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#84 memo	CIA	top secret- <i>sanitized</i> to Walt Rostow from Neil Huntley	10-6-83 NLJ 82-230 5 p 01/30/68	A
#85a memo	CIA	secret <i>sanitized</i> to Rostow from Carver <i>more info released 2-21-89</i>	10-6-83 NLJ 82-230 4 p 01/31/68 <i>NLJ 82-230 + NLJ 81-124</i>	A
#86a memo	CIA	secret <i>sanitized</i>	10-6-83 NLJ 82-230 2 p 01/31/68	A
	OGI 1173/68	open 10-29-86 NLJ 81-124	2 p 01/31/68	A
#87 memo	CIA	top secret- <i>sanitized</i>	10-6-83 NLJ 82-230 5 p 01/31/68	A
#88 memo	CIA	top secret- <i>sanitized</i>	10-6-83 NLJ 82-230 9 p 01/31/68	A
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#99 memo	CIA top secret 4 p SC No. 07434/68 <i>sanitized 10-6-83 NLJ 82-230 more info released 2-21-89 NLJ 81-124 + 82-230</i>	02/05/68	A
#100 memo	CIA top secret 2 p SC No. 07681/66 <i>sanitized 10-6-83 NLJ 82-230 more info released 2-21-89 NLJ 81-124 + NLJ 82-230</i>	02/07/68	A
#100-1 memo	CIA top secret 2 p [duplicate #100] <i>sanitized 10-6-83 NLJ 82-230</i>	02/07/68	A
#101a memo	CIA secret 1 p military report <i>sanitized 10-6-83 NLJ 82-230 more info released 2-21-89 NLJ 81-124 + NLJ 82-230</i>	02/17/68	A

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#16 report	conf. military casualties	1 p	02/02/68 A
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#45 report	conf military casualties 1 p	02/14/68	A
#47 report	conf military casualties 1 p	02/15/68	A
#49 report	conf military casualties 1 p	02/16/68	A
#51 report	conf military casualties 1 p	02/17/68	A
#60 report	conf military casualties 1 p	02/19/68	A
#62a report	conf military casualties 1 p	02/21/68	A
#71 report]	conf military casualties 1 p	02/28/68	A
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Monday, January 29, 1968
6:30 AM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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South VietnamAuthority DSD 11-15-78 + NSA 1-29-79
By SP, NARS, Date 3-20-79

The tempo of enemy military activity has not been reduced significantly since the beginning of the Viet Cong - announced cease-fire period three days ago. Numerous attacks, including both shellings and ground assaults were staged by the Communists over the weekend. Sporadic barrages of mortar, rocket, and artillery fire were directed at US positions throughout the northern provinces including the posts at Khe Sanh, Dong Ha, Gio Linh, and Chu Lai.

The US/South Vietnamese 36-hour cease-fire began at 5:00 AM EST this morning. Some 45 minutes before it began, Saigon announced that it would not observe the cease-fire in the First Corps area due to the heavy enemy buildup in that area.

Yesterday morning while sweeping the north bank of the Cua Viet River, 15 miles north of Quang Tri, Marine elements engaged a large enemy force which was supported by rocket and artillery. Attacking under the supporting fire of air, artillery and naval gunfire, the Marines pursued the enemy northward until dark. Night blocking positions have been consolidated in the area, with plans to continue the attack at first light. Initial casualties are reported as 52 enemy killed, while Marine losses were 7 killed and 27 wounded.

US army units participating in Operation Wheeler/Wallowa, 40 miles southeast of Danang, killed 21 enemy in an engagement late Saturday night. After four hours of fighting the enemy broke contact. US losses were reported as one killed and 6 wounded.

In the Khe Sanh area the enemy continued his harrassment with mortar and rocket attacks on Marine positions. Marine patrols and aerial observers continued to search actively for the enemy, directing heavy volumes of air and artillery fire against located and suspected enemy locations.

Elsewhere in the First Corps enemy contact was limited to small-unit engagements. Allied forces reported a total of 114 enemy killed and 52 weapons captured in these engagements.

Battle preparations are being completed by North Vietnamese main force units in the western highlands of Pleiku and Kontum provinces and there are indications that the beginning of a well-coordinated series of large-scale attacks may be imminent.

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North Vietnam

US aircraft flew 224 sorties over North Vietnam yesterday. 42 of the sorties struck the Thanh Hoa railroad/highway bridge. Several direct hits were reported on the east span. Also, several railroad cars were reported damaged or destroyed.

The Vinh airfield was also struck with pilots reporting the runway cratered in at least three places.

Casualties reported during the past 24 hours -- to 5:30 AM

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>
Enemy	187	--
United States	8	33

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Arthur M. Coffey
Briefing Officer

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MILITARY CASUALTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

29 January 1968

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Authority OSD 8-7-78

By SP, NASS, Date 3-20-79

(1) 24 Hrs Ending 11 AM EST 28 Jan 68	(2) Current Week 11 AM EST Through 11 AM EST 27 Jan 68	(3) Cumula- tive From 1 Jan 68	(4) Cumula- tive From 1 Jan 67	(5) Cumula- tive From 1 Jan 61
UNITED STATES ^a				
Killed	12	197	852	10,230
Wounded Not Hosp	29	771	2,772	32,426
Wounded Hosp	31	834	3,063	35,434
Captured	0	0	1	136
Missing	3	13	109	380
SOUTH VIETNAM				
Killed	25	312	992	11,872
Wounded	96	950	2,909	32,560
Missing/Captured	1	48	309	2,629
OTHER ALLIED				
Killed	3	22	66	1,171
Wounded	7	61	143	2,461
Missing/Captured	0	0	0	3
VIET CONG/NVA				
Killed	382	2,078	11,229	99,310
Wounded	573	3,119	16,845	148,966
(estimate ^b)				258,463
				387,696

a. U.S. Casualties include Laos and Vietnam.

b. Estimate based on a 1.5 to 1 Wounded to Killed ratio.

c. The figures shown in column (1) are preliminary, unrefined battlefield-reported casualties received from COMUSMACV daily.

d. The figures in columns (2) through (5) are verified figures representing casualties reported during the period indicated.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 29, 1968
Monday, 7:05 P.M.

