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1. (S) GENERAL:

A. (S) VC INITIATED ACTIVITY INCREASED IN ALL BUT THE III CTZ WITH A SIGNIFICANT RISE IN THE NUMBER OF LARGE SCALE ATTACKS.

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AS A RESULT OF AN ATTACK ON AN LAO DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS IN BINH DINH PROVINCE ON 7 DEC, A REACTION FORCE WAS AMBUSHED BY AN ESTIMATED VC FORCE OF TWO BATTALIONS. FRIENDLY LOSSES WERE 28 KILLED, 50 WOUNDED WITH 22 REPORTED MISSING. TWO 4.2 MORTARS AND APPROXIMATELY 200 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION WERE CAPTURED. ADDITIONALLY, THREE ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS WERE DESTROYED AND THEIR 50 AND 30 CALIBER MACHINE GUNS LOST TO THE ENEMY. VC LOSSES WHILE NOT CONFIRMED ARE ESTIMATED AT 100.

ON 9 DEC, AN ESTIMATED VC BATTALION ATTACKED AND OVERRAN A BATTALION CP AND 105 MM HOWITZER ARTILLERY PLATOON IN QUANG TIN PROVINCE. AS A RESULT OF THE QUICK AND EFFECTIVE EMPLOYMENT OF A THREE BATTALION SIZE REACTION FORCE SUPPORTED BY ARTILLERY AND AIR, THE POSITION WAS REOCCUPIED AND 162 VC WERE CONFIRMED KILLED PLUS

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LARGE QUANTITIES OF GRENADES AND SMALL ARMS WEAPONS CAPTURED. FRIENDLY LOSSES INCLUDED 24 ARVN AND ONE US KIA, 41 ARVN WIA AND TWO 105 HOWITZERS DAMAGED.

TWO SEPARATE BATTALION SIZE VC INITIATED AMBUSHES IN CHUONG THIEN ON THE AFTERNOON OF 12 DECEMBER WERE TURNED INTO QUALIFIED GOVERNMENT SUCCESSSES BY EFFECTIVE AIR SUPPORT OF THE AMBUSHED FORCES. ALTHOUGH NOT SUPPORTED BY BODY COUNT OTHER EVIDENCE INDICATES AS MANY AS 250 CASUALTIES MAY HAVE BEEN INFLICTED ON ONE VC BATTALION AND AN ALMOST EQUALLY HIGH NUMBER ON THE OTHER BATTALION. THE VC ALSO ATTACKED A DISTRICT CAPITAL SHORTLY AFTER THE AMBUSHES. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES FROM THESE ACTIONS INCLUDED TWO US ADVISORS KILLED AND ONE MISSING AND AT LEAST 27 ARVN KILLED AND 56 WOUNDED.

THE RECENT INCREASE IN RELATIVELY LARGE SCALE ACTIONS, MAY SIGNIFY THE BEGINNING OF THE VC WINTER OFFENSIVE AS PREDICTED IN THEIR PROPAGANDA.

B. (S) MAJOR GROUND OPERATIONS INCREASED IN NUMBER. HOWEVER, THE NUMBER OF VC CONTACTS DURING THESE OPERATIONS DECREASED. THE NUMBER OF DAYS WHICH COMPANIES SPENT IN THE FIELD INCREASED. SMALL UNIT ACTIONS DECREASED IN NUMBER AND IN VC CONTACTS. GVN PERSONNEL AND WEAPONS LOSSES FOR THE WEEK INCREASED AS COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

ON 9 DEC IN PHUOC TUY PROVINCE, ONE ELEMENT OF AN ARVN FORCE ON A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION WAS AMBUSHED BY THE VC.

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AN INTENSE ENGAGEMENT RESULTED. THE GOVERNMENT FORCE LOST 12 KIA AND SUFFERED HEAVY MATERIEL LOSSES INCLUDING SIX M113 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS WHICH WERE BURNED AND SEVERAL CREW SERVED WEAPONS CAPTURED. THE VC HAD ONE CONFIRMED KIA. RVNAF REPORTS AN ESTIMATED 100 VC CASUALTIES CARRIED AWAY.

ONE RVNAF REGIMENT AND SIX BATTALIONS (THREE INFANTRY, TWO RANGER, AND ONE MARINE) ARE CURRENTLY RATED NOT COMBAT EFFECTIVE BY SENIOR ADVISORS. THIS COMPARES WITH ONE REGIMENT AND FOUR BATTALIONS SO RATED LAST WEEK.

TOTAL VNAF/USAF AIR ACTIVITY DECREASED THIS WEEK. AN OVERALL INCREASE IN CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND INTERDICTION MISSIONS PARTIALLY OFFSET A LARGER DECREASE IN LOGISTIC ACTIVITIES. A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN ORDNANCE EXPENDED WAS NOTED. A TOTAL OF 63 TONS OF ORDNANCE WAS EXPENDED IN WAR ZONE "C" AND 65 TONS IN WAR ZONE "D". AIR STRIKES IN THE QUANG TIN AND CHUONG THIEN OPERATIONS PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED WERE WELL COORDINATED, AGGRESSIVELY EXECUTED AND EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE.

PACIFICATION PROGRESS SHOWS LITTLE CHANGE FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK. DURING THE PAST WEEK I CORPS WAS PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED WITH SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS, THE IMPACT OF WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN EVALUATED. SUCCESSFUL MILITARY OPERATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF TAM KY CREATED A FAVORABLE IMPRESSION ON THE POPULATION IN THIS AREA. PACIFICATION PROGRESS IN II CTZ RECEIVED A SETBACK WITH THE VC ATTEMPTING TO GAIN CONTROL OF AN LAO VALLEY, IN BINH DINH PROVINCE. SECURITY IN THIS AREA

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AND IN MOST OF THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE PROVINCE IS NOT ADEQUATE FOR EFFECTIVE OPERATIONS BY MOBILE ACTION CADRE TEAMS. IN DARLAC PROVINCE MONTAGNARD DISSATISFACTION WITH THE RATE AT WHICH GVN IS FULFILLING ITS PROMISED SETTLEMENT OF MONTAGNARD DEMANDS POSES A SERIOUS THREAT TO PACIFICATION. IN MOST OF THE III CTZ PACIFICATION CONTINUED TO PROGRESS STEADILY; HOWEVER, A MAJOR DETERIORATION IN SECURITY APPEARS TO BE DEVELOPING IN LONG AN AND PHUOC TUY PROVINCES WHERE MAJOR VC UNITS ARE BELIEVED TO BE RELOCATING. IN IV CTZ, THE VC REACTED VIOLENTLY TO THEIR DEFEATS EARLIER IN THE WEEK AND CONCENTRATED THEIR EFFORTS AGAINST GVN PACIFICATION ACTIVITIES. A VC ATTACK IN KIEN GIANG PROVINCE RESULTED IN 12 FRIENDLY KIA, INCLUDING THREE US ADVISORS. IN DINH TUONG PROVINCE AN ESTIMATED TWO BATTALIONS OF VC ATTACKED PACIFICATION FORCES RESULTING IN SERIOUS LOSSES ON BOTH SIDES.

IN THE HOP TAC AREA PACIFICATION PROCEEDED UNDER MORE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS RESULTING FROM LESSENING VC OPPOSITION TO SECURING ACTIVITIES AND IMPROVED EMPLOYMENT OF GVN TROOP RESOURCES. ONLY IN GIA DINH PROVINCE, WHERE COMMANDERS ARE KEEPING AN EYE ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN SAIGON, WAS THERE LESS THAN EXPECTED PROGRESS.

MAJOR REDISPOSITIONS OF UNITS BY THE VC HAVE BEEN DETECTED WITH ONE REGIMENT POSSIBLY SHIFTING ITS HEADQUARTERS SOUTHEASTWARD INTO PHUOC TUY PROVINCE, AND A BATTALION SIZE

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UNIT MOVING INTO BIEN HOA PROVINCE. UNSUBSTANTIATED REPORTS INDICATE THAT TWO VC BATTALIONS ARE MOVING INTO LONG AN PROVINCE, ONE ON EACH SIDE OF THE A ZONE BARRIER ALONG HIGHWAY NUMBER 4.

OF THE 30 COMBAT BATTALIONS AVAILABLE IN HOP TAC, EIGHT REMAIN INVOLVED IN SECURING ACTIVITIES WHILE NINE BATTALIONS NOW ARE ENGAGED ALMOST FULL TIME IN CLEARING OPERATIONS. CASUALTIES INCREASED ON BOTH SIDES DURING THE WEEK; THE KILL RATIO WAS FAVORABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT AT TWO AND ONE-HALF TO ONE.

BASED ON REPORTS FROM SUB-SECTOR ADVISORS, 243 HAMLETS OF A PLANNED TOTAL OF 1146 IN HOP TAC MEET THE GVN SIX-POINT CRITERIA FOR PACIFICATION. POPULATION IN PACIFIED AREAS IS REPORTED TO BE 635,000. THE AREAS UNDERGOING PACIFICATION HAVE APPROXIMATELY 600,000 INHABITANTS AND AN ESTIMATED 688,000 PEOPLE LIVE IN AREAS NOT UNDER GVN CONTROL.

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2. (S) FRIENDLY:

A. (S) SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS.

(1) SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION DAN CHI 92/SD WAS INITIATED 050800H DEC IN IV CTZ. THE CENTER OF THE OPERATIONAL AREA WAS APPROXIMATELY 15 KILOMETERS NNE OF THE CITY OF CA MAU (WR180150), NEAR THE BOUNDARY OF AN XUYEN AND BAC LIEU PROVINCES. THE 21ST DIV CONTROLLED THE OPERATION. THE TERRAIN IN THE AREA IS FLAT AND THE WEATHER WAS CLEAR.

THE PURPOSE OF THE OPERATION WAS TO LOCATE AND DESTROY THE U MINH 2 VC BATTALION, AND THE 1008TH AND 1009TH LOCAL FORCE VC COMPANIES WHICH WERE REPORTED TO BE IN THE AREA. THE TOTAL STRENGTH OF THE THREE UNITS WAS ESTIMATED AT 700.

FRIENDLY FORCES CONSISTED OF THE 1ST BN, 31ST REGT; 3D BN, 32D REGT; 3D BN, 33D REGT; THE 44TH RANGER BN; AND AN ARMORED CAVALRY TROOP. A PLATOON OF 105 MM HOWITZERS AND A PLATOON OF 155 MM HOWITZERS SUPPORTED THE MANEUVER ELEMENTS. THE 42D RANGER BN AND THE 21ST DIV RECONNAISSANCE CO CONSTITUTED THE RESERVE. VNAF, USAF, AND US ARMY AVIATION PROVIDED AIR SUPPORT AND AIR LIFT.

THE SCHEME OF MANEUVER PROVIDED FOR ONE INFANTRY BATTALION TO BLOCK TO THE NORTH AND FOR ONE INFANTRY BATTALION TO BLOCK TO THE NORTHWEST OF THE OPERATIONAL AREA. THE THIRD INFANTRY BATTALION AND A RANGER BATTALION WERE TO ADVANCE FROM SOUTH TO NORTH ON PARALLEL ROUTES TO DESTROY THE VC IN THE AREA. THE ARMORED CAVALRY TROOP WAS TO ATTACK FROM THE NORTHEAST TOWARD THE CENTER OF THE OPERATIONAL AREA AND LINK UP WITH THE INFANTRY AND RANGER

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BATTALIONS. THE RESERVE UNITS WERE TO BE EMPLOYED AS EAGLE FLIGHTS. AN ELEMENT OF DECEPTION WAS PROVIDED BY HAVING THE 42D RANGER BATTALION HIRE BOATS FOR A MOVE TO THE SOUTH OF CA MAU.

THE OPERATION WAS INITIATED ACCORDING TO PLAN. THE MAIN MANEUVER FORCE, CONSISTING OF THE 3D BN, 33D REGT AND THE 44TH RANGER BN, CROSSED THE LD, VICINITY OF THE VILLAGE OF GIANG KE (WR230240) AT 050845H DEC, AND ADVANCED TO THE NORTH. THE TWO BATTALIONS ADVANCED AHEAD, WITH THE RANGER BATTALION ON THE EAST. THE ARMORED CAVALRY TROOP CROSSED ITS LD NEAR THE JUNCTURE OF THE QUANG LO AND CANH CANALS AT WR430360 AT 050800H DEC AND ADVANCED WESTWARD TOWARD THE CENTER OF THE OPERATIONAL AREA.

THE 3D BN, 33D REGT AND THE 44TH RANGER BN ENCOUNTERED A STRONG VC POSITION ABOUT FIVE KILOMETERS NORTH OF THEIR LD AT 051315H DEC. VNAF A-1H AIRCRAFT ON AN AIR COVER MISSION WERE CALLED IN TO CONDUCT A STRIKE ON THE VC POSITION. THE AIRCRAFT DELIVERED A MIXED ORDNANCE LOAD OF BOMBS AND NAPALM AGAINST THE TARGET.

TWO EAGLE FLIGHTS CONSISTING OF THE 21ST DIV RECONNAISSANCE CO AND THE FIRST LIPT OF THE 42D RANGER BN WERE LANDED CLOSE TO THE NORTHEAST OF THE VC POSITION AT 051400H DEC. AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE VICINITY OF THE LANDING ZONES. THREE PLATOONS OF ARMED UH-1B HELICOPTERS DELIVERED SUPPRESSIVE FIRES DURING THE LANDINGS OF THE TROOPS BY THE EAGLE FLIGHTS. TWO ADDITIONAL EAGLE FLIGHTS LIFTING THE REMAINING ELEMENTS OF THE 42D RANGER BN, WERE LANDED CLOSE TO THE NORTHWEST

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OF THE VC POSITION. THE VC WERE CAUGHT BETWEEN THE EAGLE FLIGHT TROOPS AND THE TWO BATTALIONS TO THE SOUTH. THE ARMORED CAVALRY TROOP WAS ORDERED TO SWING TO THE SOUTH TO REINFORCE, ARRIVING AT 051900H DEC. AFTER A STRONG DEFENSE OF THEIR WELL DUG IN POSITIONS, AND AFTER SUFFERING HEAVY CASUALTIES, THE VC WITHDREW TO THE EAST AND WEST AFTER DARKNESS.

THE 105 MM HOWITZER PLATOON AT CA MAU COULD NOT SUPPORT BECAUSE IT WAS OUT OF RANGE. THE 155 MM HOWITZER PLATOON AT THOI BINH (WR110330) FIRED HARASSING AND INTERDICTION FIRES DURING THE NIGHT. A FLARESHIP ARRIVED AT THE SCENE AT 052030H DEC AND SUPPORTED FOR TWO HOURS. THERE WERE NO SUBSEQUENT CONTACTS AS THE GOVERNMENT TROOPS SEARCHED THE AREA ON THE FOLLOWING DAY. THE OPERATION TERMINATED 061900H DEC.

