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	IN	OUT					
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): LTJG LAYS, EOD, REPORTED FOLLOWING				
			BOQ/BEQ HAVE BEEN CHECKED FOR BOMBS, ETC.:				
			AMBASSADOR, BRINKS ANNEX, BUIS, 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 INJ, 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 WEEDEN) NEG SITREP. 0620 MP (SGT EDGE) NEG SITREP. 0621 2D AIRDIV (MAJ RYAN) NEG SITREP. 0622 (USF CAPT WESTCOTT) NEG SITREP. 0623 AOC (SGT FISHER) OP'S HIT WR 591877, WR 497888 0624 VR 970030, WQ 005993, HAMLET HIT YS 875735, AR 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 MURDAY (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.					
			ACTION TAKEN: 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 COUS LANDED 0730 HOURS. 2D TRF 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 ACCOMPLISHED AT OBJ 1 0900. NO CONTACT. PLAN TO					
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W/D 1000 HOURS. 1ST BN, 9TH REGT ADVANCEING  
FROM S.E. IN OBJ 2.

1005

704TH (MR. TANT) CDR HUFFMAN, PUBLIC WORKS,  
WILL CONDUCT A STRUCTURAL SURVEY OF THE BRINK  
BOQ THIS AFTERNOON, 25 DEC. INITIAL INDI-  
CATIONS ARE THAT THE BUILDING IS EXTENSIVELY  
DAMAGED. RUBBISH WILL BE SCREENED ON 26 DEC.

1037

III CORPS (CAPT NEWBERRY) REF OPN 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 NEG 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  
SOUTH OF THE ~~BOU~~ <sup>Bou</sup> FOREST (VIC XT 1832).

19 1358

704TH. RECEIVED A REPORT FROM COL BUI,  
VIETNAMESE GARRISON COMMANDER THAT THE MAIN  
POINT ON PHAN DINH PHUNG HAD BEEN TARGETED

INSTRUCTED 704TH

TO PASS TO GIIC

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

NOTIFIED

HAS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT CHECKS BE MADE OF

HSAS DO

VEHICLES GOING IN AND OUT.

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 ALH

WAS HIT. THE 2ALH'S MADE THEIR RUN EXPENDING

ALL ORDNANCE AND AGAIN AT 1150H TWO MORE

ALH'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 INTC		
			DET 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 UHLB'S					
			AND 5 UHLB'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 BONG 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 MLS, 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 MAHAFFEE): 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.		
			(DELAYED ENTRY):		
33	2045		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.		
			<sup>COD</sup>		
34	2050		(DELAYED ENTRY) CAPT MCOWSKY III CORPS DO:		
			NO KNOWLEDGE ON TROOP MOVEMENT. WILL CHECK		
			AND CALL BACK.		
35	2055		(DELAYED ENTRY): CAD: 18 105 HOWITZERS TO		
			BE MOVED FROM HARBOR TO ARTY DEPOT IN CO 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		MF 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 OCCURS.				
45	2230 (DELAYED)		III CORPS TOC (CAPT MC <sup>CL</sup> 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.				
6	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 BORRANCE				
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46			2208-2250 (CONF'D) AFRS OIC, REPORTED 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 <sup>4</sup> XOSKEY): REFERENCE ITEM 45. LOSSES AT AN LUONG HAMLET WERE,					
			FRIENDLY: NO PERSONNEL, 29 CARBINES, 13 SHOT-					
			GUNS, 2 SMC 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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