Mr. President:

This afternoon Da Nang Airfield was hit by approximately 40 rounds of rocket and mortar fire.

Preliminary reports indicate four aircraft were destroyed and four were damaged. As yet, there have been no reports of casualties.

A bomb dump and three aircraft hangers were also hit and reported on fire.

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Charles E. Haydon

Briefing Officer

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Tuesday, January 30, 1968 -- 11:45 a.m.

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Authority OSD 11-15-78 letter

By WJ, NARS, Date 3-20-79

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

(see Attaches, p. 3-625)

The following is a situation report from MACV, sent at 7:30 a.m. this morning. (All times are EST.)

Principle activity in the Republic of Vietnam on 29/30 January 1968 is summarized as follows:

First Corps

Enemy forces launched coordinated mortar, rocket and ground attacks in the Danang, Wheeler/Wallowa and Chu Lai areas.

At 11:20 a.m. several enemy snipers were observed in the water in the vicinity of the Danang Bridge. The enemy was engaged with small arms fire resulting in one enemy killed and one detained.

At 12:48 p.m. a Marine unit located northwest of Danang received four rounds of rocket fire and at approximately the same time, the 1st ARVN Battalion and a Regional Force unit in Hai Van Pass area reported receiving mortar and small arms fire. There was no report of enemy penetration.

Between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. the Marble Mountain air facility received approximately 20 rounds of mortar fire with numerous Army aircraft receiving damage. No casualties reported.

At 2:30 p.m. the Danang Air Base also came under rocket attack with initial reports indicating a total of 20 rounds received. Additional reports reflect five aircraft destroyed, 18 aircraft with various degrees of damage. Results were: friendly, one killed, 10 wounded, 37 non-battle casualties; enemy casualties are not known.

Between 2:30 and 4:40 p.m. the ARVN Headquarters at Danang came under enemy mortar and ground attack by an estimated reinforced enemy company or larger. A total of 40-50 mortar rounds were received in and around the ARVN compound area. The attack was repulsed. Results were: friendly, 2 killed; enemy, 64 killed, 7 detainees.

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In response to the enemy attacks to the Danang area, artillery missions were conducted and gunships launched attacks on enemy forces south of Danang. The exact extent of enemy losses is not yet known.

At 1:55 p.m. an ARVN artillery unit in the vicinity of Hoi An reported receiving mortar, small arms, and automatic weapons fire. Korean Marines were inserted by helicopter and engaged the enemy force. Latest information reflects 21 enemy killed and two detained, no friendly casualties have been reported.

American division units also report a number of incidents during the period. Between 12:50 and 5:10 p.m. a total of 90 rounds of mortar fire was reported by US units at five different landing zones throughout the Wheeler/Wallowa area of operation and the Chu Lai area. No reported ground attacks.

Second Corps

In Qui Nhon, the enemy controls the radio station and the maintenance area. One Korean battalion is sweeping the area, and results to date: three US killed, five US wounded, and 50 enemy killed.

In Kontum City artillery and air strikes are being employed against an estimated two enemy battalions. Results: friendly, seven killed, five wounded; enemy, 165 killed, two detained. An estimated two enemy battalions are outside the city.

In Ban Me Thuot, fighting continues within the city. An estimated two battalions are outside the city. Results: friendly, seven killed, 16 wounded; enemy: 91 killed and 28 detained.

In Ninh Hoa contact continues on a sporadic basis. Results: friendly, one wounded; enemy, 11 killed.

In Tuy Hoa heavy fighting continues. The enemy force is trying to break out. Results: friendly, seven killed, 31 wounded, six missing; enemy, 36 killed.

In Nha Trang sporadic fighting continues in the city with friendly elements attempting to cut off enemy forces leaving the city. Results: friendly, 21 killed, 66 wounded; enemy, 60 killed, 15 detained.

In Pleiku contact continues with an unknown size enemy force in the city. ARVN units are in the city. Friendly forces are attempting to cut off the enemy forces trying to escape. Results: friendly, seven killed, 22 wounded; enemy, 103 killed.

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In Tan Canh contact is sporadic with elements of an ARVN regiment against an unknown size enemy force. Results: friendly, four wounded, enemy, five killed.

Third Corps

In Binh Duong province, 14 miles southwest of Ben Cat, the 4th Cavalry fought a five-hour battle, beginning at 4:25 a.m. yesterday morning. Enemy losses are reported as 66 killed compared with US losses of 8 killed and 14 wounded.

Fourth Corps

In Vinh Long province, 21 miles south of Vinh Long, helicopter gunships fired on a number of sampans traversing canals in the area. Results were 124 sampans destroyed with 80 enemy killed.

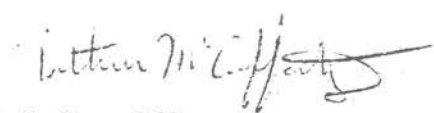
In Phong Dinh province aircraft fired on a number of sampans, sinking two. Eight enemy were killed and a number of weapons were captured.

Casualties reported:

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Captured</u>
US/ ARVN*	74	173	--
Enemy	749	---	54

*Note: exact breakdowns are not available.

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Briefing Officer

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Tuesday, January 30, 1968 - 4:45 pm

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

The NSA Detachment outside of Phu Bai reports that their compound was struck by 15 rounds of rocket fire at approximately 4:00 this afternoon.

The bachelor officers' quarters building was completely demolished. However, there were no report of injuries, and the station reports all personnel going back to the operations building and conducting business as usual.