THE RESULTS OF THIS OPERATION ARE INDICATIVE OF THE INTENSITY OF THE ACTION. VC LOSSES WERE: 138 KIA, 3 CPTR, 3 60 MM MORTARS, 5 MACHINE GUNS (3 OF WHICH WERE ON ANTI-AIRCRAFT MOUNTS) 51 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS, 2 AN/PRG-10 RADIOS, 1500 METERS OF TELEPHONE WIRE, 16 STEEL HELMETS, 200 SHOVELS, AND A QUANTITY OF AMMUNITION, DOCUMENTS, AND MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT. FRIENDLY LOSSES WERE: 25 KIA AND 66 WIA. THE TIMELY AND RAPID COMMITMENT OF THE RESERVE BY USE OF EAGLE FLIGHTS WAS A DECISIVE FACTOR IN ACHIEVING THIS SUCCESS. THE VC WERE FORCED TO FIGHT IN PLACE DURING DAYLIGHT, OR BE CUT DOWN IF THEY MOVED ACROSS THE OPEN RICE FIELDS WHICH WERE COVERED BY FIRE OF THE GOVERNMENT FORCES. THE DIVERSION OF

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THE ARMORED CAVALRY TROOP FROM ITS TERRAIN OBJECTIVES TO REINFORCE AT THE POINT OF VC CONTACT WAS AN EXAMPLE OF THE FLEXIBILITY OF THE COMMAND. THE USE OF NAPALM DURING THE AIR STRIKE ON THE VC POSITION PROVED TO BE MOST EFFECTIVE AGAINST THE VC WHO WERE DUG IN.

IN SUMMARY THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF THIS OPERATION DEMONSTRATES THAT COMMANDERS AND STAFFS OF UNITS INVOLVED ARE DEVELOPING AN ABILITY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF INTELLIGENCE, MOBILITY AND TOTAL FIREPOWER AVAILABLE TO ATTACK AND DESTROY THE VC RATHER THAN TIEING THEMSELVES TO FIXED PLANS OF MANEUVER BASED ON TERRAIN OBJECTIVES.

(2) PHUOC TUY 33 WAS A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN PHUOC TUY PROVINCE. THE OPERATIONAL AREA IS TIED TOGETHER BY THE MAIN PROVINCIAL ROAD WHICH RUNS NORTH FROM BA HIA (XS3861), THE PROVINCE CAPITAL, TO DUC THANH (XS4678), A DISTRICT TOWN. THE KEY ACTION TOOK PLACE ALONG THIS ROAD WHERE IT PASSES THROUGH A RUBBER PLANTATION. CONTROL OF THE OPERATION BEGAN WITH SECTOR BUT PASSED TO PHUOC HIEN SPECIAL ZONE AT A CRITICAL TIME.

THE VC UNIT INVOLVED WAS BELIEVED BY ARVN TO BE THE J10 MAIN FORCE BATTALION. FRIENDLY ELEMENTS OF THIS OPERATION INITIALLY WERE THE 33D RANGER BATTALION, THE 4TH MARINE BATTALION, AND THE 3D TROOP OF THE 1ST ARMORED CAVALRY SQUADRON. AS THE OPERATION DEVELOPED THE 6TH AIRBORNE BATTALION FROM THE HIGH COMMAND GENERAL RESERVE AND ONE COMPANY FROM EACH OF THE 30TH AND 38TH RANGER BATTALIONS WERE COMMITTED. TWO PLATOONS OF

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105MM HOWITZERS SUPPORTED THE OPERATION.

THE OPERATION BEGAN AT 0700 HOURS ON 9 DECEMBER WITH THE DEPARTURE OF A GVN FORCE FROM DUC THANH. DIRECTION OF ADVANCE WAS TO THE EAST. ELEMENTS CONSISTED OF THE 33D RANGER BATTALION AND THE ARMORED CAVALRY TROOP WITH ITS 14 M113 PERSONNEL CARRIERS. THESE TWO UNITS LINKED UP AT 1100 HOURS WITH THE 4TH MARINE BATTALION WHICH HAD BEEN HELILIFTED INTO THE OBJECTIVE AREA EIGHT KMS EAST OF DUC THANH. THERE WAS NO CONTACT WITH THE VIET CONG AT THIS TIME.

AT 1330 HOURS THE PROVINCE CHIEF RECEIVED A REPORT THAT A LARGE FORCE OF VIET CONG WAS ABOUT TO MOVE WEST TO CROSS THE HIGHWAY JUST NORTH OF BA RIA. HE IMMEDIATELY ORDERED THE ARMORED CAVALRY TROOP TO MOVE TO THE AREA AND BLOCK.

AT 1430 HOURS WHEN THE COLUMN WAS 12 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF BA RIA, THE VIET CONG INITIATED AN AMBUSH BY DETONATING A MINE WHICH DESTROYED THE LEAD ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER. UNDER A HEAVY VOLUME OF VC RECOILLESS RIFLE, MORTAR AND MACHINEGUN FIRE, THE COLUMN ATTEMPTED TO MANEUVER. THE VOLUME OF FIRE AND LENGTH OF THE AMBUSH WERE SUCH THAT TWO ATTEMPTS FAILED. AT THIS POINT THE TROOP COMMANDER WAS KILLED AND A DEGREE OF CONTROL WAS LOST. AT 1700 HOURS EIGHT OF THE 14 PERSONNEL CARRIERS WERE ABLE TO BREAK OUT TO THE SOUTH.

WHILE THE MANEUVER AND BREAKOUT ATTEMPTS WERE UNDERWAY, THE PROVINCE CHIEF WAS INFORMED OF THE ACTION. HE IMMEDIATELY REQUESTED AIR STRIKES AND ARMED HELICOPTER SUPPORT.

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THE ARMED HELICOPTERS ARRIVED WITHIN 15 MINUTES AND ON REQUEST BEGAN TO MARK TARGETS FOR AIR STRIKES. FOURTEEN FIGHTER BOMBER SORTIES WERE FLOWN AND NINE HELICOPTERS DELIVERED SUPPRESSIVE FIRES AGAINST THE AMBUSH SITE.

THE EIGHT M113 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS WHICH BROKE OUT OF THE AMBUSH MOVED ABOUT THREE KILOMETERS SOUTH BEFORE THEY STOPPED. AFTER SOME DELAY THIS FORCE MOVED BACK TOWARD THE AMBUSH SITE TO ATTEMPT TO RETRIEVE ARVN WOUNDED AND MATERIEL. AT 1800 HOURS THEY WERE IN POSITION 1000 METERS SHORT OF THE AMBUSH AREA. HERE THEY LINKED UP WITH A COMPANY OF THE 30TH RANGER BATTALION WHICH HAD BEEN HELILIFTED INTO THE AREA. ABOUT 2100 HOURS THIS RELIEF FORCE ARRIVED AT THE SCENE AND BEGAN TO SEARCH THE AREA FOR ARVN CASUALTIES AND EQUIPMENT. THE SEARCH WAS INTERRUPTED BY WHAT WAS REPORTED TO BE A HEAVY ATTACK. THE RELIEF FORCE RETURNED TO BA RIA. BY THIS TIME, THE PROVINCE CHIEF HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT THE PHUOC BIEN SPECIAL ZONE COMMANDER WOULD ASSUME COMMAND OF THE OPERATION THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

AT 0945 HOURS ON 10 DECEMBER SPECIAL ZONE TOOK CONTROL OF THE OPERATION AND THE FORCE AGAIN MOVED TO THE AMBUSH SITE. THE 6TH AIRBORNE BATTALION WHICH HAD BEEN RELEASED TO III CORPS BY THE HIGH COMMAND ON THE PREVIOUS DAY PARTICIPATED IN THIS PHASE OF THE OPERATION. THE MISSION WAS TO FIND THREE M113 CARRIERS WHICH WERE LISTED AS MISSING. ALL THREE WERE LATER FOUND BURNED.

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ON 11 DECEMBER, THE THIRD DAY, THE FINAL PHASE WAS COMPLETED. THE UNITS MOVED NORTHWEST TO AN AREA OF MANGROVE SWAMPS AND HILLS WHERE THE VIET CONG WERE BELIEVED TO BE HIDING.

VIRTUALLY ALL FRIENDLY LOSSES WERE INCURRED IN THE AMBUSH. THEY AMOUNTED TO 12 KIA; 31 WIA; AND 10 MIA. EQUIPMENT LOSSES WERE SIX M113; SIX 3.5 ROCKET LAUNCHERS; ONE 81MM MORTAR; ONE 50 CAL MG. THESE ITEMS WERE ALL BURNED. IN ADDITION THE VIET CONG CAPTURED TWO 50 CAL MG; FIVE 30 CAL MG; TWO BAR; 24 SMALL ARMS; SIX BINOCULARS, AND 19 RADIOS. THE VIET CONG LEFT BEHIND ONE KIA. ARVN ALSO REPORTED AN ESTIMATED 100 CASUALTIES CARRIED AWAY BY THE VC. THE VC ALSO LEFT ONE CARBINE, ONE SIGHT FOR A 57MM RECOILLESS RIFLE AND SEVEN ROUNDS OF RECOILLESS AMMUNITION AT THE SCENE.

IN SUMMARY, THE ARMORED CAVALRY TROOP OF OPERATION PHUC TUY 33 MOVED INTO A WELL PLANNED AMBUSH. FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THE SUCCESS OF THE AMBUSH WERE THE SLOW REACTION OF THE PROVINCE STAFF TO AVAILABLE INTELLIGENCE AND THE CONFUSION WHICH DEVELOPED SUBSEQUENT TO THE DEATH OF THE ARMORED CAVALRY TROOP COMMANDER.

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ON THE POSITIVE SIDE, THE RAPID REACTION OF VNAF AND THE ARMED HELICOPTER FORCE TO THE REQUEST OF THE PROVINCE CHIEF FOR SUPPORT REDUCED THE NUMBER OF FRIENDLY CASUALTIES AND LOSSES OF MATERIEL.

B. (C) SUMMARY OF GROUND OPERATIONS (STATISTICS IN ANNEX A).

(1) LARGE AND SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS:

(A) ARVN GROUND OPERATIONS EMPLOYING FORCES OF THREE RIFLE COMPANIES OR LARGER DECREASED FROM LAST WEEK'S FIGURE OF 89 TO 83. OF THESE OPERATIONS, 42 RESULTED IN ONE OR MORE CONTACTS. III CORPS HAD FOURTEEN CONTACTS, I CORPS ELEVEN, IV CORPS TEN, II CORPS SIX, AND CMD ONE. BATTALION DAYS OF OPERATION TOTALED 464, AN INCREASE FROM 446 REPORTED LAST WEEK.

(B) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS DECREASED FROM 14,108 TO 13,940. CONTACTS DECREASED FROM 99 TO 88.

(2) NIGHT OPERATIONS:

(A) BATTALION SIZE AND LARGER OPERATIONS INITIATED PRIOR TO DAYLIGHT INCREASED FROM 34 TO 37.

(B) THE NUMBER OF SMALL UNIT ACTIONS WITH CONTACT AT NIGHT DECREASED FROM 32 TO 26.

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### C. (S) SUMMARY OF AIR OPERATIONS:

(1) VNAF: OVERALL AIR ACTIVITY DECLINED SLIGHTLY DURING THE WEEK WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CLOSE AIR SUPPORT SORTIES. A CONCENTRATED ATTACK BY 16 A-1H AIRCRAFT ON HILL 595 IN QUANG TIN PROVINCE ON 9 DEC, PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE ARVN COUNTERATTACK. VNAF FIGHTERS ALSO SUPPORTED OP AN LAO, BINH DINH PROVINCE ON 7 DEC, OP PHUOC TUY 33, PHUOC TUY PROVINCE, ON 9 DEC, OP AN BINH, AN GIANG PROVINCE ON 11 DEC. DURING THIS PERIOD A-1H AIRCRAFT DELIVERED IN EXCESS OF 175 TONS OF INCENDIJEL (NAPALM), GENERAL PURPOSE, AND FRAGMENTATION BOMBS ON VC STRUCTURES AND CONCENTRATIONS. LOGISTIC SUPPORT DECLINED SLIGHTLY AS DID RECONNAISSANCE ACTIVITY. FLARESHIPS SUPPORTED GROUND OPERATIONS IN II CTZ AND OUTPOSTS UNDER ATTACK IN III AND IV CTZ. ONE A-1H AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN BY ENEMY GROUND FIRE. THE PILOT PARACHUTED AND WAS RESCUED BY HELICOPTER. ANOTHER A-1H CRASHED ON TAKE OFF AT PLEIKU AIR BASE AND THE PILOT WAS KILLED. THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED INTO A PARKED A-1H FULLY LOADED WITH ORDNANCE AND BOTH AIRCRAFT BURNED. THE FORCE OF THE CRASH THREW A 100 LB BOMB INTO THE INCENDIJEL (NAPALM) STORAGE AREA WHERE IT EXPLODED AND SET THE DUMP ON FIRE. A USAF C-129, A USAF O-1F, AND A VNAF O-1A SUSTAINED MINOR DAMAGE AS A RESULT OF THE CRASH. TWO SORTIES WERE CANCELLED BECAUSE OF THIS ACCIDENT.

