAL SURVEY OF THE BRINK BOQ THIS AFTERNOON, 25 DEC. INITIAL INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE BUILDING IS EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED. RUBBISH WILL BE SCREENED ON 26 DEC.				
1037		III CORPS (CAPT NEWBERRY) REF OPR IN TAY NINH AS OF 1030, NO CONTACT PLANNING TO EXTRACT THE MANEUVER FORCE AT 1100 HOURS.				
1245		III CORPS (CAPT NEWBERRY) OPR IN TAY NINH HAS BEEN COMPLETED WITH NO CONTACT.				
8 1320		MAJ CHRIST: REPORTS NO RESULTS, NO CONTACT, NO LOSSES, NO EVIDENCE OF THE DETAINEES PRESENCE. THE CORPS-CONTROLLED PORTION OF THE OPERATION RELATING TO THE RECOVERY EFFORT TERMINATED AT APPROXIMATELY 1200 HRS. HOWEVER, A 9th INFANTRY OPERATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE CORPS OPERATION CONTINUES TO THE <i>Ba Lu</i> SOUTH OF THE BA LU FOREST (VIC XT 1832).				✓
19 1353		704TH. RECEIVED A REPORT FROM COL BUI, VIETNAMESE GARRISON COMMANDER THAT THE MAIN <i>PX</i> POINT ON PHAN DINH PHUNG HAD BEEN TARGETED				INSTRUCTED 704TH TO PASS TO CIIC AND M.P. FOR ACT.
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19 (CON'T)		BY THE VC. COL BUI HAS ALREADY SENT NATIONAL POLICE FOR SECURITY OF THE PX COMPOUND. HE HAS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT CHECKS BE MADE OF VEHICLES GOING IN AND OUT.			NOTIFIED HSAS DO	
0 1612		IV CORPS TOC: BODY OF US KIA RECOVERED IN CAU KE (VINH BINH PROVINCE). BODY IS OF A NEGRO SOLDIER BUT DUE TO DETERIORATION OF THE BODY POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION IS IMPOSSIBLE. BODY IS BEING TRANSPORTED TO SAIGON FOR ATTEMPTS AT IDENTIFICATION. FOUR (4) OTHER BODIES WERE RECOVERED AT THE SAME LOCATION AND WERE LISTED AS VN.				
1 1626		II CORPS TOC (MAJ KENNINGTON): AN AIR STRIKE WAS CONDUCTED ON A VC VILLAGE IN KONTUM PROVINCE VIC YA 875835 AT 1020H. ON INITIAL PASS THE FAC SHIP WAS FIRED ON AND AN AH WAS HIT. THE 2AH's MADE THEIR RUN EXPENDING ALL ORDNANCE AND AGAIN AT 1150H TWO MORE AH'S CONDUCTED AN AIR STRIKE ON THE LOCATION USING ORDNANCE AND NAPALM. RESULTS REPORTED WERE THAT 7 LONG HOUSES HAD BEEN DESTROYED.				
2 1650		HQ SPT CMD DO CALLED. STATES EOD TEAM WAS ON THE WAY TO CHECK THE MAIN PX AREA. IN				
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		ADDITION, COL SAPP, CMD STATES THAT GEN DONG WILL INCREASE SECURITY AROUND PX.							
1710		704TH: LTCOMDR HUFFMAN, CHIEF OF PUBLIC WORKS SECTION, SAYS STRUCTURAL SURVEY IS STILL BEING CONDUCTED AND WILL BE COMPLETED BY MORNING 26 DEC 64. AT THAT TIME 704TH INT CDET AUGMENTED BY EOD AND PUBLIC WORKS PERSONNEL WILL BEGIN SIFTING THROUGH THE RUBBLE. MP'S							
		HAVE SECURED THE AREA AND ARE DENYING ACCESS TO ALL PERSONNEL AT THIS TIME. GUARD FORCE HAS BEEN AUGMENTED BY GI'S AND ARVN SOLDIERS.							
		ARVN HAS ERECTED BARBED WIRE TO FURTHER SECURE THE AREA. AT PRESENT LTCOMDR HUFFMAN BELIEVES THE BUILDING CAN BE REOCCUPIED IN ABOUT 30 DAYS. AT 260830 DEC 64, 704TH WILL RECEIVE COPIES OF SECURITY PLAN FOR BRIK BEFORE INCIDENT AND MODIFICATIONS FOR FUTURE.							
	1735	CALLED JOC DO AS INSTRUCTED BY COL BRIGHT, FOR AN INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED AIR AND GROUND BORDER INCIDENT VIC XT515945 WHICH MAY HAVE OCCURRED YESTERDAY MORNING. STATED THAT SF CAMP LOC NINH IN BINH LONG PROVINCE HAD AN OPERATION IN VIC XT 627957 SCHEDULED						✓	
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			FROM 0730-1030 24 DEC USING 5 ARMED UH1B'S AND 5 UH1B'S, 40 PERSONNEL AND 2 US. OPN SUPPORTED BY ALE'S.						