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Arthur M. Safford

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30 JANUARY 1968

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UNITED STATES ^a					
Killed	37	36	894	10,272	16,916
Wounded Not Hosp	91	51	2,829	32,483	49,604
Wounded Hosp	99	56	3,186	35,557	56,174
Captured	0	0	1	136	232
Missing	0	2	105	376	752
SOUTH VIETNAM					
Killed	21	25	941	11,821	54,116
Wounded	95	96	2,743	32,191	117,433
Missing/Captured	2	1	299	2,639	27,446
OTHER ALLIED					
Killed	1	3	80	1,185	1,783
Wounded	8	7	140	2,458	4,188
Missing/Captured	0	0	0	3	20
VIET CONG/NVA					
Killed	136	382	12,077	100,158	259,311
Wounded	204	573	18,116	150,237	388,967
(estimate ^b)					

- a. U.S. Casualties include Laos and Vietnam.
- b. Estimate based on a 1.5 to 1 Wounded to Killed ratio.
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By *18* NARS Date 3-20-79

Wednesday, January 31, 1968
6:30 AM

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

South Vietnam

Our latest information on the situation in Saigon indicates that Senior Embassy personnel have returned to duty in the Embassy. The situation in Saigon has stabilized somewhat, however mopping up operations continue in the area of the presidential palace and in the Cholon area of Saigon.

Sporadic sniper fire has been reported in various parts of Saigon and there has also been some scattered firing around the MACV headquarters. Scattered and sometimes heavy Viet Cong activity is taking place in the Cholon area but a considerable number of the enemy have withdrawn across the river.

The Saigon police estimated that more than 60 police have been killed in various actions around Saigon. They also report that 60 Viet Cong have been killed in actions within Saigon.

Sporadic small-arms fire continues at the Tan Son Nhut Air Base. The Viet Cong penetrated the northwest gate and also probed the main gate area and at last report over 100 enemy soldiers were within the base area. There was also sporadic mortar fire directed at the runway, however, the base is reportedly operational. The Command post has been evacuated, except for emergency personnel. The extent of damage and casualties are presently unknown.

Up-dating information on indicates that 4 US were killed and 61 were wounded in the attack against Bien Hoa air field. In addition three aircraft were destroyed and 19 aircraft were damaged. It is unknown how many enemy were killed, but 17 were captured. Light contact is still taking place on the base perimeters. The runways and taxiways are presently undamaged.

Yesterday afternoon the Marble Mountain air base, near Da Nang, came under a rocket and mortar attack, with an estimated 25-30 rounds impacting within the compound. A total of 23 helicopters received damage. Two US were wounded during the attack.

At 3:10 yesterday the air base at Chu Lai also came under a rocket and mortar attack. In this attack nine aircraft received damage. During the attack the ammunition dump was hit resulting in secondary explosions. Two US were killed and five were wounded as a result of this attack.

Also yesterday afternoon the air base at Phu Bai came under rocket attack but there was no damage to aircraft or runways. Four US were killed and 14 wounded during the attack.

Early yesterday morning the city of Can Tho and the airfield, in the Delta, came under a ground and mortar attack by an estimated two enemy battalions. This attack lasted throughout the day and as of last report South Vietnamese National Police and ARVN troops were bringing the situation under control. An enemy force of 50 personnel have been split into three groups and are held up in an old pagoda and two other buildings in the center of town. At present 55 enemy have been killed and 52 others have been wounded and captured. Friendly losses are 13 killed and 34 wounded.

An estimated six enemy companies attacked the city of Ben Tre, in Kien Hoa Province, and indications are that the enemy moved into the city. However, after heavy fighting the enemy has been driven to the outskirts of the city where fighting is still underway. Preliminary reports indicate that 80 enemy were killed. At present there are no reports of US casualties.

Late yesterday evening one North Vietnamese battalion was reported within Kontum City and an additional North Vietnamese battalion was stationed on the outskirts of the city. The MACV compound was reported as under attack but is holding out with military reinforcements on the way. At last report 150 enemy had been killed. US losses were 7 killed and five wounded.

The town of Phan Thiet, Bien Thuan Province, is reported as being under enemy control. US Public Service personnel in the town have requested to be evacuated and an aircraft is underway to take them to Nha Trang.

Nha Trang itself is just snapping back after two nights and two days of fighting in which time one enemy battalion entered the city and destroyed the sector headquarters and captured the Province headquarters and radio station prior to being driven out leaving 103 killed and 20 captured. At least 12 Americans are dead or missing. Scattered sniping on the fringes of the town continues, however.

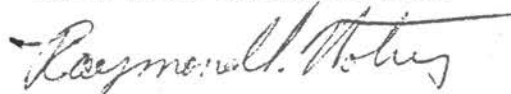
In the coastal town of Qui Nhon South Korean and South Vietnamese troops secured the radio and train station that remained in enemy hands throughout yesterday. 70 enemy were killed in the fighting at Qui Nhon with an additional 10 being captured. It now appears that Qui Nhon is under allied control.

During the period 5:00 Monday to 11:00 PM last night 2,291 enemy were killed throughout South Vietnam. Allied casualties are unknown at present, but they are reported as light.

North Vietnam

Scheduled strikes against major targets in North Vietnam were cancelled because of poor operation weather in the target areas. US pilots flew a total of 90 sorties over North Vietnam yesterday. The major emphasis of these strikes were against lines of communications.

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MILITARY CASUALTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

31 January 1968

	(1) 24 Hrs Ending 11 AM EST 30 Jan 68	(2) Current Week 11 AM EST 27 Jan 68 Through 11 AM EST 29 Jan 68	(3) Cumula- tive From 1 Jan 68	(4) Cumula- tive From 1 Jan 67	(5) Cumula- tive From 1 Jan 61
UNITED STATES^a					
	*See note below				
Killed		65	923	10,301	16,945
Wounded Not Hosp		110	2,888	32,542	49,663
Wounded Hosp		119	3,249	35,620	56,237
Captured		0	1	136	232
Missing		0	101	372	748
SOUTH VIETNAM					
Killed		46	962	11,842	54,137
Wounded		191	2,838	32,286	117,528
Missing/Captured		3	301	2,641	27,448
OTHER ALLIED					
Killed		4	81	1,186	1,784
Wounded		15	148	2,466	4,196
Missing/Captured		0	0	3	20
VIET CONG/NVA					
Killed		518	12,213	100,294	259,447
Wounded (estimate ^b)		777	18,320	150,441	389,171

a. U.S. Casualties include Laos and Vietnam.

b. Estimate based on a 1.5 to 1 Wounded to Killed ratio.

c. The figures shown in column (1) are preliminary, unrefined battlefield-reported casualties received from COMUSMACV daily.