(2) USAF: AIR ACTIVITY DURING THIS PERIOD WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY A MARKED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF COMBAT SORTIES FLOWN AND TWO SIGNIFICANT AIRLIFT OPERATIONS. A-1E FIGHTERS PROVIDED

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INTERDICTION AND CLOSE AIR SUPPORT FOR OP AN LAO, BINH DINH PROVINCE ON 7 DEC AND OP DAN TAM, PHUOC THANH PROVINCE ON 7 AND 8 DEC. EIGHT A-1E FIGHTERS RESPONDED TO AN IMMEDIATE AIR REQUEST TO SUPPORT AN ARVN COLUMN THAT WAS AMBUSHED IN CHUONG THIEN PROVINCE. AN EXPERIENCED US OBSERVER WITNESSED THE STRIKES AND REPORTED THAT THEY WERE EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE AND ACCOUNTED FOR MANY VC KIA. ANOTHER QUICK REACTION BY A-1E AIRCRAFT TO AN IMMEDIATE AIR REQUEST TO SUPPORT OP PHUOC TUY LESSEMED CONSIDERABLY THE FRIENDLY LOSSES AND INFLICTED NUMEROUS VC CASUALTIES. ORDNANCE EXPENDED ON THE STRIKES CONSISTED MAINLY OF INCENDIJEL (NAPALM) AND GENERAL PURPOSE BOMBS. USAF FIGHTERS DELIVERED IN EXCESS OF 215 TONS OF INCENDIJEL, GENERAL PURPOSE, FRAGMENTATION AND WHITE PHOSPHORUS BOMBS ON VC STRUCTURES, SAMPANS AND CONCENTRATIONS DURING THE WEEK. ON 7 DEC, 13 C-123 AIRCRAFT AIRLIFTED 620 MARINES AND 4.8 TONS OF CARGO TO QUI NHON IN SUPPORT OF OP AN LAO. ON 11 DEC, SEVEN C-123 AIRCRAFT SUCCESSFULLY AIRDROPPED 109 TROOPS AND 600 LBS OF CARGO AND AIRLANDED 48 TROOPS AND 23.9 TONS OF SUPPORT EQUIPMENT ON PHU QUOC ISLAND IN REACTION TO THE VC MORTAR SHELLING OF 10 DEC. FLARESHIP ACTIVITY IN SUPPORT OF OUTPOSTS AND HAMLETS UNDER VC ATTACK REMAINED AT THE LEVEL OF THE PREVIOUS WEEK, WHILE THE NUMBER OF FLARESHIPS SUPPORTING GROUND OPERATIONS INCREASED. RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS THROUGHOUT THE RVN WERE HAMPERED BY ADVERSE WEATHER. THREE C-123 AIRCRAFT AND FOUR A-1E AIRCRAFT WERE HIT BY ENEMY GROUND FIRE. ONE O-1F AIRCRAFT AND ONE C-123 AIRCRAFT RECEIVED MINOR DAMAGE AS

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A RESULT OF THE VNAF A-1H CRASH AT PLEIKU AIR BASE DESCRIBED IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH. NO USAF PERSONNEL WERE INJURED.

(3) ARMY AVIATION: ARMY AVIATION ACTIVITIES CONTINUED AT THE SAME HIGH LEVELS OF THE PREVIOUS WEEK IN THE NUMBER OF FLYING HOURS ACCOMPLISHED, AND THE NUMBER OF TROOPS AIRLIFTED. FIVE MAJOR AIRMOBILE OPERATIONS WERE STAGED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD IN SUPPORT OF ARVN GROUND OPERATIONS. ARMED HELICOPTERS PERFORMED ESCORT TASKS ALONG FLIGHT ROUTES AND IN LANDING ZONES IN SUPPORT OF TROOP TRANSPORT HELICOPTERS. TIMELY DELIVERY OF SUPPRESSIVE FIRES ACCOUNTED FOR A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF VC CASUALTIES.

THE FIRST OF THE SUPPORTED OPERATIONS WAS DAN CHI 92/SD IN AN XUYEN PROVINCE. NOTEWORTHY FEATURES WERE THE AIRLIFT OF THE 44TH RANGER BATTALION INTO AN LZ 15 KM NORTHEAST OF CA MAU AND THE SUPPRESSIVE FIRES OF THE ARMED HELICOPTERS. THE LATTER CONTRIBUTED SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE HEAVY LOSSES SUSTAINED BY THE VC. THIS OPERATION WAS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL DESPITE INTENSE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE DIRECTED AT THE HELICOPTERS.

DURING OPERATION DAN TAM 15, PHUOC THANH PROVINCE, THE 4TH MARINE BATTALION WAS LIFTED FROM BIEN HOA TO A LANDING ZONE 22 KM NORTHEAST OF BIEN HOA IN FOUR LIFTS ON 7 DECEMBER. AFTER THE INITIAL ASSAULT THE CARGO HELICOPTERS RETURNED TO STANDBY AT PHUOC VINH TO LIFT THE RESERVE IF IT WERE COMMITTED.

TO THE NORTH OF SAIGON AT AN LAO IN THE COASTAL PROVINCE OF BINH DINH ELEMENTS OF THE 52D AVN BN SUPPORTED THE

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41ST REGT. THIS OPERATION TOOK PLACE ALONG A NARROW VALLEY EXTENDING FROM BONG SON TO AN LAO DURING 7-8 DECEMBER. THE TROOP LIFT INTO AN LZ 16 KM NORTHWEST OF BONG SON RELIEVED THE PRESSURE ON AN LAO AFTER A GROUND RELIEF COLUMN WAS STOPPED BY THE VIET CONG. ONE US HELICOPTER CREWMAN WAS KILLED DURING THIS OPERATION.

SOUTHEAST OF SAIGON IN PHUOC TUY PROVINCE ARMED HELICOPTERS WERE THE KEY FACTOR IN OPERATION PHUOC TUY 33. TWO AIRLIFTS WERE EXECUTED IN SUPPORT OF THIS OPERATION ON 9 DECEMBER. AT 0900 HOURS ELEMENTS OF THE 4TH MARINE BATTALION WERE LIFTED INTO AN LZ 25 KM NORTHWEST OF BA RIA. ARMED HELICOPTERS PROVIDED SUPPRESSIVE FIRES AND ALSO MARKED TARGET LOCATIONS FOR VMAF FIGHTER AIRCRAFT. BY ARRIVING DURING THE AMBUSH THEY RELIEVED VC PRESSURE AND ENABLED THE ARVN UNIT TO BREAKOUT. AN ELEMENT OF THE 30TH RANGER BATTALION WAS LIFTED INTO AN LZ 20 KM NORTHWEST OF BA RIA IN REACTION TO A VC AMBUSH.

IN THE FAR SOUTH OPERATION DAN CHI 94/SO TOOK PLACE IN CHUONG THIEN PROVINCE ON 12 DECEMBER. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY THE 13TH AVN BN WHICH LIFTED ELEMENTS OF THE 42D AND 44TH RANGER BATTALIONS FROM BAC LIEU TO VI THANH. THE PURPOSE WAS TO MOVE THESE TROOPS TO MORE FORWARD POSITIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT ON EAGLE FLIGHTS. IN THE AFTERNOON OF 12 DECEMBER ELEMENTS OF THE 44TH RANGER BATTALION WERE RETURNED BY HELICOPTERS TO BAC LIEU.

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INCREASED MEDICAL EVACUATION MISSIONS WERE PERFORMED BY HELICOPTERS OF THE 52D AVN BN DURING THE WEEK. BOTH US AND ARVN WIA WERE EVACUATED FROM ISOLATED LOCATIONS TO MEDICAL FACILITIES.

(4) MARINE AVIATION: MARINE HELICOPTERS SUPPORTED OPERATION QUIET THANG 225, IN QUANG TIN PROVINCE. THE HELILIFT ON 9 DECEMBER OF A RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY AND TWO COMPANIES OF THE 11TH RANGER BATTALION WAS A VITAL FACTOR IN THE FINAL RECAPTURE OF THE BITTERLY DISPUTED HILL 159 AT BT270140. THE ASSAULT WAS MADE AFTER AN INTENSIVE BOMBARDMENT BY VNAF FIGHTERS AND ARTILLERY WITH ARMED HELICOPTERS DELIVERING SUPPRESSIVE FIRES. FOUR US ARMY HELICOPTERS SUPPLEMENTED THE 18 USMC HELICOPTERS USED ON THIS OPERATION.

### D. (C) SUMMARY OF NAVAL OPERATIONS:

#### (1) GENERAL:

ACTIVITY IN THE VNN CONTROLLED RUNG SAT SPECIAL AREA REMAINED LIGHT THIS WEEK AS FORCE UNITS CONTINUED PATROL AND SHORE BOMBARDMENT MISSIONS IN THE AREA. (DELAYED REPORT) OPERATION RUNG SAT 75/64 WAS LAUNCHED ON 5 DEC AND TERMINATED WITH NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES. VC LOSSES INCLUDED 1 MINE, 10 GRENADES, 6 BOATS, 100 GASOLINE CANS AND A QUANTITY OF AMMUNITION.

ON 10 DEC, VNN PATROL CRAFT 04 AND UNITS OF JUNK DIVISION 15 WERE DISPATCHED TO ASSIST IN SEARCH OPERATIONS FOR A USN A3J VIGILANTE AIRCRAFT OVERDUE FROM THE USS RANGER

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(CVA 61) SINCE 092240H DEC. DURING THE MORNING OF 10 DEC, A VNAF A-1H AIRCRAFT SPOTTED AN OIL SLICK OFF THE COAST OF QUANG NGAI PROVINCE. VNN UNITS WERE VECTORED TO THE SCENE. NO SIGHTINGS WERE MADE.

### (2) SEA FORCE:

UNITS OF THE SEA FORCE CONTINUED PATROL AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT MISSIONS DURING THE WEEK AND PARTICIPATED IN OP DAN CHI 855. ADDITIONALLY, 13 SEA FORCE SHIPS WERE EMPLOYED IN SHORE BOMBARDMENT MISSIONS WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. SIX OF THE MISSIONS WERE CONDUCTED IN KIEN GIANG PROVINCE DURING OPERATION DAN CHI 855; THREE ON PHU QUOC ISLAND; ONE IN PHU YEN PROVINCE; ONE IN CHAU DOC PROVINCE; ONE IN KIEN HOA PROVINCE; AND ONE IN THE RUNG SAT SPECIAL AREA.

AT 070420H DEC, LSIL 328 AND RIVER FORCE UNITS PROVIDED SUPPORTING FIRES FOR AN LAO AND TAN CHAU IN CHAU DOC PROVINCE. THESE AREAS WERE UNDER ATTACK BY AN ESTIMATED 200 VC. AFTER A FOUR HOUR ENGAGEMENT THE VC BROKE CONTACT. LSIL 328 RECEIVED A 10 CM HOLE IN HER BOW. A QUANTITY OF GRENADES AND SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION WAS SEIZED FROM THE VC.

### (3) RIVER FORCE:

UNITS OF THE RIVER FORCE CONTINUED PATROL MISSIONS DURING THE WEEK AND PARTICIPATED IN SIX OPERATIONS: AN DAN 23; RUNG SAT 75/64; DAN CHI 534; HAM TU I; AN DAN 26; AN BINH 44; AND RUNG SAT 76/64.

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(4) COASTAL FORCE:

UNITS OF THIS FORCE CONTINUED COASTAL SURVEILLANCE MISSIONS DURING THE WEEK AND PARTICIPATED IN TWO OPERATIONS: QUANG TRI 63 AND DAN CHI 855.

ON 071608H DEC, PGM 610 IN CONJUNCTION WITH UNITS OF JUNK DIVISION 42, ENGAGED AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC WHO WERE FIRING FROM THE SHORE AT RACH VEN ON PHU QUOC ISLAND, KIEN GIANG PROVINCE. NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED. THE VNN UNITS RECAPTURED FOUR CIVILIAN BOATS WHICH HAD BEEN SEIZED BY THE VC. THE BOATS WERE RETURNED TO THEIR OWNERS.

E. (S) CIDG:

NORMAL PATROLLING IN I CTZ RESULTED IN ONLY ONE SIGNIFICANT PATROL CONTACT. A PATROL FROM KHE SANH (XD850375), 150 KM NW OF DA NANG MADE CONTACT WITH SMALL VC ELEMENTS ON FIVE SEPARATE OCCASIONS APPROXIMATELY 15 KM SOUTH OF THE CIDG CAMP.

ACTIVITY IN II CTZ INCREASED THIS WEEK WITH ALL VC CONTACTS BEING MADE IN PLEIKU PROVINCE FROM CAMPS PLEI MBONG (ZAL13675), 24 KM NNW OF PLEIKU, AND PLEI ME (ZEL45071), 45 KM SOUTH OF PLEIKU. ALTHOUGH PATROL ACTIVITY REMAINED HIGH THROUGHOUT THE CORPS, NO OTHER CONTACTS WERE MADE.

III CTZ CONTINUES TO MOUNT A LARGE NUMBER OF PATROLS AND AMBUSHES WITH ONLY SEVEN MINOR CONTACTS REPORTED. PCS DETACHMENT C-3 ARRIVED AT BIEN HOA FROM THE US ON 10 DECEMBER 1964. IT WILL ASSUME OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF III CTZ DETACHMENTS ON 15 DECEMBER 1964. AT THIS TIME DETACHMENT B-320 WILL MOVE

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TO TAY NINH TO CONTROL THE "A" DETACHMENTS LOCATED IN TAY NINH PROVINCE.

IV CTZ ACTIVITY CONTINUED AT A HIGH LEVEL WITH SIX OF THE EIGHT DETACHMENTS REPORTING ENEMY CONTACT. THE MAJORITY OF THE CONTACTS AGAIN OCCURRED IN CHAU DOC AND KIEN PHONG PROVINCES. PCS DETACHMENT 644, ARRIVED IN CAN THO ON 9 DECEMBER AND IS PREPARING TO ASSUME OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE DETACHMENTS DEPLOYED IN THE CTZ.

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT PSYOPS/CA ACTIVITY WAS A LEAFLET DROP IN THE MONTAGNARD AREAS OF II CTZ. THE THEME WAS IDENTIFICATION OF THE MONTAGNARDS WITH GVN. THIS WELL PRODUCED LEAFLET ANNOUNCED THE ATTENDANCE OF MONTAGNARD OFFICER CANDIDATES AT TUC DUC TRAINING CENTER.

F. (S) CHANGES IN FRIENDLY FORCES:

SUB BRIGADIER GENERAL DAN VAN QUANG, CG 21ST DIV, WAS PROMOTED TO BRIGADIER GENERAL EFFECTIVE 6 DEC 64.