25	1745		COL WILLIAMS JOC: CALLED IN REGARDS TO ALLEGED BORDER INCIDENT AND REQUIRED INVESTIGATION. REQUESTED MORE INFO. STATED HAD NO FURTHER INFO AT THIS TIME AND WHAT I HAD CAME FROM COL WARD AND COL BRIGHT. AS TO THEIR SOURCE WAS NOT SURE BUT RECEIVED TELECON FROM NMCC REQUESTING INFO ON OPNS IN AREA.						
26	1735		(DELAYED ENTRY) III CORPS TOC (CAPT NEWBERRY): 1. AN RF PLATOON WAS AMBUSHED IN PHUOC LONG PROVINCE VIC YU 390070 AT 1200H WHILE GOING TO BU BOG HAMLET. RESULTS: FRIENDLY 7 WIA, LOST 1 MORTAR. 2. AN RF SQUAD WAS AMBUSHED IN BINH LONG PROVINCE VIC XU 760030 AT 1300H RESULTING IN 3 RF WIA. 3. ONE RF CO AND A PLATOON OF ARMORED CARS WERE ON A ROAD CLEARING OPERATION IN PHUOC TUY PROVINCE VIC YS 440548 AT 1100H WHEN A SQUAD WAS AMBUSHED APPROX 5 KM NORTH OF LONG HAI. FRIENDLY LOSSES RESULTED IN 6 RF KIA, 2 WIA, 2 MIA, LOSS OF						
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		1 AR, 1 SMG, 3 M16, 1 PISTOL AND 1 PRC 10.					
		THE REST OF THE RF CO PURSUED WITH NO CONTACT.					
27	1835	II CORPS TOC (MAJ KENNINGTON): REPORTED THAT					
		VC ARE SCHEDULED TO HOLD A CHRISTMAS PARTY					
		IN BINH DINH PROVINCE VIC BR 764785 AT 2000H.					
		4 TO 5 CO'S ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN					
		THE PARTY. 22ND DIV REQUESTED AN AIR STRIKE					
		AND A VNAF C-47 ARMED WITH GATTLING GUNS AND					
		ACTING AS ITS OWN FLARESHIP WILL MAKE THE					
		ATTACK. TIME ON TARGET AT 2130H.					
28	2008	J3 CALLING FROM HOME OF C/S REPORTED MOVEMENT					
		OF M-113 PAST THE HOUSE AND TO OPEN RADIO NET.					
29	2010	NOTIFIED HSAS TO OPEN COMD NET. MP DESK SGT					
		HSAS. CMD. 704TH CI. USASCV. JOC. STARCOM.					
		ABN BDE. 2D AD.					
30	2035	MP DESK (SGT EDGE): NO REPORT ON ANY TROOP					
		MOVEMENT IN THE CITY. ALL PATROLS HAVE BEEN					
		ALERTED AND TOLD TO CALL IN EVERY HALF HOUR.					
31	2040	JOC (MAJ MAHAFFEY): NOTHING ON ANY TROOP					
		MOVEMENT. 704TH TEAM IS CHECKING. NO INFO					
		ON M-113'S MOVING.					
32	2053	REPORTED FROM C/S HOME THAT 7 TRUCKS OF TROOPS,					
		3 TRUCKS OF POLICE AND 3 TRUCKS OF COMBAT					
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			HEADED TOWARD TOWN.			
33	2045		(DELAYED ENTRY): IO (LT BLANCHARD): REPORTED THAT UPI HAD			
			GOTTEN STORY FROM HOPE PARTY THAT A VC MORTAR			
			POSITION HAD BEEN FOUND AND VC WERE ALMOST			
			CAUGHT DURING THE DAY OF THE SHOW AT BIEN			
			HOA.			
34	2050		(DELAYED ENTRY) CAPT MCOMSKY III CORPS DO: NO KNOWLEDGE ON TROOP MOVEMENT. WILL CHECK AND CALL BACK.			
35	2055		(DELAYED ENTRY): OAD: 18 105 HOWITZERS TO BE MOVED FROM HARBOR TO ARTY DEPOT IN GO VAP SOMETIME TONIGHT. - NORMAL.			
36	2102		(DELAYED ENTRY): III CORPS: 1 CO MOVING FOR OPNS TOMORROW DOWN HWY 15 TO VUNG TAU - BIEN HOA SECTOR.			
37	2054		(DELAYED ENTRY): 704TH CI NO REPORT ON ANY TROOP MOVEMENT WITHIN CITY. ALL AGENTS KNOW TO REPORT ANY MOVEMENT.			
38	2058		MP DESK (SGT EDGE): NO REPORTS ON ANY TROOP MOVEMENTS.			
39	2114		IV CORPS TOC (CAPT BROWN): REPORT ON BODIES TO BE BROUGHT TO SAIGON. ONLY ONE BODY WILL BE SENT TO SAIGON FOR POSSIBLE IDENTIFICATION.			