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* NOTE: MACV reports casualty figures not available and will be submitted in subsequent report.

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By: JP NARS Date: 3-20-79

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Thursday, February 1, 1968
6:30 AM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

South Vietnam

The cities of Quang Tri, Hue, Ben Tre and Chau Phu and the village of Duy Xuyen near Hoi An southeast of Quang Tri continue to be occupied by significant enemy forces. However, all enemy forces are under attack with air and ground fire. The imperial city area of Hue is reportedly still surrounded by the enemy.

Saigon police believe they have the situation in hand. Sporadic sniper fire is expected today, with some mortar fire to cover what police believe will be withdrawal of remaining Viet Cong. The center of Saigon is now considered 80 percent safe for travel. The Cholon area is still unsafe.

Reports from Saigon indicate Gen. Loan is taking strong measures to rout the Viet Cong from the various buildings they occupy. Two marine companies and six tanks were ordered to take a pagoda all day by a Viet Cong force. The Vietnamese marine companies refused to attack the pagoda. Upon hearing of this Gen. Loan said that he would send his own police troops to carry out the assault. The first police assault was met by the firing of heavy weapons by the Viet Cong in the pagoda. Shortly thereafter some 30 monks and nuns at another pagoda demonstrated in sympathy with the Viet Cong attacks in Saigon. Loan threatened that if they did not disperse he would counter with tear gas. The police then dispersed the demonstrating nuns and monks.

The situation in Quang Tri is reported in good shape. After launching an attack against the city the Viet Cong withdrew last night, having taken an estimated 300 casualties. No casualties were reported among civilian elements.

In the city of Kontum, the enemy still controls approximately fifty percent. However, all friendly installations in the area are considered secure with sporadic small-arms firing and occasional mortar fire continuing.

The Danang air base napalm storage area received an estimated 6-10 rounds of mortar fire. The resulting fire was brought under control and was limited to the storage area.

At Ban Me Thuot serious fighting was still reported at midnight. The enemy is situated between the air field and the American officers quarters.

In the delta area, the ARVN forces at Can Tho have driven the Viet Cong from the town. Several units exfiltrating during the early morning hours have been caught in open paddies and have been decimated. US observers

state that although the enemy seemed to be carrying out a three-night, three assault operation, hoping to wear down the ARVN and security forces, the opposite has occurred. ARVN and security forces in Can Tho have countered all attacks with exceptional bravery and excellent esprit de corps.

Preliminary reports of casualties during the current enemy campaign show more than 6,000 Communists killed in contrast to some 575 allied troops killed and 1,700 wounded. Civilian casualties are expected to be high. Although these figures are not complete, the enemy apparently had little regard for losses in their attempt to stage this spectacular.

Casualties reported in South Vietnam for the week 21-27 January

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>
Enemy	2,365	--
United States	203	1,678
South Vietnamese	236	688

I am attaching a copy of Gen. Westmoreland's transcript of his conversation with you last evening and his latest assessment of the situation around Kh Sanh.

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Arthur W. Collins
Briefing Officer

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MILITARY CASUALTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

1 FEBRUARY 1968

	(1) 24 Hrs Ending 11 AM EST 31 JAN 68	(2) Current Week 11 AM EST 27 JAN 68 Through 11 AM EST 30 JAN 68	(3) Cumula- tive From 1 Jan 68	(4) Cumula- tive From 1 Jan 67	(5) Cumula- tive From 1 Jan 61
UNITED STATES^a					
Killed	62	107	965	10,343	16,987
Wounded Not Hosp	179	378	3,156	32,810	49,931
Wounded Hosp	194	410	3,540	35,911	56,528
Captured	0	1	2	137	233
Missing	2	5	106	375	753
SOUTH VIETNAM					
Killed	466	46	962	11,842	54,137
Wounded	1,138	191	2,838	32,286	117,528
Missing/Captured	22	3	301	2,641	27,448
OTHER ALLIED					
Killed	5	4	81	1,186	1,784
Wounded	5	15	148	2,466	4,196
Missing/Captured	0	0	0	3	20
VIET CONG/NVA					
Killed	4,752	518	12,213	100,294	259,447
Wounded	7,128	777	18,320	150,441	389,171
(estimate ^b)					

a. U.S. Casualties include Laos and Vietnam.

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By ip NARS, Date 3-20-79

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Friday, February 2, 1968
6:30 AM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

South Vietnam

The Tet offensive continued into its fourth day with pockets of Communist forces holding out within or on the outskirts of key cities in each of South Vietnam's four corps areas.

Saigon was relatively quiet during the night. In early morning action, however, the Viet Cong overran two South Vietnamese police precinct stations. Sporadic fire was reported at several other points in the city. Small arms fire continued early this morning at Tan Son Nhut airbase.

Reports out of Saigon indicate that traffic in the downtown and residential areas is at a minimum as the people respond to the government's control measures under martial law. The functioning of public services, water electricity, telephone, has returned to near normal after various outages. Government agencies are beginning to deal with the problem of the many persons who have been driven out of their homes by the fighting.

Mortuaries in the city have more bodies than they are equipped to handle (this includes Viet Cong bodies) and the corpses are being stored outdoors. Bodies will be cremated to avoid an epidemic. The director of the combined intelligence staff predicts that this will be abhorrent to the public and will cause a strong reaction against the Viet Cong.

Fighting is still going on in Hue as both US and ARVN forces maneuver to block any retreat from the citadel area. The ARVN commanding general has approved bombing of selected targets in the city, starting with small bombs and then getting bigger. The MACV headquarters and subsector headquarters are still under friendly control but troops are unable to move out of them because of heavy enemy fire.

In the Mekong delta sharp fighting continued in several cities. Two enemy battalions are still believed to be inside Ben Tre, where two US companies have arrived to reinforce ARVN forces. Heavy fighting was reported during the night at Vinh Long, and a Navy base was overrun briefly.