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3. (C) ENEMY SITUATION

A. VC ACTIVITY

(1) GENERAL: ENEMY ACTIVITY INCREASED IN ALL BUT THE III CTZ WITH A SIGNIFICANT RISE IN THE NUMBER OF LARGE SCALE ATTACKS AND AMBUSHES AS COMPARED TO THE PAST FEW MONTHS. ON AT LEAST TWO OCCASIONS PARTICULAR EFFORT WAS DIRECTED TOWARD SEIZURE OF HEAVY WEAPONS AND ARTILLERY. DISTRICT CAPITALS AND GOVERNMENT TROOPS WERE ALSO FOCAL POINTS FOR VIET CONG ATTACKS TO AN UNUSUAL DEGREE. WHILE THESE ACTIONS PLUS THE HIGH RATE OF U.S. CASUALTIES LENT A SPECTACULAR TONE TO THE WEEKS EVENTS, THE NUMBER AND MAGNITUDE OF ATTACKS REMAINED BELOW THAT EXPERIENCED IN JULY. VC CASUALTIES AND WEAPON LOSSES INCREASED OVER THE PREVIOUS WEEK, LARGELY AS A RESULT OF RVNAF REACTION OPERATIONS. THE RISE IN OTHER CATEGORIES OF INCIDENTS WAS IN NO WAY COMMENSURATE WITH THE INCREASE IN ATTACKS AND AMBUSHES AND TOTAL VC ACTIVITY WAS BELOW THE WEEKLY AVERAGE FOR 1964. THE FAILURE OF THE VC TO INCREASE THEIR EFFORTS IN THE HOP TAC AREA AT A TIME OF GENERAL INTENSIFICATION APPEARS NOTEWORTHY AND MAY INDICATE EFFORTS TO DRAW RVNAF STRENGTH AWAY FROM THIS VITAL AREA. RAILROAD INCIDENTS REMAINED AT THE SAME LOW LEVEL AS LAST WEEK WITH ONLY ONE DERAILMENT REPORTED. ROAD SABOTAGE REMAINED AT A RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL WITH MAIN ROADS OPEN MOST OF THE TIME. A CONTINUED RISE IN BOTH INCIDENTS AND INTENSITY IS EXPECTED COUNTRY-WIDE DURING THE COMING WEEK. ACCORDING TO

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SEVERAL LOW LEVEL REPORTS THE ENEMY PLANS TO INTENSIFY ACTIVITY IN CELEBRATION OF THE 20 DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE NATIONAL FRONT LIBERATION SOUTH VIETNAM. THE EXPECTED POOR FLYING WEATHER IN THE NORTHERN PROVINCES MAY ENCOURAGE MORE LARGE SCALE DAYTIME VC OPERATIONS. ATTACKS AGAINST ARTILLERY AND MORTAR POSITIONS WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE AS THE VC ATTEMPT TO BACK THEIR ANTI-ARTILLERY PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN WITH OVERT ACTS. THE RECOVERY IN CHUONG THIEN OF THREE DIFFERENT TYPE 7.62 CALIBER SOVIET DESIGNED, CHICOM MANUFACTURED INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS NOT PREVIOUSLY CAPTURED IN THE VC INVENTORY SUGGESTS THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME MAIN FORCE UNITS ARE BEING ARMED WITH A FAMILY OF WEAPONS WHICH UTILIZE STANDARIZED AMMUNITION.

(2) I CORPS: WHILE THE VC INITIATED INCIDENT RATE INCREASED ONLY SLIGHTLY, THEIR INTENSITY INCREASED MATERIALLY WITH THREE ATTACKS, ONE OF BATTALION SIZE, AND ONE AMBUSH. ON 7 DEC THE VC ATTACKED A NORTHERN COASTAL VILLAGE IN QUANG TRI WHICH WAS MANNED BY ONE PF PLATOON. EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE PLATOON WERE KILLED, TEN WOUNDED, AND 13 WEAPONS WERE LOST. AN INCREASE IN SABOTAGE IN THUA THIEN, ALONG HIGHWAY ONE AND THE RAILROAD, MAY INDICATE THAT THE VC INTEND TO COMPLETELY SEVER THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM TO AND FROM THE NORTHERN PROVINCES. SABOTAGE OF BRIDGES ALSO INCREASED IN THIS PROVINCE. IN QUANG NAM, ON 8 DEC, THE VC HARASSED A DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL PORTION OF THE PROVINCE BY FIRING 81MM MORTAR ON

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THE HEADQUARTERS. NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED. THE VC AMBUSHED A PF PLATOON IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF QUANG NAM ON 10 DEC. THE PLATOON SUFFERED THREE KILLED, ONE WOUNDED, AND REPORTED TWO WEAPONS LOST. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY THIS WEEK IN I CTZ TOOK PLACE ON 9 DEC, AT 0340 HOURS, IN THE PROVINCE OF QUANG TIN, WHEN AN ESTIMATED VC BATTALION ATTACKED THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE THIRD REGIMENT AND A NEARBY 105MM ARTILLERY POSITION. THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS WAS LOCATED EIGHT KILOMETERS WEST OF HIGHWAY ONE IN THE CENTRAL PART OF THE PROVINCE. A REACTION FORCE OF ONE ARMORED CAVALRY TROOP WAS DISPATCHED TO LAN TOM KY. AS A RESULT OF THE VC ATTACK, 24 ARVN AND ONE U.S. ADVISOR, AN OFFICER WERE KILLED; 44 ARVN WERE WOUNDED; THREE 30 CAL MACHINE GUNS, 32 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS AND 2 RADIOS WERE LOST. TWO 105MM HOWITZERS, SIX TRUCKS AND ONE APC WERE DAMAGED. VC CONFIRMED LOSSES WERE 162 KILLED, TWO VC CAPTURED, ONE 50 CAL MACHINE GUN, 4 SOVIET MACHINE GUNS, 10 ROUNDS OF 81MM MORTAR AMMUNITION, 2 RADIOS AND 1 DAMAGED 57MM RECOILLESS RIFLE AND 39 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS RECOVERED. MOST OF THE VC CASUALTIES RESULTED FROM AIRSTRIKES USING NAPALM. THE VC ATTACKED THREE PF PLATOONS ON 6 DEC IN QUANG NGAI, RESULTING IN TWO PF WOUNDED AND TWO WEAPONS REPORTED LOST.

(3) II CORPS: THE INTENSITY OF VC ACTIVITY IN II CTZ INCREASED SHARPLY WITH THREE ATTACKS, ONE OF WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN TWO BATTALION SIZE, AND FOUR AMBUSHES. ALL OF THE ATTACKS TOOK

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PLACE IN BINH DINH PROVINCE, TWO TAKING PLACE ON 7 DEC, AND THE THIRD ON 10 DEC. ACTIVITY WAS HIGHEST IN THE COASTAL PROVINCES OF BINH DINH AND PHU YEN, BUT MARKED INCREASE IN ACTIVITY TOOK PLACE IN KHANH HOA, PARTICULARLY IN THE FORM OF TERRORISM. OF THE FOUR AMBUSHES IN THE II CTZ, THREE OCCURRED IN THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCE OF PLEIKU AND ONE IN PHU YEN. OTHER HIGHLAND PROVINCES WERE RELATIVELY FREE OF VC INCIDENTS. ROAD, RAIL AND BRIDGE SABOTAGE INCREASED ALONG THE MAJOR LINES OF COMMUNICATION IN THE COASTAL LOWLANDS. A MAJOR VC ACTION, PROBABLY INVOLVING TWO VC MAIN FORCE BATTALIONS PLUS LOCAL COMPANIES, TOOK PLACE IN BINH DINH PROVINCE. THE ACTION WAS INITIATED EARLY ON THE MORNING OF 7 DEC WHEN THE VC ATTACKED AND OVERRAN HILL 193, A 4.2 MORTAR POSITION NORTH OF THE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS AT AN LAO. THE COMPOUND CONTAINING THE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS WAS HARASSED FROM EARLY MORNING 7 DEC, TO THE MORNING OF THE FOLLOWING DAY, BUT ONLY SUFFERED ONE WOUNDED. A REACTION FORCE FROM THE 41ST REGT WAS DISPATCHED FROM PHU CAT. ONE BATTALION OF THE 41ST WAS HELICOPTER LANDED SOUTHEAST OF AN LAO ABOUT NOON ON 8 DEC WITH THE MISSION OF OCCUPYING AN LAO AND HILL 193. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT LOSS BY THE MORNING OF 9 DEC. ANOTHER BATTALION OF THE REGT PLUS AN ARMORED COMPANY WITH NINE M113'S PROCEEDED NORTH FROM BONG SON SOUTHEAST OF AN LAO. THE ARMORED COMPANY TRAVELING ON THE ROAD WAS AMBUSHED BY VC USING 57MM RECOILLESS RIFLES, AN 81MM MORTAR AND MINES. THREE APC WERE

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DISABLED; HOWEVER, THE REMAINING APC'S WERE ABLE TO WITHDRAW FROM THE AMBUSH SITE DUE TO SUPPORT FROM THE OTHER BATTALION WHICH WAS MOVING NORTH ALONG THE HIGH GROUND EAST OF THE ROAD. THE ACTION OF THIS BATTALION PROBABLY PREVENTED THE ENTIRE ARMORED COMPANY FROM BEING CUT OFF AND DESTROYED. VC FORCES OCCUPIED PREPARED POSITIONS ALONG THE AMBUSH AREA. THEY WERE SUPPORTED BY AN ESTIMATED THREE 50 CAL MACHINE GUNS, FOUR 60MM MORTARS AND TWO 81MM MORTARS, THE FORCE WAS ESTIMATED TO BE BATTALION SIZE. AIRSTRIKES SUPPORTED THE OPERATION WHEN THE GENERALLY POOR WEATHER PERMITTED. AND PROBABLY ACCOUNTED FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE ESTIMATED, BUT UNCONFIRMED, 100 VC CASUALTIES. INTERROGATION OF WOUNDED ARVN PERSONNEL AND CIVILIANS INDICATES THE PROBABLE PRESENCE OF TWO VC BATTALIONS, POSSIBLY UNDER THE CONTROL OF A TASK FORCE TYPE COMMAND ELEMENT AND COMPOSED OF UP TO 70% ETHNIC NORTH VIETNAMESE. LOSSES FOR THIS INCIDENT, WHILE NOT YET FULLY CONFIRMED OR COMPLETE, CONSIST OF 19 KILLED, INCLUDING TWO U.S., 50 WOUNDED, INCLUDING 15 CIVILIANS AND 20 MISSING. TWO 4.2 MORTARS PLUS SLIGHTLY LESS THAN 200 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION AND 140 GRENADES, AND 14 WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED WHEN THE VC OVERRAN HILL 193. THREE UH1B RECEIVED HITS, ONE BY 50 CAL MACHINE GUN ROUNDS. THREE APC WERE DESTROYED AFTER VC REMOVED THE 50 CAL AND 30 CAL MACHINE GUNS FROM THE VEHICLES. VC LOSSES CONSIST OF ONE 57MM RECOILLESS RIFLE AND A SHRAPNEL DAMAGED CASE FROM AN AN/GRC9

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RADIO, PLUS AN ESTIMATED 100 KILLED OR WOUNDED. ANOTHER INCIDENT IN BINH DINH TOOK PLACE ON 7 DEC WHEN A PF PLATOON WHICH WAS BIVOUACED IN A SEMINARY WAS ATTACKED. FIVE PF AND FIVE CIVILIANS WERE KILLED, 15 CIVILIANS WOUNDED AND THREE WEAPONS LOST. ANOTHER ATTACK IN BINH DINH OCCURRED ON 10 DEC AND INVOLVED A PF PLATOON. LOSSES WERE SIX KILLED, TWO PF AND TWO CIVILIANS WOUNDED. OF THE THREE AMBUSHES IN PLEIKU, TWO TOOK PLACE ON 6 DEC, THE THIRD ON 10 DEC. LOSSES FROM ALL AMBUSHES WERE SEVEN KILLED, FIVE WOUNDED AND EIGHT WEAPONS LOST. IN BINH TUY ON 6 DEC, A HAMLET MANNED BY 23 PF WAS FORCIBLY ENTERED; 13 PF AND THEIR WEAPONS WERE REPORTED MISSING. ALSO IN BINH TUY, ON 6 DEC, THE VC FIRED 60MM MORTAR ON THE HOAI DUC DISTRICT CAPITAL. DARLAC, A NORMALLY QUIET PROVINCE, REPORTED TWO INCIDENTS. THE FIRST, ON 7 DEC, INVOLVED THE SIMULTANEOUS HARASSMENT AND ENTERING OF TWO ADJACENT HAMLETS EACH MANNED BY A PF PLATOON RESULTING IN TEN PF AND 31 WEAPONS MISSING. THE SECOND INCIDENT, ON 9 DEC, ALSO INVOLVED HARASSMENT AND HAMLET ENTRY AND RESULTED IN ONE PF KILLED, TEN CAPTURED AND THE LOSS OF 13 WEAPONS. IN ADDITION TO ROAD, RAIL AND BRIDGE SABOTAGE, FOUR INCIDENTS IN PHU YEN PROVINCE TOOK PLACE ON 9 DEC. THE MINING OF AN ARMORED TRAIN RESULTED IN TWO CARS OVERTURNED, THREE DERAILED AND THE WOUNDING OF THREE ARVN SOLDIERS. VC FIRING ON 2 PF COMPANIES KILLED SIX AND WOUNDED AN ADDITIONAL SIX PF AND DAMAGED ONE M113. ONE U.S. SOLDIER WAS KILLED AND ONE ARVN SOLDIER WOUNDED WHEN THE VC FIRED ON TWO JEEPS. ALSO

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ON 9 DEC, THE VC AMBUSHED ONE RF COMPANY AND KILLED THREE OF ITS MEMBERS.

(4) III CORPS: TOTAL VC ACTIVITY IN THE III CTZ DECLINED FROM THAT OCCURRING DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK. THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN THE INTENSITY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE CTZ, BUT IN THE PROVINCES TO THE WEST AND NORTHWEST OF SAIGON, THE CONTINUED ABSENCE OF ATTACKS STOOD IN MARKED CONTRAST TO THE SITUATION IN THE OTHER CTZS. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE WEEK OCCURRED IN PHUOC TUY PROVINCE WHICH ADDS CREDENCE TO REPORTS THAT SOME MAIN FORCE ELEMENTS HAVE SHIFTED TO THIS COASTAL PROVINCE FROM WAR ZONES C AND D. ON THE NIGHT OF 7 DEC, AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC ATTACKED THE DAT DO DISTRICT CAPITAL GUARDED BY TWO PF PLATOONS. THREE PF WERE KILLED AND EIGHT WOUNDED; 14 VC WERE KILLED AND 3 WEAPONS RECOVERED. ON 9 DEC IN XUYEN MOC DISTRICT, A FORCE CONSISTING OF THE 4TH MARINE BN, THE 33RD RANGER BN AND THE 3/1ST ARMORED CAVALRY SQUADRON WERE AMBUSHED BY THE VC RESULTING IN 7 KILLED, 27 WOUNDED, AND 6 M113 BURNED AND DAMAGED. ONE VC WAS KILLED AND 100 WERE ALLEGEDLY CARRIED AWAY. ALSO IN PHUOC TUY, THE HARASSMENT OF BINH GIA NRL HAMLET ON 6 DECEMBER RESULTED IN TWO RF KILLED, ONE WOUNDED AND EIGHT MISSING. SECOND TO PHUOC TUY, BIEN HOA WAS THE MOST ACTIVE PROVINCE IN III CTZ. TWO POSTS WERE ATTACKED ON THE NIGHT OF 7 DEC WITH FRIENDLY LOSSES OF FIVE RF KILLED, SEVEN WOUNDED AND SIX MISSING. OTHER HARASSMENT

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OF GOVERNMENT TROOPS OCCURRED DURING THE WEEK. THERE WERE SMALL ATTACKS IN PHUOC LONG AND PHUOC THANH. THE VC PLACED MORTAR FIRE ON HAU NGHIA PROVINCE CAPITAL ON 9 DECEMBER KILLING ONE CIVILIAN AND WOUNDING ANOTHER. APART FROM THAT, HAU NGHIA, BINH DUONG, TAY NINH AND LONG AN WERE REMARKABLY QUIET. THERE WERE NO RAILROAD INCIDENTS REPORTED WITHIN III CTZ THIS WEEK, AND ROAD SABOTAGE DID NOT SIGNIFICANTLY DISRUPT TRAFFIC ON MAIN ROADS.

