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1.	0001		Bn NCS/Journal Opens.	JS	DQ
2.	0600		All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, C Co, E Ren, 3R2 RF		
			FSB Rash from 0100-0600 hrs. gave negative		
			situation reports.	JS	EH
3.	0610		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: CC aircraft #787 ETA-0700 hrs.		
			Log aircraft #624 ETA-0800 hrs.	JS	DQ
4.	0615		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: Weather Report. Visibility		
			7 miles, ceiling clear, Max temperature 91,		
			Min temperature 68.	JS	JB
5.	0815		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team 22 on station at		
			0815 hrs. working 1/9 Box #2, at 0845 hrs. at		
			YT 659859 saw footprints of 3 individuals going		
			east from stream bed, several docking points in		
			the area, 2 sets of footprints were made by		
			small people, 1 set made by a large individual		
			in the last 48 hrs. At 0900 hrs. at YT 660862		
			saw 1 EW trail 18" wide hardpacked with LRU.		
			At 0910 hrs. at YT 666875 saw 1 8x10 ft. hootch		
			made with green bamboo, partly destroyed by		
			Pink Team.	JS	DC
6.	0845		Bn S3/Bde S3: Tentative Plans for 28 Dec.		
			A(-) will conduct G/R(ground recon) to YT 510860,		
			1/A will conduct G/R to YT 509850, 2/A will		

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6.	0845		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1: conduct G/R to YT YT 502880, B Co will move NW of FSB Dragon Head to become a blocking force as D Co moves south. C(-) will conduct G/R to YT 725012, 2/C will conduct G/R to YT 725016, D(-) will SEC/SEC PZ- FSB Dragon Head, LZ-YU 685015, link up with 1/D and start south. E Ren will provide base defense at FSB Rash, E(-) has 2 mortar tubes at FSB Rash, 1 FSB Thomas, 1 opcon 2nd Bde. 342 RF will conduct G/R to YT 773960.	JS	JB
7.	0915		Bn Sig Off/Bde Sig Off: Use of secure radio in the last 24 hrs. A Co-NCS: weak signal-0645 hrs. C Co secure inoperative. FSB Rash-NCS: 1800-0650 hrs. A/L(fwd)-A/L(rear): All secure.	JS	EH
8.	1000		Bn NCS/Bde S5: 5 Chieu Hoi's walked onto FSB Rash at 1000 hrs. Individual wearing black and green clothes, negative weapons, HCM sandals, individuals were in good condition, all male.	JS	MD
9.	1005		Bde S2/Bn NCS: On 26 Dec at 1450 hrs. B Trp 1/9 Cav at ZT 191158, Pink Team on VR, Low aircraft landed in garden plot where there were several large bags, gunner checked out bags. Bags were booby trapped, notify grunts of this.	JS	JB

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10.	1030		All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A(-) moving south from YT 521883, 1/A moving NW from YT 517836, 2/A moving SW from YT 525895, B Co Bien Hoa, C Co YU 739008, D(-) FSB Dragon Head, 3/D FSB Rash, E Rcn YU 569002, 342 RF moving from YT 772952.	JS	DC
11.	1115		Bde S3/Bn NCS: Quarterly mortar gunner test report due 30 Dec. Report on test of Pen flares is overdue.	JS	JB
12.	1155		A(-)/Bn NCS: A(-) at YT 510880 found at 1145 hrs. 1 NE-SW trail 1 ft. wide used in the last 24 hrs. by 2 individuals, negative direction. 2 hootches 8x15 ft. NRU, 1 bunker 6x4x6 ft. NRU 4 3x5 fighting positions NRU, 4 circular fighting positions 3 ft. diameter NRU, 1 wooden cross bow with 8 arrows, 1 stone press for squashing seeds, or berries etc.	JS	DC
13.	1345		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: FX/SEC E Rcn, PZ-YU 569002, LZ-FSB Rash, 6 sorties, acft-3+2, ACL-5, 32 packs, 1 st PZ-1316 hrs. 1st LZ-1328 hrs. PZ clear at 1336 hrs. Lif complete 1343 hrs. LZ/PZ-green.	JS	JB
14.	1400		Bde S2/Bn S2: Want LRRP box 4886 extended		

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14.	1400		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3: until Jan 5 71, Bn S2		
			Asst gave clearance to keep box until 5 Jan 71.	JS	JB
15.	1405		All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A(-) YT 525885,		
			1/A YT 519841, 2/A YT 524889, B Co Bien Hoa,		
			C Co YU 739008, D(-) FSB Dragon Head, 1/D YT		
			679013, 3/D FSB Rash, E Bcn FSB Rash, 342 RF		
			YT 764964. PDS. A Co 3 off, 9 nco, 40 em, 11		
			att, T-63, C Co 5 off, 12 nco, 57 em, 23 att,		
			T-97, 1/D 1 off, 3 nco, 18 em, T-22, 342 RF		
			T-63. FSB Rash 5 off, 27 nco, 70 em, T-102.		
			FSB Dragon Head 16 off, 45 nco, 148 em, T-209.	JS	DC
16.	1440		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: SEC/CA of 1/D PZ-FSB		
			Dragon Head, LZ-YU 679013, 5 sorties, acft-3		
			+2, ACL-5, 22 packs, 1st PZ-1359 hrs. 1st PZ-		
			1405 hrs. PZ clear 1413 hrs. lift complete at		
			1416 hrs. LZ/PZ-green.	JS	MD
17.	1530		Bde XO/Bn XO: Negative entertainment available		
			for FSB Dragon Head, but 1/8 will have priority		
			when the next group checks in.	JS	MD
18.	1540		342 RF/Bn NCS: 342 RF at YT 764964 found 1		
			3W trail 1 ft. wide with use in the last 48 hrs.		
			by 4-5 individuals going west.	JS	DC
19.	1545		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team at YT 471851 saw		