Yesterday afternoon the MACV compound in Kontum received mortar, rocket and automatic weapons fire. Last night the airfield was receiving sporadic fire and was only open for emergency use. There was heavy fighting within the city but all friendly installations and compounds remain in friendly hands. A US Army reinforcement battalion has completed helilift into the city.

The Khe Sanh area remains quiet with only five rounds of mortar fire being received.

Enemy dead reported since Monday now total over 10,000. US forces have lost 232 killed and some 1,000 wounded; South Vietnamese losses stand at 522 killed and nearly 1,300 wounded.

North Vietnam

All scheduled major strikes were cancelled because of poor weather in the target areas.

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MILITARY CASUALTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

2 FEBRUARY 1968

(1) 24 Hrs Ending 11 AM EST 1 FEB 68	(2) Current Week 11 AM EST 27 JAN 68 Through 11 AM EST 31 JAN 68	(3) Cumula- tive From 1 Jan 68	(4) Cumula- tive From 1 Jan 67	(5) Cumula- tive From 1 Jan 61
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UNITED STATES^a

Killed	108	174	1,032	10,410	17,054
Wounded Not Hosp	253	664	3,442	33,096	50,217
Wounded Hosp	275	720	3,850	36,221	56,838
Captured	0	1	2	137	233
Missing	0	8	109	380	756

SOUTH VIETNAM

Killed	419	512	1,428	12,308	54,603
Wounded	887	1,329	3,976	33,424	118,666
Missing/Captured	22	25	323	2,663	27,470

OTHER ALLIED

Killed	24	15	92	1,197	1,795
Wounded	93	25	158	2,476	4,206
Missing/Captured	0	0	0	3	20

VIET CONG/NVA

Killed	3,894	6,572	18,267	106,348	265,501
Wounded	5,841	9,858	27,401	159,522	398,252
(estimate ^b)					

a. U.S. Casualties include Laos and Vietnam.

b. Estimate based on a 1.5 to 1 Wounded to Killed ratio.

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By ip, NARS, Date 3-20-79

Saturday, February 3, 1968
6:30 AM

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

South Vietnam 1

It is now evening in Saigon and according to MACV there is no heavy fighting within the city limits and only sporadic gunfire is being heard. During the daylight hours the police and troops continued their attempts to clean out the enclaves in the Cholon district. A small number of Viet Cong had attempted to escape by river and police launches had been called in to cut off this escape route.

Fighting continued on the outskirts of the city and in the area of Tan Son Nhut airbase. MACV reports that they have sighted and engaged several enemy units attempting to exfiltrate from the city. There are reports which raise the possibility of widespread renewed attacks but MACV is watching the situation closely.

In Hue the tactical situation is reported most difficult. Five ARVN battalions are trying to clear the citadel, and a marine battalion is working south of the river. It has made only limited progress of two blocks on either side of the MACV compound, with very hard house-to-house fighting. The enemy have taken automatic weapons positions in heavily constructed buildings, roof tops and steeples. Prisoner interrogation indicates the Viet Cong plan to hold Hue for at least seven days.

It was extremely quiet in the Khe Sanh area during the day with patrol units making little contact with the enemy and receiving only three rounds of rocket fire and 21 rounds of mortar fire.

Heavy fighting is reported in two provincial capitals to the east of Saigon -- Xuan Loc and Phuoc Le. Reports from the towns is very sketchy at the present time.

Yesterday afternoon the Danang airbase received 40 rounds of rocket fire. The majority of the rounds impacted on the south end of the base. One aircraft was destroyed and 12 were damaged in this attack. Nine US personnel were wounded.

Danang city itself remains under martial law and a strict curfew is in effect. The Viet Cong made no major military efforts in the city yesterday.

In Vinh Long province the provincial capital is still occupied by some 400 enemy. However, friendly forces are currently clearing the town and the Navy base and MACV compounds have been reoccupied by ARVN forces.

On February 2, enemy artillery and mortar fire on marine units and combat bases immediately south of the DMZ reached a record high for 1968. Con Thien reported 321 rounds of artillery and 28 rounds of mortar fire. A marine battalion three and a half miles south of Con Thien received 60 rounds of artillery. Gio Linh received 30 mortar rounds and Camp Carroll and units nearby reported 122 rounds of artillery and 7 rounds of mortar.

Cumulative casualties since the action began on Monday are as follows:

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Captured</u>
Enemy	13,715		4,245
United States	344	1,846	
South Vietnamese	708	1,982	

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MILITARY CASUALTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

3 February 1968

(1) 24 Hrs Ending 11 AM EST 2 Feb 68	(2) Current Week 11 AM EST 27 Jan 68 Through 11 AM EST 1 Feb 68	(3) Cumula- tive From 1 Jan 68	(4) Cumula- tive From 1 Jan 67	(5) Cumula- tive From 1 Jan 61
UNITED STATES ^a				
Killed	81	227	1,085	10,463
Wounded Not Hosp	235	940	3,718	33,372
Wounded Hosp	256	1,018	4,148	36,519
Captured	0	1	2	137
Missing	0	12	113	384
SOUTH VIETNAM				
Killed	190	931	1,847	12,727
Wounded	379	2,216	4,863	34,311
Missing/Captured	21	47	345	2,685
OTHER ALLIED				
Killed	1	39	116	1,221
Wounded	1	118	251	2,569
Missing/Captured	0	0	0	3
VIET CONG/NVA				
Killed	2,881	10,466	22,161	110,242
Wounded (estimate ^b)	4,321	15,699	33,242	165,363

a. U.S. Casualties include Laos and Vietnam.

b. Estimate based on a 1.5 to 1 Wounded to Killed ratio.

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By SP, NARS, Date 3-20-79

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Sunday, February 4, 1968
6:30 AM

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

South Vietnam

A check by the Marines indicates everything was quiet in Khe Sanh as of 2:00 AM.

In Hue, the northwest and southwest portions of the citadel remain partially occupied with small pockets of enemy forces. Clearing of the built-up areas has slowed the operation. ARVN forces are reported in complete control of the airfield. Sporadic contact continues within the citadel and US forces continue sweep operation to the southwest and maintain blocking positions to the west and northwest.

During the night hours, Phu Bai airfield received 40-50 rounds of mixed mortar and rocket fire. There was no damage reported.