(5) CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT: NO SIGNIFICANT VC ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED.

(6) RUNG SAT SPECIAL AREA: NO SIGNIFICANT VC ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED.

(7) IV CORPS: THE TEMPO OF VC ACTIVITY INCREASED IN IV CTZ THIS WEEK WITH A MARKED RISE IN THE NUMBER OF ATTACKS AND AMBUSHES OF GOVERNMENT TROOPS. CHUONG THIEN PROVINCE WAS ONE FOCAL POINT, WHERE ELEMENTS OF AN ESTIMATED TWO MAIN FORCE BATTALIONS WERE INVOLVED IN SEVERAL ACTIONS. REPORTS OF A LARGE CONCENTRATION OF VC NEAR LONG MY DISTRICT CAPITAL LED THE PROVINCE CHIEF TO REINFORCE LONG MY FROM VI THANH. TWO 105MM HOWITZERS AND TWO PF COMPANIES MOVED TO LONG MY ON THE MORNING OF 11 DECEMBER WITHOUT INCIDENT. DURING THE AFTERNOON HOWEVER, THE ENEMY SPRUNG AN AMBUSH ON THE 3RD BATTALION OF THE 31ST REGIMENT AFTER THE LEADING COMPANY AND A PORTION OF THE SECOND HAD CLEARED THE AMBUSH AREA. FRIENDLY LOSSES WERE 26 KILLED

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INCLUDING A U.S. CAPTAIN, 35 WOUNDED AND ONE U.S. SERGEANT MISSING. STRAGGLERS ARE REDUCING THE INITIALLY REPORTED LARGE NUMBER OF ARVN MISSING. LATER IN THE AFTERNOON, DUC LONG DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS NEAR VI THANH WAS ATTACKED WITH THE LOSS OF ONE U.S. ADVISOR AND ONE RF KILLED AND A NUMBER WOUNDED. ALSO, DURING THE AFTERNOON, THE AMBUSH OF TWO RF COMPANIES SOUTH OF LONG MY LEAD TO AN AIRSTRIKE WHICH IS BELIEVED TO HAVE INFLECTED HEAVY BUT AS YET UNCONFIRMED LOSSES. TWO RF WERE KILLED AND SEVEN ARVN AND ONE RF WERE WOUNDED ON THE GROUND. ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE LED TO THE DAMAGE OF TWO UH1B AND WOUNDING OF TWO AMERICANS, AND TWO VNAF A1H HIT WITH ONE OF THEM SHOT DOWN. THERE WERE A SERIES OF POST HARASSMENTS AROUND LONG MY ON THE NIGHTS OF 11 AND 12 DECEMBER, INDICATING THAT A SUBSTANTIAL ENEMY FORCE WAS OPERATING THERE. THERE WERE TWO ATTACKS IN KIEN GIANG. SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT ON 8 DECEMBER THE VC ATTACKED THE BLOCKHOUSE COMMAND POST OF THE BATTALION PROVIDING SECURITY TO THE HA TIEN CEMENT PLANT. ABOUT 75 VC APPROACHED THE BLOCKHOUSE FROM SEAWARD BY SAMPANS, THUS AVOIDING THE BATTALION BIVOUACED SOME 500 YARDS INLAND. USING GRENADES THEY KILLED 12, INCLUDING THREE U.S. ADVISORS AND THE BATTALION COMMANDER AND WOUNDED SEVEN. TAN PHU POST WAS ATTACKED ON 6 DECEMBER WITH PF CASUALTIES OF SIX KILLED, FIVE WOUNDED AND TEN WEAPONS LOST. AN ATTACK ON AN ARVN BIVOUAC IN BA DUA DISTRICT TOWN IN DINH TUONG RESULTED IN 12 KILLED, 19 WOUNDED AND THE

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LOSS OF ONE 81MM MORTAR TUBE WHILE THE ENEMY LOST 15 KILLED, ONE MACHINE GUN AND SIX WEAPONS. IN KIEN HOA ON 6 DECEMBER, THE ENEMY FIRED ON DON NHOM DISTRICT CAPITAL AND ATTACKED A PF SQUAD GUARDING A NEARBY BRIDGE, KILLING TEN PF AND WOUNDING FOUR. MO CAY DISTRICT TOWN WAS ALSO HARASSED ON 6 DECEMBER. IN KIEN PHONG, A GOVERNMENT OFFICE GUARDED BY 30 PF WAS ATTACKED ON 7 DECEMBER WITH THE LOSS OF TEN PF KILLED, FOUR WOUNDED, 2 MISSING AND 26 WEAPONS. TWO POSTS WERE ATTACKED IN VINH BINH ON 11 DECEMBER AND ONE IN VINH LONG ON 6 DECEMBER. NAM CAN DISTRICT TOWN IN AN XUYEN RECEIVED HARASSING FIRE ON 9 DECEMBER. A SPECTACULAR INCIDENT OCCURRED ON PHUOC QUOC ISLAND ON 10 DECEMBER WHEN THE VC PLACED MORTAR FIRE ON DOUNG DONG TOWN AND THE ADJACENT AIRFIELD DURING A VISIT BY GENERAL KHANH, THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR, ADMIRAL CANG, MARINE GENERAL KHANG, AND THE IV CORPS COMMANDER. THE VIPS WERE EVACUATED BY SEA TO THE JUNK FORCE BASE AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE ISLAND AND SUBSEQUENTLY PROCEEDED TO RACH GIA ON THE MAINLAND VIA NAVY PCE AND JUNK. THROUGHOUT THE IV CTZ, THERE WAS WIDESPREAD HARASSMENT OF POSTS AND BIVOUAC AREAS AND MINING OF ARVN VEHICLES. ONLY GO CONG, KIEN TUONG, AN GIANG AND PHONG DINH PROVINCES WERE RELATIVELY QUIET. ROAD SABOTAGE WAS AT A RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL.

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### B. (C) OTHER INTELLIGENCE REPORTS:

(1) COUNTERINTELLIGENCE: DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD TWO REPORTS OF EXPLOSIONS OF COUNTERINTELLIGENCE INTEREST WERE RECEIVED. ON 5 DECEMBER 1964, TWO U.S. OFFICERS RECEIVED MINOR WOUNDS WHEN A HAND GRENADE WAS THROWN BY AN UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL NEAR THE U.S. ADVISORY HEADQUARTERS IN TRA VINH, 60 MILES SOUTHEAST OF SAIGON. NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE. ON THE EVENING OF 12 DEC, AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED IN A BAR IN SAIGON. THE EXPLOSIVE, BELIEVED TO BE A PLASTIC SHAPED CHARGE OF APPROXIMATELY 15 POUNDS, WAS PLACED ON THE FLOOR OF A CONNECTING WALKWAY TO ROOMS DIRECTLY ABOVE THE BAR. ONE U.S. ARMY ENLISTED MAN AND APPROXIMATELY 15 VIETNAMESE WERE INJURED.

(2) MONTAGNARD SITUATION: A NUMBER OF REPORTS WERE RECEIVED CONCERNING A POSSIBLE MONTAGNARD DEMONSTRATION OR REVOLT BETWEEN 15 AND 25 DEC. THE REPORTS ARE AS YET UNSUBSTANTIATED BUT ARE INDICATIVE OF CONTINUED UNREST IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS. BAN ME THUOT IS CONSISTENTLY MENTIONED AS THE FOCAL POINT FOR THE REPORTED ACTIVITY.

(3) CAMBODIAN BORDER: NO INCIDENTS ALONG THE CAMBODIAN BORDER WERE REPORTED THIS WEEK.

(4) INFILTRATION: FINAL INTERROGATION OF HUYNH VAN TAY (LISTED AS SOURCE #140 IN USMACV INFILTRATION STUDY (USMACVIS), DATED 31 OCT 64) INDICATES THAT THE PERSONNEL STRENGTH OF INFILTRATION GROUP H-39 (PAR 165, SEC 3, USMACVIS),

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WAS 120 MEN RATHER THAN 75 AS INDICATED IN THE STUDY. VAN LOC NUA (LISTED AS SOURCE #111 IN USMACVIS) SHOULD BE ADDED AS THE CONFIRMING SOURCE CONCERNING GROUP H-39. NUA CONFESSED TO NIC INTERROGATORS THAT HE HAD LIED DURING PREVIOUS INTERROGATIONS ABOUT INFILTRATING WITH GROUP H-66 (PAR 189, SEC 3, USMACVIS). HE ACTUALLY INFILTRATED WITH GROUP H-39, WHICH, HE STATES, WAS ALSO KNOWN AS GROUP 407. NUA'S OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING GROUP H-66 REMAINS UNCHANGED.

(5) ORDER OF BATTLE:

(A) RECENT VC CAPTIVE REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS

INDICATE THAT MACV'S PREVIOUS ESTIMATE OF VC STRENGTH REQUIRES ADJUSTMENT. BASED ON THESE REPORTS, THE FOLLOWING CHANGES ARE NOTED:

1 THE NAM HAI BATTALION, ALSO KNOWN UNDER OTHER DESIGNATIONS AS THE X80TH BN, THE 701ST BN, THE 310TH NAM HAI BN, AND THE SOUTH OCEAN BN, IS CONFIRMED AS SUBORDINATE TO THE 1ST VC REGIMENT, MILITARY REGION 5. ITS OPERATIONAL AREA INCLUDES SOUTHWEST QUANG TIN, NORTHEAST KONTUM AND NORTHWEST QUANG NGAI PROVINCES. THE BATTALION'S 575 MEN ARE ASSIGNED TO FOUR RIFLE AND ONE WEAPONS COMPANIES. THE MAJORITY OF UNIT PERSONNEL CONSIST OF NATIVE NORTH VIETNAMESE FROM MILITARY REGIONS 3 AND 4, WHO INFILTRATED BETWEEN MARCH AND MAY 1964. CADRE WAS ACQUIRED FROM THE 80TH BATTALION, FORMERLY SUBORDINATE TO THE 2ND REGIMENT, UPON ITS DEACTIVATION IN EARLY 1964.

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2 THE PREVIOUSLY CARRIED 80TH BATTALION IS DELETED FROM MACV OB. UPON DEACTIVATION IN EARLY 1964, THE COMPANIES OF THE BATTALION WERE DIVIDED BETWEEN THE NAM HAI AND 310TH (QUANG NGAI PROVINCIAL) BATTALIONS AND ITS HEADQUARTERS WAS INTEGRATED WITH THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE 2ND REGIMENT.

3 THE 108TH BATTALION (J.108), SUBORDINATE TO THE 58TH REGIMENT, COSVN, WAS CONFIRMED WITH A STRENGTH OF 400 AND A COMPOSITION TO INCLUDE A HEADQUARTERS COMPANY AND THREE RIFLE COMPANIES. ITS OPERATIONAL AREA INCLUDES BINH DUONG AND PHUOC THANH PROVINCES (MILITARY REGION 7). THE BATTALION WAS ACTIVATED IN THE MIDDLE OF 1963.

4 THE 327TH BATTALION, WITH AN ESTIMATED STRENGTH OF 340 MEN, IS DELETED. THE MAJORITY OF ITS PERSONNEL WERE USED TO FORM THE 108TH BATTALION.

(B) MACV ESTIMATE OF VIET CONG STRENGTH IN CONFIRMED UNITS IS:

- 1 REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS: 5
- 2 ALL BATTALIONS: 47
- 3 SEPARATE COMPANIES: 134
- 4 SEPARATE PLATOONS: 27
- 5 PERSONNEL STRENGTH: 32,000

(6) TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE: ACQUISITION OF WEAPONS LOST BY THE VC DURING THE 11 DEC ACTIONS IN CHUONG THIEN INDICATES A NEW FAMILY OF SOVIET DESIGNED, CHICOM MANUFACTURED

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INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS ALL UTILIZING THE SAME AMMUNITION MAY HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED INTO THE VC INVENTORY. ARMS RECOVERED AND NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO MACV INCLUDED:

- (A) A CHINESE 7.62 TYPE 56 (AK) ASSAULT RIFLE
- (B) A CHINESE 7.62 DEGTYARER (RPD) LIGHT MACHINE

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- (C) A CHINESE (SKS TYPE) 7.62 SEMI-AUTOMATIC

CARBINE

THESE WEAPONS ALL UTILIZE THE SOVIET DESIGNED M1943 7.62 INTERMEDIATE CARTRIDGE WHICH IS PRODUCED IN BALL, TRACER, INCENDIARY TRACER, ARMOR-PIERCING, AND BLANK VERSIONS BY BOTH THE SOVIETS AND CHICOMS.

THE PROVISION OF THESE WEAPONS TO MAIN FORCE UNITS WOULD, IF EXTENSIVE, REPRESENT A HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN VC WEAPON AND AMMUNITION STANDARDIZATION.

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4. (C) SUMMARY OF ARVN AND VC PERSONNEL AND WEAPONS LOSSES  
(STATISTICS IN ANNEX E).

A. (C) ARVN CASUALTIES TOTAL 984, KIA 262, WIA 547,  
MIA/CPTR 175 FOR THE WEEK. THIS IS AN INCREASE FROM THE  
PREVIOUS WEEK'S TOTAL OF 664 CASUALTIES. A TOTAL OF 408  
WEAPONS WAS REPORTED LOST, AN INCREASE FROM THE 237 REPORTED  
AS LOST LAST WEEK.

B. (C) THE VC SUFFERED 625 KNOWN CASUALTIES (518 KIA AND  
107 CAPTURED) DURING THE WEEK. THIS WAS AN INCREASE IN COMPARISON  
TO LAST WEEK'S 511 (405 KIA AND 106 CAPTURED). GOVERNMENT FORCES  
CAPTURED 233 INDIVIDUAL AND 18 CREW SERVED WEAPONS. LAST WEEK'S  
TOTAL WAS 112 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS.