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		3 OTHER BODIES WERE REPORTED AS VN. THE STATE OF THE BODY IS SUCH THAT IT CAN ONLY BE BROUGHT UP TO SAIGON WITH PILOT WEARING A PROTECTIVE MASK AND THE FLIGHT CANNOT BE MADE AT NIGHT. BODY WILL ARRIVE AT SAIGON ON MORNING OF 26 DEC.					
40	2116	704TH REPORT NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY IN SAIGON FROM ALL AGENTS.					
41	2126	MR MATTHEWS FROM AMEMB CALLED AND STATED THAT CONCERN IN AMEMB HAD COME ABOUT DUE TO AFRS GOING OFF THE AIR DURING PM HUONG'S RADIO MESSAGE TO AMERICAN PEOPLE. ASKED COC TO CHECK ON IT. CHECK REVEALED THAT STATION TRANSMITTER FAILED AT THIS POINT HOWEVER THE MESSAGE WOULD BE RE-BROADCAST AT 2200.					
42	2128	MP DESK (SGT EDGE) NO REPORTS ON TROOPS MOVING IN SAIGON AREA.					
43	2200	704TH: S/A WALKER CALLED RE: RFI ON TROOP MOVEMENTS. HE SIGHTED FOUR TRUCKLOADS OF ARVN AIRBORNE, WHICH SUBSEQUENT CHECKS WITH THE MP'S AND CMD PROVED TO BE NORMAL, ROUTINE ACTIVITIES.					
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44	2205	MP DESK (SGT EDGE): NO REPORTS ON ANY MOVE- MENT OF TROOPS IN SAIGON. MP DESK SGT WAS INFORMED THAT REPORTS EVERY HALF HOUR COULD BE TERMINATED. MP DESK SGT WILL REPORT IF ANYTHING OCCURRS.				
45	2030 (DELAYED)	III CORPS TOC (CAPT MC ^{CL} KOSKEY): (1) UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC ATTACKED AN LUONG HAMLET IN PHUOC LONG PROVINCE VIC XU 935 084 AT 250100H. NO RESULTS. VC WITHDREW. (2) UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC ATTACKED THUAN DAO HAMLET IN PHUOC LONG PROVINCE VIC YT 275 875 AT 250100H. RESULTS 1 PF KIA AND 1 SMG LOST. (3) UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC ATTACKED BO BANG HAMLET IN PHUOC LONG PROVINCE VIC YU 390 070 AT 242215H. RESULTS: 1 PF KIA, 1 WIA, LOST 1 CARBINE AND HAMLET WAS BURNED.				
5	2208-2250	COL CUNNINGHAM, AFRS, CALLED AND STATED THAT AFRS HAD GONE OFF THE AIR DURING THE FIRST PART OF THE 2100 NEWS BROADCAST. IT THEN CAME BACK ON SEVERAL MINUTES LATER BUT WENT OFF AGAIN AT 2158 JUST BEFORE THE NEXT NEWS BROADCAST. THEY THEN STARTED THE NEWS BROADCAST AT ABOUT 2214 AND THEY WENT OFF THE AIR AT 2217. LT DORRANCE				
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46	2208-2250 (CONT'D)		AFRS OIC, REPO. TED THE LAST OUTAGE. AT THIS POINT COL BRIGHT, COL SHULTZ, GEN DePUY AND MR ZORTHIAN WERE NOTIFIED AS WELL AS THE PIO DO, LT BLANCHARD. LT BLANCHARD SAID THAT A NEWS BROADCAST AT ABOUT 2235 WAS GIVEN WITH- OUT INTERRUPTION. LT DORRANCE CALLED AND SAID HE FEELS THAT THE PROBLEM IS IN THE EQUIPMENT. GEN DePUY, MR. ZORTHIAN AND LT BLANCHARD NOTI- FIED OF THE EQUIPMENT PROBLEM.						
47	2307		III CORPS TOC (CAPT MC ^{CC} XOSKEY): REFERENCE ITEM 45. LOSSES AT AN LUONG HAMLET WERE, FRIENDLY: NO PERSONNEL, 29 CARBINES, 13 SHOT- GUNS, 2 SMG AND 1 PISTOL.						
48	2322	(OUT)	CALLED II CORPS TOC (MAJ KENNINGTON) TO CHECK ON PRESENTS FOR VC CHRISTMAS PARTY. AIRCRAFT WAS OVER THE TARGET AT PRESENT TIME. DELAYED DUE TO PICK UP OF OBSERVER PERSONNEL (FAC) AT TSN. NO RESULTS AT PRESENT. II CORPS WILL RELAY INFORMATION AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.						
49	2140 (DELAYED)		MACV SURGEON DO (MAJ FOEGEN - PHONE 60420): PASSED ALONG INFORMATION JUST IN CASE. DRIVER FOR SURGEON OFFICE NORMALLY PARKS THE VEHICLE AT THE BRINK OVERNIGHT. LAST NIGHT THE DRIVER						
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