In Kontum mortaring of US and Vietnamese installations was reported during the early morning hours. At present Kontum city is under the control of friendly forces. However, sniping continues during daylight and nighttime hours. In general the local populace appears apathetic to the current situation, trying to avoid being caught in the action and being injured. To date, there have been no signs of sympathy or aid for the enemy among the local populace.

No fighting has been reported in Ban Me Thuot, but reports were being received in the town that enemy forces were advancing on the town.

In Saigon there is still scattered firing and small groups of enemy are being observed. Vietnamese troops and police are being dispatched immediately to clear these areas out. On Sunday morning, when the Vietnamese people poured out into the streets, police were strictly enforcing the ban on vehicular traffic.

At Tan Uyen, in Bien Hoa province north of Saigon, enemy forces occupied a brick factory a short distance from the ARVN headquarters, overran the dependent housing area and disabled a nearby power plant. Reinforcements were being sent to the town.

US personnel in My Tho report that, despite the terrific pounding which the city took, it has withstood the Viet Cong attacks and remains in friendly control. The Viet Cong still infiltrate the edges of the city, but action is confined to sporadic sniper fire. The special police were cited as having done an excellent job during the fighting, especially considering the superiority of enemy weaponry over that used by the police. ARVN troops fought well throughout the fighting.

In the delta area, the town of Ha Tien was attacked and reported overrun in the early morning hours. A reaction force has been dispatched.

US personnel report from the city of Vinh Long that the Viet Cong attacks there will probably be a military loss to the Viet Cong, but may become a psychological victory for them. Looting by soldiers and civilians is widespread throughout the city. All public utilities are off and air strikes, artillery, and firing from boats have leveled much of the city. ARVN troops appeared untrained and unaccustomed to city fighting.

Cumulative casualties since Monday

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Captured</u>
Enemy	14,997	--	4,156
United States	367	2,063	
South Vietnamese	738	2,059	

North Vietnam

All strikes against major targets were again cancelled because of poor weather in the target areas. 76 armed reconnaissance sorties were flown in the southern part of the country.

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MILITARY CASUALTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

4 FEBRUARY 1968

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UNITED STATES^a

Killed	37	282	1,140	10,518	17,162
Wounded Not Hosp	126	1,065	3,843	33,497	50,618
Wounded Hosp	137	1,156	4,286	36,657	57,274
Captured	0	1	2	137	233
Missing	0	16	117	388	764

SOUTH VIETNAM

Killed	154	1,121	2,037	12,917	55,212
Wounded	1,434	2,595	5,242	34,690	119,932
Missing/Captured	16	68	366	2,706	27,513

OTHER ALLIED

Killed	7	40	117	1,222	1,820
Wounded	27	119	252	2,570	4,300
Missing/Captured	0	0	0	3	20

VIET CONG/NVA

Killed	2,293	13,347	25,042	113,123	272,276
Wounded	3,440	20,020	37,563	169,684	408,414
(estimate ^b)					

a. U.S. Casualties include Laos and Vietnam.

b. Estimate based on a 1.5 to 1 Wounded to Killed ratio.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ By sp NARS Date 3-20-79

Monday, February 5, 1968
6:30 AM

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

South Vietnam

Heavy fighting continued yesterday in the city of Hue as US Marines and ARVN forces fought to clear the remaining pockets of enemy resistance.

Light sporadic contacts and sniper fire continue throughout the city of Saigon. Sweeping operations are in progress in Cholon and other areas throughout the city.

Action in the Khe Sanh area increased sharply when the combat base area began receiving heavy concentrations of rocket, mortar and artillery fire late yesterday afternoon. A few minutes later a Marine company on hill 861 reported they were under heavy ground attack by a reported 200 plus enemy force. The enemy employed rockets, bangalore torpedoes, satchel charges, and automatic weapons. At one point some of the enemy were reported to have broken through the wire defenses. After four hours of fighting, the enemy withdrew, leaving 108 dead. Seven US Marines were killed and 44 were wounded.

In Bien Hoa province, to the north of Saigon, no enemy military activity has been reported during the night. According to a report from a competent American observer, a number of North Vietnamese Army prisoners stated that they came to Bien Hoa to receive the province. They said they were told that the "Americans" had negotiated with the NLF for the establishment of a coalition government.

Reports from Quang Tin and Quang Ngai provinces in the First Corps indicate that the enemy will make mass attacks on cities and in the districts some time before February 10. People continue to go about their business in a normal fashion, but there are signs of uncertainty.

Reports from Dalat indicate that sporadic small arms fire was continuing within the city. A CIDG unit was attempting to secure areas of the town. The airfield continued to remain closed to all traffic. The local populace has not rallied to the Viet Cong, but has been firmly supporting the government throughout the period of enemy attacks. Census grievance sources report that the Viet Cong are tired and hungry, but plan to stay in the city until Wednesday. They will then exfiltrate, to return and resume their attack on Saturday, February 10. If they are unsuccessful, they will cease all offensive action in the Dalat area.

Cumulative casualties as of noon Sunday

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Captured</u>
Enemy	16,976		6,075
United States	471	2,744	
South Vietnam	993	3,229	

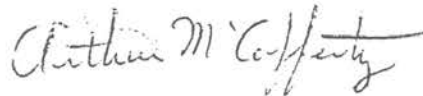
North Vietnam

All major strikes scheduled for last night and this morning were cancelled because of bad weather. US pilots flew 101 armed reconnaissance sorties, mainly in the southern half of the country.

Two US aircraft were downed over North Vietnam yesterday morning; one probably to ground fire and the other was hit by an air-to-air missile fired by a MIG. The aircraft hit by the MIG began to burn immediately but the pilot was able to eject. No beeper was heard, however, and rescue efforts will not be attempted due to the location of the incident.

A MIG-21 was also shot down yesterday morning in a separate engagement.