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19.	1545		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4: footprints of 5-6 individuals, 1 fishtrap, rice baskets and fresh banana leaves in area, 1 4x4 ft. bunker, 1 12x8 ft. hootch, and 1 20x15 ft. hootch, both had poncho liners over the top, 6 bunkers recently built, 1 4x3 ft. table, 1 4x8 bunker, several cooking pots, several baskets in area, 10 bunkers 8x10 ft. with 4x4 ft. entrances, area showed use by many individuals in the last 12 hrs. 1 20x15 ft. hootch with same size bunkers underneath, 1 4x2 ft. bunker, 1 5x5 ft. hootch.	JS	DC
20.	1550		Bn S5/Bde S5: Psyops missions for 28 Dec. YF 6098, searchlight theme, YT 4790 and YT 7888 hunger theme to forced laborers, use South Vietnamese dialect.	JS	MD
21.	1615		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team at YT 434834 saw 1 hootch 10x6 ft. made of fresh bamboo, 3 trails running EW 1 ft. - 1½ ft. wide MRU, 4 sets of footprints.	JS	RD
22.	1645		Bn NCS/Bde S3 Asst: 3/D SEC/SEC. 1 hook sortie from FSB Rash to FSB Dragon Head, 1st FZ-1520 hrs. 1st LZ-1530 hrs.	JS	MD
23.	1655		Bde S2 Asst/Bn NCS: LERP team extracted* from		

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23.	1655		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5: YT 473860, will be inserted on 28 DEC via center mass YU 5201, PZ/LZ-green. Initials NE.	JS		MD	
24.	1805		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Mortar Report, FSB Dragon Head, Line 1 E-0/40, G-0/5, line 2 E-1, G-1. FSB Rash Line 1 E-0/24, G-0/8, Line 2 E-1, G-1.	JS		MD	
25.	1824		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Air request for 28 Dec. 1 UH1H CC/Log aircraft with left jump seat to report to Song Be on FM 54.05 at 0700 hrs. to 8 E(commo rear), and then to FSB Dragon Head on FM 64.75 at 0730 hrs. to Cradle 12(RTO TOG) 1 log aircraft same as above. Request 6+2 for D(-) SEC/SEC, PZ-FSB Dragon Head, LZ-YU 6790 3, 62 packs, 13 sorties, at 0900 hrs. Request 6+2 for B Co SEC/CA PZ-FSB Dragon Head, LZ-TBA vic YT 675985, 102 packs, 21 sorties, 1400 hrs. Request 4 hook sorties, SEC/SEC PZ-Duc Phong, LZ-FSB Dragon Head, 115 packs, at 0945 hrs.	JS		MD	
26.	1850		Bde S3 Asst/Bn NCS: Demolition team will be 2 packs, will be on 1/8 log pad at 0700 hrs.	JS		MD	
27.	1926		All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS CLOSING. A(-) YT 521883, 1/A YT 521847, 2/A YT 524889, B Co Bien Hoa, C Co YU 735004, D(-) FSB Dragon Head.				
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27.	1926		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6: 1/D YU 680013, E Rcn FSB Rash, 342 RF YT 768864, YT 763960, YT 770968, YT 775965, YT 770957. A Co has 6 AA (auto-ambush), C Co has 2 AA, 342 RF has 4 AA, all other units have negative AA, All units have negative scout dog teams, snipers, day manned ambushes. All units have green on malaria. 342 RF has 4 manned night ambushes, all other units have negative manned ambushes night.	JS	RD
28.	1930		Bn S3/Bde S3: Final Plans for 28 Dec 70. A(-) will conduct G/R to YT 506881, 1/A will conduct G/R(ground recon) to YT 519853, 2/A will conduct G/R to YT 516889, B Co will move from Bien Hoa to FSB Dragon Head, get logged and SEC/CA to vic of YT 675985, C(-) will conduct G/R to YU 721005, 2/C will conduct G/R to YU 723000, D (-) will SEC/SEC PZ-FSB Dragon Head, LZ-YU 679013 and link up with 1/D and move south. E Rcn will be base defense at FSB Rash. E(-) has 2 mortar tubes at FSB Rash, 1 FSB Thomas, 1 opcon 2nd Bde. 342 RF will conduct G/R to YT 775973.	JS	MD
29.	1949		Bde NCS/BnNCS: From II Field Force, reference		

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29.	1949		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7: Mortar Reports, Line G will not be used, Line F should be illumination rounds.	JS	MD
30.	2005		Bn S3 Air/Bde NCS: Air Request for 28 . Request 5+2 for 1/D EE/SEC PZ-YU 679013, LZ-FSB Dragon Head, 22 packs, 5 sorties at 0800 hrs., request hook sortie to move SEC/SEC of D Co PZ- FSB Dragon Head, LZ-FSB Rash, 85 packs, 3 sorties.	JS	MD
31.	2358		All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, 8 Co, 1/D, 342 RF, FSB Rash from 2000-2400 hrs. gave negative situation reports.	JS	RD
32.	2359		DAILY SUMMARY: Negative contact, negative cache, Air lifts: FX/SEC of E Rcn PZ-YU 569002, LZ-FSB Rash. SEC/CA of 1/D PZ-FSB Dragon Head, LZ-YU 679013, SEC/SEC of 3/D 1 hook sortie form FSB Rash to FSB Dragon Head. Negative significant events.	JS	WL
33.	2400		JOURNAL CLOSED.	JS	DQ

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