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### 5. (C) SUPPORTING PROGRAMS

#### A. (C) PSYWAR/CIVIC ACTION:

THE 9TH QUARTERLY PSYWAR/CA CONFERENCE WAS SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTED ON 7 AND 8 DECEMBER. THIS CONFERENCE WAS ATTENDED BY CORPS, DIVISION, AND SECTOR PSYWAR/CA ADVISORS WITH USIS FIELD REPRESENTATIVES. OBSERVERS WERE ALSO PRESENT FROM THE US ARMY SPECIAL WARFARE SCHOOL AND US ARMY BROADCASTING AND VISUAL ACTIVITY, PACIFIC. SPEAKERS INCLUDED MAJ GEN STILLWELL, CHIEF OF STAFF, USMACV; MAJ GEN XUAN, RVNAF DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR MILITARY POLITICAL WARFARE; AND OFFICIALS FROM USIS, USCM, USSF (V), AND THE PHILIPPINE PSYWAR/CA CONTINGENT. THE CONFERENCE WAS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE THE 53 PSYWAR/CA ADVISORS WHO ARRIVED IN OCTOBER WITH MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON POLICY PROCEDURES AND PROBLEM AREAS. THE ADVISORS BELIEVE THEY CAN NOW MAKE A MORE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS PROGRAM THROUGHOUT VIETNAM.

THE PSYWAR DIRECTORATE RECENTLY STARTED A PARTICULARLY SUCCESSFUL RADIO PROGRAM, THE "DA LAN" (SWEET SISTER) SHOW. THIS SHOW USES A WARM, FRIENDLY, FEMALE PERSONALITY WHO TALKS TO THE FRONT LINE SOLDIER, READS HIM THE NEWS, PLAYS MUSIC, PRAISES HIM FOR HIS VICTORIES OVER THE VC, AND GENERALLY PROVIDES A BOOST TO MORALE. IN THE FEW WEEKS SINCE THE PROGRAM STARTED OVER ONE THOUSAND APPRECIATIVE LETTERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES. BY ANALYSIS OF THIS MAIL THE PSYWAR DIRECTOR PLANS TO IMPROVE THE SHOW AND MAXIMIZE ITS VALUE.

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IN I CTZ THE CULTURAL PLATOON OF THE 3D PSYWAR BATTALION GAVE BENEFIT PERFORMANCES IN QUANG TRI AND HUE TO RAISE MONEY FOR FLOOD RELIEF. THEY HAVE COLLECTED 122,000 \$VN TO DATE.

THE 1ST DIVISION IS MAKING A MAJOR PSYWAR EFFORT TO EXPLOIT THE VICTORY ACHIEVED IN OPERATION LAM SON 136 CONDUCTED BETWEEN 27 NOV AND 5 DEC. THE DIVISION COMMANDER AND OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENTED DECORATIONS AND CONGRATULATED THE TROOPS. IN HUE AN EXPOSITION WAS OPENED WHERE WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT CAPTURED IN THE OPERATION WERE DISPLAYED. LEAFLETS ARE BEING USED TO PUBLICIZE THE VICTORY THROUGHOUT THE CTZ.

IN QUANG TIN THE VC ARE CLAIMING THAT FLOOD RELIEF SUPPLIES ARE ACTUALLY COMING FROM NORTH VIETNAM. TO ENSURE THAT THE POPULACE IS NOT MISLEAD, A PUBLICITY PROGRAM TO EXPLOIT GVN RELIEF ACTIVITIES IS BEING ACCELERATED.

IN HAU NGHIA PROVINCE FIVE CHIEU HOI RETURNEES WHO RETURNED TO GOVERNMENT CONTROL ARE BEING USED TO MAKE LOUDSPEAKER TAPES AND LEAFLETS WHICH APPEAL TO THEIR FRIENDS TO JOIN THEM.

MEDICAL CIVIC ACTION CONTINUES TO BE A MOST POPULAR AND SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM. THE MEDICAL PERSONNEL OF THE 34TH RANGER BATTALION IN BINH LONG HAVE RECENTLY STARTED TO TREAT CIVILIANS. THIS IS THE FIRST PRACTICAL CIVIC ACTION OF ANY TYPE IN WHICH THIS UNIT HAS PARTICIPATED IN MONTHS.

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IN THE 9TH DIVISION FIVE CHIEU HOI RETURNERS ARE BEING ORGANIZED INTO A PSYWAR GROUP TO GO INTO THE HAMLETS AND TELL PEOPLE THE TRUTH ABOUT THE VC. THIS SHOULD ENCOURAGE OTHER VC TO COME IN THROUGH FAMILY CONTACTS AND PRESSURES.

B. (C) HERBICIDE OPERATIONS:

(1) DEFOLIATION OPERATIONS USING C-123 AIRCRAFT WERE CONTINUED IN GO CONG PROVINCE ON 9 DECEMBER 1964. TWO SORTIES TOTALING 10 KM WERE FLOWN WITHOUT INCIDENT ALONG THE MANGROVE AREA ADJACENT TO THE GUA SOI RAP RIVER BETWEEN COORDINATES XS905582 AND XS943528.

(2) DEFOLIATION OPERATIONS BY C-123 AIRCRAFT WERE CONTINUED IN PHUOC TUY AND BINH TUY PROVINCES ON 10 DECEMBER 1964. TWO SORTIES TOTALING 10 KM WERE FLOWN ALONG INTER-PROVINCIAL ROAD NO 23 BETWEEN COORDINATES YS753673 AND YS850730. TWO HITS FROM SMALL ARMS GROUND FIRE WERE SUSTAINED BY THE TWO AIRCRAFT.

G. (C) COMMUNICATIONS: ON 9 DECEMBER 1964, PHUOC BIEN SPECIAL ZONE HEADQUARTERS MOVED FROM BIEN HOA TO LONG THAN WITH ITS MACV ADVISORY TEAM. ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO PROVIDE INITIAL HIGH FREQUENCY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS FROM PHUOC BIEN SPECIAL ZONE HEADQUARTERS TO III CORPS HEADQUARTERS. THE PLAN IS TO PROVIDE A MULTI CHANNEL SYSTEM FROM III CORPS TO LONG THAN FOR MACV ADVISORS.

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D. (C) MANPOWER: ESTIMATED STRENGTH FOR 30 NOVEMBER 1964 AND INCREASES FROM 15 NOVEMBER ARE AS FOLLOWS: REGULAR FORCE - 236,500 (UP 5251); REGIONAL FORCE - 93,500 (UP 908); POPULAR FORCE - 169,000 (UP 563); COASTAL FORCE 3,447 (NO CHANGE); NATIONAL POLICE - 28,063 (NO CHANGE); CIDG - 21,049 (NO CHANGE). DURING THE PERIOD 6-12 DECEMBER 1964, 701 VOLUNTEERS AND 975 CONSCRIPTS WERE INDUCTED INTO THE REGULAR FORCE.

E. (C) CHIEU HOI: DURING THE PERIOD 513 PERSONS RETURNED TO GVN CONTROL. THEY INCLUDED 67 MILITARY, 22 POLITICAL CADRE, 5 DRAFT DODGERS AND DESERTERS AND 419 CIVILIAN REFUGEES. THE RETURNEES BROUGHT IN 10 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS AND 24 GRENADES.

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ANNEX A (C) (SUMMARY OF GROUND OPERATIONS)

1. (C) BATTALION SIZE AND LARGER (THREE LINE COMPANIES EQUIVALENT OR MORE). READ IN EIGHT COLUMNS; AS TITLED/I/II/III/IV CORPS/CMD/RUNG SAT SP AREA/TOTAL.

(A) SEARCH AND DESTROY	/18/7 /24/19/1/1/70
(B) CLEARING	/0/1/1/0/0/0/2
(C) SECURING	/0/0/2/5/0/0/7
(D) RECONNAISSANCE	/0/0/0/1/0/0/1
(E) GUARD AND ESCORT	/0/0/1/2/0/0/3
(F) TOTAL	/18/8/28/27/1/1/83

2. (C) BATTALION SIZE AND LARGER WITH VC CONTACT: READ IN EIGHT COLUMNS; AS TITLED/I/II/III/IV CORPS/CMD/RUNG SAT SP AREA/TOTAL.

(A) SEARCH AND DESTROY	/11/5/11/9/1/0/37
(B) CLEARING	/0/1/1/0/0/0/2
(C) SECURING	/0/0/1/0/0/0/1
(D) RECONNAISSANCE	/0/0/0/0/0/0/0
(E) GUARD AND ESCORT	/0/0/1/1/0/0/2
(F) TOTAL	/11/6/14/10/1/0/42

3. (C) BATTALION DAYS OF OPERATIONS (TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS EMPLOYED IN OP - UNITS EQUATED TO BN BASE OF 3 RIFLE CO EQUIVALENT) READ IN EIGHT COLUMNS; AS TITLED/I/II/III/IV CORPS/CMD/RUNG SAT SP AREA/TOTAL.

(A) SEARCH AND DESTROY /53/68/72/75/16/1/285

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(B) CLEARING /0/33/8/0/0/0/41  
(C) SECURING /0/0/56/77/0/0/133  
(D) RECONNAISSANCE /0/0/0/1/0/0/1  
(E) GUARD AND ESCORT /0/0/1/3/0/0/4  
(F) TOTAL /55/101/137/156/16/1/464

4. (C) BATTALION OPERATIONS INITIATED PRIOR TO DAYLIGHT:  
I/12, II/5, III/14, IV/5, CMD/0, RUNG SAT SP AREA/1, TOTAL/37.

5. (C) BATTALION NIGHTS IN FIELD DURING COURSE OF OPERATIONS:  
I/35, II/94, III/96, IV/122, CMD/16, RUNG SAT SP AREA/0, TOTAL/363.

6. SMALL UNIT ACTIONS (LESS THAN 3 RIFLE CO EQUIVALENT), READ  
IN EIGHT COLUMNS; AS TITLED/I/II/III/IV CORPS/CMD/RUNG SAT SP AREA/  
TOTAL.

(A) WITH DAY CONTACT /23/15/9/11/2/1/62  
(B) WITH NIGHT CONTACT /7/1/2/13/3/0/26  
(C) WITHOUT CONTACT /1565/3233/3616/4735/690/13/13,852  
(D) TOTAL /1595/3250/3627/4759/695/14/13,940

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ANNEX B (S)

AIR OPERATIONS

TABLE I. AIR OPERATIONS MUNITIONS EXPENDITURES

READ IN FIVE COLUMNS/TYPE MUNITION/USAF/VNAF/USA/USMC

750 GP/12/11/0/0

500 GP/239/108/0/0

250 GP/72/305/0/0

100 GP/134/1388/0/0

260 FR/116/142/0/0

220 FR/20/0/0/0

120 FR/603/0/0/0

100 WP/329/16/0/0

INCENDIJEL/264/64/0/0

ROCKET/0/42/4,593/0

20 MM/23,250/45,000/0/0

50 CAL/0/0/0/0

7.62 MM/0/0/703,920/0

TABLE II. AIR OPERATIONS CLAIMS

READ IN FIVE COLUMNS/TYPE TARGET/USAF/VNAF/USA/USMC

VC PERSONNEL /80/35/334/0

STRUCTURES DESTROYED /184/77/136/0

STRUCTURES DAMAGED /50/30/0/0

SAMPANS DESTROYED /2/10/17/0

SAMPANS DAMAGED /5/1/0/0

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TABLE III. AIR SUPPORT TO NEW LIFE HAMLETS AND OUTPOST

READ IN SIX COLUMNS/CORPS/PROVINCE/ATTACKS/FLARESHIPS/  
FLARES/FIGHTERS.

III/BIEN HOA/2/2/121/2  
III/PHUOC THAN/2/3/39/0  
III/PHUOC TUY/3/4/197/6  
III/LONG KHANH/1/3/169/0  
IV/KIEN GIANG/3/5/172/0  
IV/VINH BINH/2/2/254/2  
IV/DINH TUONG/1/1/42/4  
IV/CHUONG TIEN/3/3/218/3  
IV/VINH LONG/2/2/130/0

TABLE IV. AIRCRAFT INCIDENTS

READ IN SIX COLUMNS/DATE/TIME AIRCRAFT/CORPS/CORPS/MSN/  
REMARKS.

USAF: 09 DEC/C-123/YS701682/III/DPL/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.  
09 DEC/C-123/YS701681/III/DPL/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.  
09 DEC/C-123/YS701680/III/DPL/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.  
11 DEC/A-1E/WR100000/IV/DA/1 HIT, NO INJURIES  
11 DEC/A-1E/WR100000/IV/DA/1 HIT, NO INJURIES  
11 DEC/A-1E/WR100000/IV/DA/1 HIT, NO INJURIES  
11 DEC/A-1E/WR100000/IV/DA/1 HIT, NO INJURIES  
11 DEC/C-123/PLEIKU AB/II/NA/MINOR DAMAGE FROM VNAF

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11 DEC/C-123/PLEIKU AB/II/NA/MINOR DAMAGE FROM VNAF

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VNAF: 11 DEC/A-1H/WR640660/IV/CA/AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN  
BY GROUND FIRE, PILOT PARACHUTED, PICKED UP BY HELICOPTER.

11 DEC/A-1H/PLEIKU AB/II/NA/AIRCRAFT CRASHED ON  
TAKEOFF, AIRCRAFT DESTROYED, PILOT KILLED.

11 DEC/A-1H/PLEIKU AB/II/NA/AIRCRAFT STRUCK BY  
CRASHED AIRCRAFT WHILE PARKED. AIRCRAFT TOTALLY DESTROYED. NO  
INJURY.

RAAF: 07 DEC/CV-2B/BT350295/I CORPS/AIR/1 HIT, NO INJURIES

USA: 06 DEC/UH-1B/YS529771/III/VR/1 HIT, NO INJURIES

07 DEC/UH-1B/BS764120/II/TAE/10 HITS, NO INJURIES

07 DEC/UH-1B/BT185515/I/EA/1 HIT, NO INJURIES

07 DEC/UH-1B/BT185515/I/EA/2 HITS, NO INJURIES

07 DEC/UH-1B/BT185515/I/EA/1 HIT, NO INJURIES

07 DEC/UH-1B/AT930700/I/EA/1 HIT, NO INJURIES

07 DEC/UH-1B/AT930700/I/EA/1 HIT, NO INJURIES

08 DEC/UH-1B/XS465525/IV/VR/1 HIT, NO INJURIES

08 DEC/UH-1B/XT884214/III/VR/1 HIT, NO INJURIES

08 DEC/UH-1B/BR786970/II/EA/1 HIT, NO INJURIES

08 DEC/UH-1B/BR786970/II/EA/1 HIT, 1 US KIA

09 DEC/UH-1B/XR815865/IV/CSL/1 HIT, NO INJURIES

09 DEC/UH-1B/YS403651/III/VR/2 HITS, NO INJURIES

09 DEC/UH-1B/YS417724/III/SF/1 HIT, NO INJURIES

09 DEC/JOV-1/VS6838/IV/VR/1 HIT, NO INJURIES

10 DEC/UH-1B/YT510810/III/VR/3 HITS, 3 US WIA

11 DEC/UH-1B/CRO30395/II/TAE/1 HIT, NO INJURIES

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11 DEC/UH-1B/HR150210/II/SF/1 HIT, NO INJURIES  
11 DEC/UH-1B/XR397725/IV/VR/1 HIT, NO INJURIES  
11 DEC/UH-1B/XR397725/IV/SF/1 HIT, NO INJURIES  
11 DEC/UH-1B/WR305506/IV/VR/1 HITS, 3 US WIA  
11 DEC/UH-1B/WR305506/IV/VR/2 HITS, NO INJURIES  
11 DEC/UH-1B/WR305506/IV/VR/3 HITS, NO INJURIES  
11 DEC/UH-1B/WR305506/IV/SAR/2 HITS, NO INJURIES  
11 DEC/UH-1B/WR305506/IV/SAR/1 HIT, NO INJURIES  
12 DEC/UH-1B/XS110154/IV/EA/1 HIT, NO INJURIES  
12 DEC/UH-1B/WR305506/IV/EA/1 HIT, NO INJURIES  
12 DEC/UH-1B/XS198235/IV/EA/1 HIT, 2 MINOR INJURIES  
USMC: 10 DEC/UH-34D/UNK/1/ALR/1 HIT, NO INJURIES