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MILITARY CASUALTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

5 FEBRUARY 1968

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UNITED STATES ^a					
Killed	64	377	1,235	10,613	17,257
Wounded Not Hosp	275	1,163	3,941	33,595	50,716
Wounded Hosp	298	1,263	4,393	36,764	57,381
Captured	0	1	2	137	233
Missing	1	18	119	390	766
SOUTH VIETNAM					
Killed	160	1,275	2,191	13,071	55,366
Wounded	450	4,029	6,676	36,124	121,366
Missing/Captured	23	84	382	2,722	27,529
OTHER ALLIED					
Killed	6	47	124	1,229	1,827
Wounded	7	146	279	2,597	4,327
Missing/Captured	0	0	0	3	20
VIET CONG/NVA					
Killed	1,428	15,640	27,335	115,416	274,569
Wounded (estimate ^b)	2,142	23,460	41,003	173,124	411,854

a. U.S. Casualties include Laos and Vietnam.

b. Estimate based on a 1.5 to 1 Wounded to Killed ratio.

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Monday

February 5, 1968 -- 11:40 a.m.

SITUATION ROOM MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Fighting in Saigon

The press is reporting that a police substation in Saigon was overrun and a nearby precinct police headquarters was in flames.

The NMCC received the following information by telephone from Saigon:

At 7:30 a.m. EST a police substation in southwest Saigon was overrun by an enemy force. At 7:50 a.m. civilians were reported to be evacuating the area; the Viet Cong were setting fires. ARVN forces were air-dropping tear gas in the area.

At 9:40 a.m. ARVN forces reported that they were engaging an estimated 300-man Viet Cong force in the northern section of the city.

At about the same time, a South Vietnamese Airborne battalion reported it was engaged in a fire fight one mile north of Tan Son Nhut with an estimated 300 enemy troops.

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VIET ATTACK (TOPS 6)

SAIGON (AP)-A VIET CONG FORCE OF ABOUT 400 MEN OVERRAN A POLICE SUBSTATION IN SAIGON TONIGHT AND DROVE POLICE OUT OF A NEARBY PRECINCT POLICE HEADQUARTERS THAT WAS IN FLAMES.

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POLICE ABANDONED THE 8TH PRECINCT HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE CAPITAL AND WITHDREW TO THE NORTH TOWARD THE CENTER OF THE CAPITAL.

POLICE SAID THEY DID NOT WANT TO OPEN WITH HEAVY GUNFIRE BECAUSE OF THE THOUSANDS OF CIVILIANS IN THE AREA.

U.S. OFFICIALS SAID EARLIER IN THE DAY THAT BETWEEN 500 AND 700 VIET CONG WERE STILL IN SAIGON, AND STILL WERE CAPABLE OF LAUNCHING ANOTHER BIG ATTACK IN THE CITY.

IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE FRESH ATTACKS WOULD TOUCH OFF A NEW ROUND OF STREET FIGHTING IN SAIGON, SIX DAYS AFTER THE START OF THE ORIGINAL BIG OFFENSIVE.

THE 8TH PRECINCT WAS ONE OF TWO OR THREE OF THE CITY'S PRECINCTS IN WHICH THE VIET CONG WERE STILL BELIEVED TO BE OPERATING IN STRENGTH.

THE ASSAULT ON THE SUBSTATION BEGAN AT ABOUT 3:30 P.M. AN HOUR LATER, THE ENEMY FORCE ATTACKED THE 8TH PRECINCT.

U.S. PLANES FLEW OVER THE AREA DROPPING FLARES TO LIGHT UP THE SCENE.

AN HOUR AND A HALF AFTER THE OPENING ATTACK, THE PRECINCT WAS IN FLAMES AND THE POLICE HAD ABANDONED IT.

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Tuesday, February 6, 1968
6:30 AM

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

South Vietnam

The Cholon area of Saigon continues to be the prime area of Viet Cong activity. In an effort to stabilize these areas, South Vietnamese Rangers have taken up positions in the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th precincts.

Yesterday evening an enemy force attacked and blew-up a power station in the Cholon area and at about the same time set fire to a US warehouse in the same general area.

Additionally, a Viet Cong force is presently involved in a fire-fight with the national police in the 5th precinct and as of last report 25 enemy had been killed. Thus far only one policeman has been killed and 44 were wounded.

With the exception of Cholon, the remainder of Saigon has experienced only sporadic sniper fire.

In the First Corps area Hoi An City was attacked by an estimated three companies of Viet Cong. This action continued for several hours and it is believed that the enemy sustained heavy casualties.

A South Korean artillery position located on the outskirts of Hoi An came under a mortar attack late yesterday evening. Simultaneously a South Korean infantry company in the same vicinity was assaulted by an enemy ground force, supported by mortar fire. The enemy penetrated the South Korean defensive position for a short period before they were repulsed. Enemy losses are unknown at present. South Korean losses were one killed and 12 wounded. Two US advisors were also killed.

No major ground engagements developed in the Khe Sanh area during the night. However, the combat base at Khe Sanh received 172 rounds of mortar and rocket fire yesterday. There were no casualties reported.

In Hue, an estimated three enemy companies still retain positions in the southeast and southwest sectors of the Citadel and as of yesterday evening US Marines and ARVN units were still involved in heavy contact and progressing slowly in house-to-housefighting.

A US Marine unit on a sweep operation was ambushed by the enemy in an area 24 miles southeast of Hue yesterday. The Marines called in artillery and the enemy broke contact leaving behind 54 killed. Marine losses were 2 killed and three wounded.

In two sharp contact about 10 miles north of Dong Ha, US Marines killed 135 enemy soldiers. Nine Marines were killed and 32 were wounded.

National Police in Da Nang reportedly killed over 100 Viet Cong in actions throughout the city. Friendly losses were reported as very light.

Also yesterday, the US Army's helicopter landing pad 8 miles northwest of Da Nang came under a mortar attack resulting in one US killed and two wounded. Two helicopters were destroyed and 9 others damaged.

At present all major population centers in the II Corps are under friendly control.

However, during the night Ban Me Thout received approximately 60 rounds of enemy mortar fire with the primary target being the Army's helicopter facility. There has been no enemy contact within the city, however.

During the night the helicopter field at Pleiku was hit by mortar fire with one ammunition dump destroyed. A friendly infantry unit was in contact with an enemy unit 15 miles southwest of the city and at least 57 enemy have been killed.