## TABLE V. AIRCRAFT STATUS

READ IN SIX COLUMNS/SERVICE/TYPE AIRC/ANTH/ASSIGN/AVAIL/

### REMARKS

USAF/T-28/C/0/0

USAF/C-119/22/03/21

USAF/U-101/4/3/3

USAF/C-119/75/77/60

USAF/C-47/7/7/6

USAF/C-54/4/4/2

USAF/A-1E/50/27/21

USAF/B-57/0/0/9

USAF/RB-57/0/0/1

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USAF/RF-101/0/0/12

USAF/HU-16B/0/0/2

USAF/U-3B/2/2/2

USAF/H-43F/0/0/6

USAF/F-100/0/0/12

USAF/F-102/0/0/10

VNAF/A-1H/100/93/72

VNAF/T-28B/4/4/4

VNAF/O-1A/71/38/32

VNAF/O-47D/48/31/26

VNAF/RC-47D/3/3/1

VNAF/UH-19B/17/15/16

VNAF/RT-28/9/9/9

VNAF/EC-47D/1/1/1

VNAF/U-17A/25/25/24

VNAF/U-6A/9/8/8

VNAF/H-34/80/60/57

USA/UH-1B/251/253/220

USA/GV-2B/32/32/26

USA/JOV-1/6/6/4

USA/O-1F/53/49/42

USA/U-1A/27/26/20

USA/CH-37/9/9/4

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USMC/UH-34D/27/27/23

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USMC/C-117/1/1/1

TABLE VI. SUMMARY OF TASKS, SORTIES, TONS/CARGO, PASSENGERS  
AND TOTAL FLYING HOURS

VNAF: 9-AA, 159-AE, 3-ABA, 5-ABR, 80-AC, 80-ALA, 29-AIR,  
10-AR, 78-CA, 11-COB, 276-CSL, 5-DF, 20-EA, 47-EC, 6-EH, 2-ES,  
10-ET, 56-FAC, 18-FL, 157-ID, 20-PR, 4-PSW, 5-RR, 1-SAR, 23-VR,  
47-M, 43-A, 394-T, 1598 TASKS, 1518 SORTIES, 47.7 TONS/CARGO,  
2044 PASSENGERS, TOTAL FLYING HOURS: 2080.0.

USAF: 13-AA, 3-AE, 2-ABA, 7-AER, 20-AC, 10-ALA, 682-AIR,  
1-AR, 1-ART, 33-CA, 11-COB, 95-CSL, 6-DFL, 7-DFS, 12-EA, 8-EC  
12-EH, 4-ET, 51-FAC, 9-FL, 150-ID, 134-PR, 17-PSW, 9-SAR,  
217-VR, 23-M, 41-A, 202-T, 1780 TASKS, 1614 SORTIES, 1236.5  
TON/CARGO, 5935 PASSENGERS, TOTAL FLYING HOURS: 2162.3.

USA:

FIXED WING: 1-AE, 6-ACA, 1-ACP, 634-AIR, 43-ART, 17-COB,  
481-CSL, 148-CL, 21-EA, 8-PR, 2-PSW, 288-RR, 12-SF, 461-VR, 2123 TASKS,  
2605 SORTIES, 5455 PASSENGERS, 348.5 TONS/CARGO, TOTAL FLYING  
HOURS: 2099.8

ROTARY WING: 13-AE, 19-ACA, 12-ACP, 2-ABR, 373-ALA,  
110-AIR, 43-COB, 1355-CSL, 193-CL, 595-EA, 7-FL, 4-PR, 33-PSW,  
151-RR, 9-SAR, 601-SF, 9-TAR, 85-TAE, 583-VR, 4197 TASKS,  
8998 SORTIES, 16082 PASSENGERS, 133.3 TONS/CARGO, TOTAL FLYING  
HOURS: 4398.5.

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USMC:

FIXED WING: 16-PR, 8-SAR, 24-VR, 43 TASKS, 50  
SORTIES, 0- PASSENGERS, 0-TONS/CARGO, TOTAL FLYING HOURS:  
78.4.

ROTARY WING: 2-ACA, 65-ALA, 58-AIR, 2-CSL, 4-CL,  
29-EA, 2-SAR, 24-TAE, 196 TASKS, 710 SORTIES, 1641 PASSENGERS,  
62.2 TONS/CARGO, TOTAL FLYING HOURS: 321.8.

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## ANNEX C (C) (VNN OPERATIONS DATA)

	<u>SEA FORCE</u>	<u>RIVER FORCE</u>	<u>COASTAL FORCE</u>	<u>CF 1CD</u>	<u>CF 2CD</u>	<u>CF 3CD</u>	<u>CF LCD</u>
TABLE I UTILIZATION (DAILY AVERAGE)							
TOTAL ASN	44	159	552	130	206	73	143
TOTAL AVL (AVG)	32	123	358	81	126	55	96
TOTAL EMP (AVG)	21	93	210	47	64	23	76

### TABLE II EMPLOYMENT (DAILY AVERAGE)

CBT SPT	1	17	0	0	0	0	0
SEA PTL	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
RIV PTL	1	37	0	0	0	0	0
OSTL SURV	4	0	210	47	64	23	76
CONVOY SCTY	0	10	0	0	0	0	0
PROV SPT	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
STAT DEF	0	19	0	0	0	0	0
LOG SPT	6	3	0	0	0	0	0
TNG	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	3	2	0	0	0	0	0

### TABLE III SURVEILLANCE RESULTS

JUNKS SEARCHED	2	82	1001	491	1010	252	248
PERSONS SEARCHED	6	234	8305	2737	3322	1185	1061

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JUNKS DETAINED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PERSONS DETAINED	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
CONFIRMED VC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

TABLE IV LOGISTICS (TOTALS)

RICE(TONS)	570
POL(TONS)	500
AMMO(TONS)	890
VEHICLES (NR)	108
PEOPLE (NR)	1406
GENERAL CARGO TONS	337

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ANNEX D - (C) - VC INCIDENTS

(READ IN 8 COLUMNS: CORPS/PROVINCE/ATTACKS/TERRORISM/SABOTAGE/  
PROPAGANDA/AA FIRE/TOTAL)

<u>I/TOTAL/4/44/8/1/10/67</u>	II/NINH THUAN/0/4/0/0/0/4
<u>I/1 DIV/1/21/3/0/3/28</u>	II/BL SZ/0/10/2/7/0/19
I/QUANG TRI/1/10/0/0/3/14	II/LAM DONG/0/1/1/1/0/3
I/THUA THIEN/0/11/3/0/0/14	II/BINH THUAN/0/4/1/5/0/10
<u>I/2 DIV/3/23/5/1/7/39</u>	II/BINH TUY/0/5/0/1/0/6
I/QUANG NAM/2/12/0/1/6/21	<u>III/TOTAL/4/67/12/2/25/110</u>
I/QUANG TIN/0/3/0/0/1/4	II/PBT SZ/2/9/0/2/6/19
I/QUANG NGAI/1/8/5/0/0/14	III/BINH LONG/0/3/0/0/0/3
<u>II/TOTAL/8/69/14/12/4/107</u>	III/PHUOC LONG/1/3/0/1/1/6
<u>II/22 DIV/7/28/2/1/1/39</u>	III/PHUOC THANH/1/3/0/1/5/10
II/BINH DINH/4/26/2/0/1/33	III/PB SZ/2/17/4/0/9/32
II/PHU BON/0/0/0/0/0/0	III/LONG KHANH/0/3/0/0/0/3
II/PLEIKU/3/2/0/1/0/6	III/BINH HOA/1/8/1/0/1/11
II/KONTUM/0/0/0/0/0/0	III/PHUOC TUY/1/6/3/0/8/18
<u>II/23 DIV/1/31/10/4/3/49</u>	III/25 DIV/0/16/4/0/5/25
II/QUANG DUC/0/5/1/0/0/6	III/LONG AN/0/13/2/0/1/16
II/DARLAC/0/4/0/0/1/5	III/HAU NGHIA/0/3/2/0/4/9
II/PHU YEN/1/10/9/2/0/22	<u>III/5 DIV/0/25/4/0/5/34</u>
II/KHANH HOA/0/7/0/2/2/11	III/TAY NINH/0/10/3/0/1/14
II/TUYEN DUC/0/1/0/0/0/1	III/BINH DUONG/0/15/1/0/4/20

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<u>IV/TOTAL/12/177/22/3/12/226</u>	IV/VINH LONG/2/11/1/0/0/14
IV/7 DIV/2/64/10/0/1/77	IV/21 DIV/5/61/7/2/8/83
IV/DINH TUONG/0/15/4/0/0/19	IV/AN XUYEN/0/10/0/0/3/13
IV/GO CONG/1/12/4/0/0/17	IV/BA XUYEN/0/7/2/0/1/10
IV/KIEN HOA/1/34/1/0/1/37	IV/BAC LIEU/0/12/2/2/1/17
IV/KIEN TUONG/0/3/1/0/0/4	IV/CHUONG THIEN/3/8/0/0/2/13
IV/9 DIV/5/52/5/1/3/66	IV/KIEN GIANG/2/12/2/0/0/16
IV/AN GIANG/0/5/0/0/0/5	IV/PHONG DINH/0/12/1/0/1/14
IV/CHAU DOC/0/9/3/1/0/13	<u>CMD/GIA DINH/0/10/1/2/1/14</u>
IV/KIEN PHONG/1/10/0/0/0/11	<u>RUNG SAT/BINH HOA/0/1/0/0/0/1</u>
IV/VINH BINH/2/17/1/0/3/23	
COUNTRY TOTAL/28/368/57/20/52/525	

NOTE: BIEN HOA PROVINCE DIVIDED BETWEEN PHUOC BIEN SPECIAL ZONE  
(III CORPS) AND RUNG SAT SPECIAL AREA (VNN).

NOTE: STATISTICS CONTAINED IN THIS ANNEX REFLECT REPORTS RECEIVED  
DURING THE WEEK AND INCLUDE INCIDENTS WHICH OCCURRED PREVIOUSLY.

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ANNEX B (C)(STATISTICAL DATA/RVN AND VC PERSONNEL AND WEAPON LOSSES)

1. (C) RVN PERSONNEL AND WEAPON LOSSES

A. (C) PERSONNEL LOSSES (READ IN EIGHT COLUMNS; AS TITLED/ I/II/III/IV CORPS/CMD/RUNG SAT SA/TOTAL).

(1) REGULAR: KIA /36/8/18/64/3/0/129  
WIA /65/53/79/133/7/0/337  
MIA-CPTR /1/21/22/28/0/0/65

(2) RF KIA /1/2/6/5/0/0/15  
WIA /2/11/12/21/0/0/46  
MIA-CPTR /0/0/6/0/0/0/6

(3) PF KIA /21/27/9/61/0/0/118  
WIA /39/40/22/61/2/0/164  
MIA-CPTR /21/50/9/23/1/0/104

(4) TOTAL: 984 (262 KIA, 547 WIA, 175 MIA-CPTR).

B. (C) WEAPON LOSSES: TOTAL 408; PISTOLS/CARBINES/  
RIFLES 395, 50 CAL MACHINE GUNS 2, 4.2 MORTARS 2, CAL 30 MACHINE  
GUNS 7, MORTARS 60MM 2, BY AREAS: I/76, II/178, III/49, IV  
CORPS/105, CMD/O, RUNG SAT SP AREA/O.

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2. VC PERSONNEL AND WEAPON LOSSES 6 - 12 DEC 64:

(READ IN 8 COLUMNS: I/II/III/IV CORPS/CMD/RUNG SAT/TOTAL)

A. CASUALTIES:

MIA 219/28/65/206/0/0/518

CPTR 71/4/9/22/0/1/107

B. WEAPONS:

INDIVIDUAL 132/14/15/81/0/1/233

CREW SERVED 9/0/0/9/0/0/18

C. RADIOS:

NONE

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ANNEX A. (S) (SUMMARY OF GROUND OPERATIONS)

1. (S) BATTALION SIZE AND LARGER (THREE LINE COMPANIES EQUIVALENT OR MORE) READ IN EIGHT COLUMNS; AS TITLED/I/II/III/IV CORPS/CMD/RUNG S/P SP AREA/TOTAL.

- (A) SEARCH AND DESTROY /23/5/16/26/1/0/71
- (B) CLEARING /0/1/1/0/0/0/0/2
- (C) SECURING /0/0/2/5/0/0/7
- (D) SEARCH/RESCUE /1/0/0/0/0/0/1
- (E) GUARD & SECURE /0/0/0/1/0/0/1
- (F) TOTAL /24/ /15/32/1/0/82

2. (S) BATTALION SIZE AND LARGER WITH VC CONTACT: READ IN EIGHT COLUMNS; AS TITLED/I/II/III/IV CORPS/CMD/RUNG S/P SP AREA/TOTAL.

- (A) SEARCH AND DESTROY /16/2/7/16/0/0/41
- (B) CLEARING /0/1/0/0/0/0/1/
- (C) SECURING /0/0/0/0/0/0/0
- (D) SEARCH /RESCUE /1/0/0/0/0/0/1
- (E) GUARD & SECURE /0/0/0/0/0/0/0
- (F) TOTAL /17/3/7/16/0/0/43

3. BATTALION SIZES OF OPERATIONS (P/P) OF D...  
... OP-UNITS...  
... AS TITLED/I/II/III/IV CORPS/CMD/R...  
... AREA/TOTAL.

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(A) SEARCH AND ~~SECRET~~ /148/79/16/0/342  
(B) CLEARING /0/33/3/0/0/0/36  
(C) SECURING /0/056/77/0/0/133  
(D) SEARCH/RESCUE /2/0/0/0/0/0/2  
(E) GUARD & ESCORT /0/0/0/1/0/0/1  
(F) TOTAL /15/59/207/157/16/0/514

4. BATTALION OPERATIONS INITIATED PRIOR TO DAWNLIGHT:

I/22, II/5, III/7, IV/3, CMD/0, RUNG SAT SP AREA/0, TOTAL 37.

5. (S) BATTALION NIGHTS IN FIELD DURING COURSE OF OPERATIONS:

I/40, II/54, III/160, IV/122, CMD/16, RUNG SAT SP AREA/0, TOTAL 392.

6. SMALL UNIT ACTIONS (LESS THAN 3 RIFLE CO EQUIVALENT)

READ IN EIGHT COLUMNS; AS TITLED/I/II/III/IV CORPS/CMD/RUNG  
SAT SP AREA/TOTAL.

(A) WITH DAY CONTACT /23/11/11/10/2/0/57  
(B) WITH NIGHT CONTACT /4/3/4/10/2/0/23  
(C) WITHOUT CONTACT /1653/3344/3111/4869/824/12/13,813  
(D) TOTAL /1680/3358/3126/4889/828/12/13,893

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ANNEX B (S)

AIR OPERATIONS

TABLE I. AIR OPERATIONS MUNITIONS EXPENDITURES:

READ IN FIVE COLUMNS/TYPE MUNITION/USAF/VNAF/USA/USMC

1000 GP/0/0/0/0  
750 GP/0/0/0/0  
500 GP/178/190/0/0  
250 GP/0/24/0/0  
100 GP/26/1363/0/0  
260 FR/104/294/0/0/  
220 FR/22/0/0/0  
120 FR/414/0/0/0  
100 WP/280/0/0/0  
NAFALM/203/53/0/0  
ROCKET/0/0/2633/0  
20 MM/19,370/17,600/0/0  
50 CAL/0/0/0/0  
7.62 MM/0/0/486,189/0

TABLE II. AIR OPERATIONS CLAIMS

READ IN FIVE COLUMNS/TYPE TARGET/USAF/VNAF/USA/USMC

VC PERSONNEL	/0/0/187/0
STRUCTURES DESTROYED	/88/91/36/0
STRUCTURES DAMAGED	/40/5/0/0
SAMPANS DESTROYED	/4/0/4/0
SAMPANS DAMAGED	/0/0/0/0

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TABLE III. AIR SUPPORT TO NEW LIFE HAMLETS AND OUTPOST

READ IN SIX COLUMNS/CORPS/PROVINCE/ATTACKS/FLARESHIPS/  
FLARES/FIGHTERS

IV/VINH LONG/1/1/40/0

III/TAY MINH/1/1/36/2

III/LONG AN/1/2/297/2

IV/VINH BINH/3/5/442/9

II/PHU YEN/1/1/22/0

IV/CHUONG THIEN/1/1/51/0

TABLE IV. AIRCRAFT INCIDENTS

READ IN SIX COLUMNS/DATE/TIME AIRCRAFT/COORDS/CORPS/MSN/  
REMARKS

USAF:

25 NOV/C-130/XS829961/III/ALR/1 HIT NO INJURIES

26 NOV/C-123/15 010730/I/ LR/2 HITS NO INJURIES.

OCCURRED DURING ENGINE WARM-UP AT END OF RUNWAY.

28 NOV/C-123, YF020025/III/DFL/ 8 HITS NO INJURIES

28 NOV/C-123, YF020025/III/DFL/3 HITS NO INJURIES

28 NOV/C-123/YF020025/III/DFL/4 HITS NO INJURIES

VNAF:

22 NOV/O-1F/XS512497/IV/COB/1 HIT, 1 US MIA

22 NOV/UH-1B/YS450600/III/TAE/1 HIT NO INJURIES

24 NOV/UH-1B/BR875760/II/EA/1 HIT NO INJURIES

24 NOV/UH-1B/BQ122442/II/EA/1 HIT NO INJURIES

24 NOV/UH-1B/WQ250940/IV/EA/1 HIT NOT INJURIES

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24 NOV/UH-1B/YS230790/III/EA/4 HITS, 2 US WIA  
24 NOV/UH-1B/WQ257753/IV/EA/1 HIT NO INJURIES  
24 NOV/CV-2B/XT720310/III/ALR/2 HITS NO INJURIES  
25 NOV/CV-2B/BT315215/I/ALR/1 HIT NO INJURIES  
25 NOV/O-1F/XS780130/IV/VR/1 HIT NO INJURIES  
27 NOV/UH-1B/XS630045/IV/VR/1 HIT, 1 US WIA  
27 NOV/UH-1B/XT130640/III/VR/1 HIT NO INJURIES  
27 NOV/UH-1B/XR660720/IV/GSL/1 HIT NO INJURIES  
28 NOV/UH-1B/XS025266/IV/EH/1 HIT NO INJURIES  
28 NOV/UH-1B/XS200005/IV/SF/1 HIT NO INJURIES  
28 NOV/O-1F/WS618680/IV/GSL/1 HIT NO INJURIES

TABLE V. AIRCRAFT STATUS

READ IN SIX COLUMNS/SERVICE/TYP E ACFT/AUTH/ASSIGN/AVAIL/  
REMARKS

USAF/O-1F/22/23/23  
USAF/U-10B/4/3/3  
USAF-C-123/74/76/71  
USAF/C-47/7/7/7  
USAF/C-54/4/4/4  
USAF/A-1E/50/38/38  
USAF/RB-57/0/0/2  
USAF/B-57/0/0/11  
USAF/RF-101/0/0/13  
USAF/U-3B/2/2/2  
USAF/F-100/0/0/24  
USAF/F-102/0/0/12

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VNAF/A-1H/100/91/74

VNAF/T-28B/4/4/4

VNAF/O-1A/71/38/32

VNAF/C-47D/48/31/26

VNAF/RC-47D/3/3/3

VNAF/UH-19B/17/16/16

VNAF/RT-28/14/14/14

VNAF/EC-47D/1/1/1

VNAF/U-6A/9/8/8

VNAF/U-17A/25/25/23

VNAF/H-34/80/60/57

USA/UH-1B/240/253/230

USA/CV-2B/32/32/25

USA/JOV/-1/6/6/5

USA/O-1F/53/50/44

USA/U-1A/27/27/23

USA/CH-37/9/9/6

USA/U-6/15/15/N/A

USA/U-8/11/11/8

USMC/UH-34D/28/28/16

USMC/O-1B/3/3/2

USMC/C-117/1/1/1

TABLE VI. SUMMARY OF TASKS, SORTIES, TON/CARGO, PASSENGERS  
AND TOTAL FLYING HOURS.

USAF: 9-AA, 2-AE, 17-ABR, 23-AC, 800-ALR,  
2-AR, 9-CA, 8-CL, 10-COB, 116-CSL, 18-DEL, 1-DES, 24-EA,

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24-EC, 33-FAC, 7-FL, 101-ID, 194-PR, 14-PSW, 26-SAR,  
153-VR, 16-M, 83-A, 215-T, 1911-TASKS, 1742-SORTIES,  
1696.4 TONS/CARGO, 5545 PAX, TOTAL FLYING HOURS: 2177.1.

VNAF: 9-AA, 70-AE, 7-ABR, 68-AC, 16-ALA, 22-ALR,  
15-AR, 22-CA, 2-COB, 207-CSL, 34-EA, 50-EC, 10-EH, 13-ET,  
64-FAC, 5-FL, 187-ID, 18-PR, 3-PSW, 8-SAR, 31-VR, 23-M,  
54-A, 596-T, 1534-TASKS, 1441-SORTIES, 45.6 TONS/CARGO,  
1579 PAX, TOTAL FLYING HOURS: 2001.3.

### USA:

FIXED WING: 3-AE, 1-AA, 17-ACA, 3-ABR, 550-ALR,  
35-ART, 17-COB, 360-CSL, 209-CL, 13-EA, 1-FL, 4-PR, 16-PSW,  
158-RR, 10-SAR, 4-SF, 1-TAR, 396-VR, 1798-TASKS, 2414-SORTIES,  
458.9 TONS CARGO, 5553 PAX, TOTAL FLYING HOURS: 1828.5.

ROTARY WING: 43-AE, 13-ACA, 9-ACP, 4-ABR, 6-AIR,  
329-ALA, 227-ALR, 2-AR, 32-COB, 1408-CSL, 98-CL, 691-EA,  
4-FL, 9-PR, 68-PSW, 59-RR, 11-SAR, 404-SF, 2-TAR, 107-TAE,  
431-VR, 3957-TASKS, 6186-SORTIES, 10263 PAX, 228.4 TONS CARGO,  
TOTAL FLYING HOURS: 3614.7.

### USMC:

FIXED WING: 12-PR, 6-TAE, 20-VR, 38-TASKS, 36-  
SORTIES, 0 PAX, 0 TONS CARGO, TOTAL FLYING HOURS: 70.2.

ROTARY WING: 29-ALA, 141-ALR, 9-CSL, 23-EA, 5-TAR,  
15-TAE, 222-TASKS, 1106-SORTIES, 2387 PAX, 205.6 TONS CARGO,  
TOTAL FLYING HOURS: 543.3.

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ANNEX C (C) (VNN OPERATIONS DATA)

	<u>SEA</u> <u>FORCE</u>	<u>RIVER</u> <u>FORCE</u>	<u>COASTAL</u> <u>FORCE</u>	<u>CF</u> <u>ICD</u>	<u>CF</u> <u>2CD</u>	<u>CF</u> <u>3CD</u>	<u>CF</u> <u>4CD</u>
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TABLE I UTILIZATION (DAILY AVERAGE)

TOTAL ASN	44	159	552	130	206	73	143
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TOTAL EMP (AVG)	21	77	199	43	67	28	61

TABLE II EMPLOYMENT (DAILY AVERAGE)

CBT SPT	0	17	0	0	0	0	0
SEA PTL	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
RIV PTL	1	28	0	0	0	0	0
CSTL SURV	5	0	199	43	67	28	61
CONVOY SCTY	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
PROV SPT	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
STAT DEF	0	12	0	0	0	0	0
LOG SPT	6	3	0	0	0	0	0
TNG	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	4	2	0	0	0	0	0

TABLE III SURVEILLANCE RESULTS

JUNKS SEARCHED	62	118	1798	444	690	345	319
PERSONS SEARCHED	124	673	7813	3252	2290	1021	1250
JUNKS DETAINED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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PERSONS DETAINED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONFIRMED VC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

TABLE IV LOGISTICS TOTALS

RICE  
(TONS) 10

PCI  
(TONS) 0

AMMO  
(TONS) 920

VEHICLES  
(NR) 24

PEOPLE  
(NR) 1500

JUNKS  
(NR) 14

GENERAL  
CARGO  
(TONS) 770.5

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AMEX D - (C) - VC INCIDENTS

(READ IN 8 COLUMNS: CORPS/PROVINCE/ATTACKS/TERRORISM/SABOTAGE/

PROPAGANDA/AA FIRE/TOTAL)

I/TOTAL/1/54/7/11/12/98

I/1 DIV/0/29/0/10/1/40

I/QUANG TRI/0/6/0/4/1/11

I/THUA THIEN/0/29/0/6/0/29

I/2 DIV/1/35/7/4/11/58

I/QUANG NAM/0/15/0/1/4/20

I/QUANG TIN/0/1/1/0/5/7

I/QUANG NGAI/1/19/3/3/2/31

II/TOTAL/1/69/18/11/3/102

II/22 DIV/1/28/5/4/2/40

II/BINH DINH/1/21/1/0/1/24

II/PHU BON/0/0/0/0/0/0

II/PLEIKU/0/7/4/2/1/14

II/KONTUM/0/0/0/2/0/2

II/23 DIV/0/30/10/4/1/45

II/QUANG DUC/0/1/0/1/0/2

II/DARLAC/0/5/0/0/0/5

II/PHU YEN/0/13/10/0/1/24

II/KHANH HOA/0/8/0/1/0/9

II/TUYEN DUC/0/1/0/1/0/2

II/NINH THUAN/0/2/0/1/0/3

II/BL SZ/0/11/3/3/0/17

II/LAM DONG/0/2/0/1/0/3

II/BINH THUAN/0/5/3/2/0/10

II/BINH TUY/0/4/0/0/0/4

III/TOTAL/1/69/25/4/22/121

III/PBT SZ/0/7/3/1/1/12

III/BINH LONG/0/2/0/0/0/2

III/PHUOC LONG/0/0/0/0/0/0

III/PHUOC THANH/0/5/3/1/1/10

III/PB SZ/1/22/10/3/1/37

III/LONG KHANH/0/9/2/1/0/12

III/BINH HOA/1/8/1/0/1/11

III/PHUOC TUY/0/5/7/2/0/14

III/25 DIV/0/17/9/0/10/36

III/LONG AN/0/12/2/0/3/17

III/HAU NGHIA/0/5/7/0/7/19

III/5 DIV/0/23/3/0/10/36

III/TAY NINH/0/9/1/0/7/17

III/BINH DUONG/0/14/2/0/3/19

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ANNEX E (C) (STATISTICAL DATA/RVN AND VC PERSONNEL AND WEAPON  
LOSSES)

1. (C) RVN PERSONNEL AND WEAPON LOSSES:

A. (C) PERSONNEL LOSSES (READ IN EIGHT COLUMN; AS TITLED/  
I/II/III/IV CORPS/CMD/RUNG SAT SA/TOTAL.

(1) REGULAR:	KIA	/14/5/17/0/3/0/48
	WIA	/37/12/65/44/2/0/160
	MIA-CPTR	/0/0/0/1/0/0/1
(2) RF:	KIA	/3/8/16/3/0/0/30
	WIA	/5/8/17/7/0/0/37
	MIA-CPTR	/0/0/0/1/0/0/1
(3) PF:	KIA	/4/11/5/13/0/0/33
	WIA	/10/12/8/42/0/0/72
	MIA-CPTR	/21/12/13/51/0/0/97

(4) TOTAL: 479 (111 KIA, 269 WIA, 99 MIA-CPTR).

B. (C) WEAPON LOSSES: TOTAL: 226; PISTOLS/CARBINES/RIFLES  
217, AUTOMATIC RIFLES 2, CAL 30 MACHINE GUNS 5, MORTARS 60MM 2.  
BY AREAS: I/12, II/120, III/44, IV CORPS/50, CMD/0, RUNG SAT  
SP AREA/0.

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2. VC PERSONNEL AND WEAPON LOSSES 22 - 28 NOV 64:

(READ IN 8 COLUMNS: I/II/III/IV CORPS/CMD/RUNG SAT/TOTAL)

A. CASUALTIES:

KIA

313/20/191/243/0/1/768

CPTD

82/12/72/108/0/0/274

B. WEAPONS:

INDIVIDUAL

73/7/33/31/0/0/144

CREW SERVED

0/0/0/0/0/0

C. RADIOS:

NONE

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