In the Third Corps American observers in the area report no new outbreaks of Viet Cong activity and allied forces continue to mop up small enemy pockets in the provinces.

Two US Army companies engaged an enemy force 12 miles northwest of Saigon yesterday and with the aid of air support and artillery killed 36 enemy. Five US were killed and nine were wounded.

In the Fourth Corps, 135 sampans were seen moving south of Camau City. Air strikes were called in resulting in 95 sampans destroyed. Additionally many secondary explosions were noted with smoke and debris visible at times as high as 2,000 feet.

North Vietnam

US aircraft flew a total of 88 sorties over North Vietnam yesterday. All major strikes were cancelled because of bad weather in the target areas.

LATE ITEM

The press is carrying a story out of Hue reporting that US Marines smashed into a Communist stronghold, ripped down the Red North Vietnamese flag and hoisted up the Stars and Stripes over the heart of Hue today. We have NMCC checking to see if we defeated the enemy holed up in the Citadel.

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Raymond L. Thibault

Briefing Officer

Cumulative casualties as of noon Sunday

Enemy killed	21,330	
United States killed	546	3,084 wounded
ARVN killed	1,183	4,101 wounded

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MILITARY CASUALTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

6 FEBRUARY 1968

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UNITED STATES^a

Killed	36	20	1,294	10,459	17,316
Wounded Not Hosp	152	27	4,033	33,687	50,808
Wounded Hosp	164	30	4,689	37,060	57,677
Captured	0	0	2	137	233
Missing	1	1	118	389	765

SOUTH VIETNAM

Killed	73	160	1,860	12,740	55,035
Wounded	273	450	5,327	34,775	120,017
Missing/Captured	9	23	354	2,694	27,501

OTHER ALLIED

Killed	2	6	130	1,235	1,833
Wounded	18	7	286	2,604	4,334
Missing/Captured	0	0	0	3	20

VIET CONG/NVA

Killed	1454	1,428	28,638	116,719	275,872
Wounded	2181	2,142	42,957	175,079	413,808
(estimate ^b)					

a. U.S. Casualties include Laos and Vietnam.

b. Estimate based on a 1.5 to 1 Wounded to Killed ratio.

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By: *10* NARS, Date: 3-20-79

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INFORMATION

Tuesday
February 6, 1968 -- 3:55 p.m.

SITUATION ROOM MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Enemy Attacks in the Khe Sanh Area

We have just received information that the ARVN unit at Lang Vei, to the west of Khe Sanh, was under heavy ground attack at 2:20 p.m. this afternoon. Initial reports indicate that the enemy employed seven tanks; at least one of the tanks had been knocked out.

During the contact, the Marines at Khe Sanh fired COFRAM from 105mm guns.

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Wednesday, February 7, 1968
6:30 AM

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

South Vietnam

Khe Sanh -- At last report there had been no firing in the Khe Sanh area since 10:47 last night. The airfield had been cratered but was reported fully operational shortly thereafter.

The Lang Vei Special Forces camp was under heavy attack for almost 8 hours yesterday. During this time the enemy was supported by 9 tanks, heavy artillery and mortar fire. US tactical air, artillery and COFRAM was used to support the camp. During the heavy actions communications were disrupted for approximately one hour. The attacking enemy force was observed to be using flamethrowers by an air observer. The fighting went on until approximately 11:00 pm, at which time it was reported settling down. Tactical air strikes continued to engage enemy concentrations throughout the area.

Hue -- The house to house fighting continued in Hue, with US Marine and ARVN units maintaining heavy contact with the enemy. Last evening a hospital was liberated; it contained approximately 300 patients and residents. The province headquarters was also regained.

Danang -- in the Danang area, 6 miles south of the airfield, Marines located and attacked an estimated North Vietnamese battalion yesterday. The contact began shortly after noon and lasted until after night fall. 35 enemy were reported killed; 6 US Marines were killed and 14 were wounded in the action.

Also in the Danang area, South Korean Marines made contact with an enemy force in the vicinity of Hoi An. The engagement, which lasted 2 hours, netted 68 enemy killed.

Kontum -- Heavy fighting was reported between US and enemy forces in Kontum during the morning hours. The site of the fighting was about 5 miles north of the city. There are reports that two other enemy units are approaching the city from the south with the intention of taking the city. Friendly forces are being moved into position to block them.

Dalat -- as of yesterday morning, an estimated 1,500 enemy were reported in Dalat. Friendly strength was 1,076. US military officials in the city believed that the airfield would be overrun and an estimated 20 to 30 percent of Dalat would be destroyed. Yesterday afternoon the enemy held the railroad station, the principal church and many ambush sites.

Saigon -- reports as of midnight indicate that four of the city precincts were now considered secure with two others to be cleared soon. Precincts 3 and 5 were still infested with enemy and the police consider it will take several more days to secure them.

North Vietnam

US pilots flew 72 sorties yesterday. The Yen Bai airfield was struck but no results were reported.

Four US aircraft engaged two MIGs, 41 miles northwest of Hanoi. Fifteen air-to-air missiles were fired by the US aircraft with one exploding on a MIG, causing it to disintegrate. No US aircraft were damaged.

Cumulative casualties in South Vietnam as of 11:00 am, February 6

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Captured</u>
Enemy	22,748		4,914
United States	614	3,408	
South Vietnamese	1,130	3,821	

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William F. Sullivan
Briefing Officer

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MILITARY CASUALTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

7 FEBRUARY 1968

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UNITED STATES ^a					
Killed	60	83	1,357	10,522	17,379
Wounded Not Hosp	202	111	4,117	33,771	50,892
Wounded Hosp	219	122	4,781	37,152	57,769
Captured	0	0	2	137	233
Missing	4	15	132	403	779
SOUTH VIETNAM					
Killed	172	233	1,933	12,813	55,108
Wounded	555	723	5,600	35,048	120,290
Missing/Captured	9	32	363	2,703	27,510
OTHER ALLIED					
Killed	21	8	132	1,237	1,835
Wounded	22	25	304	2,622	4,352
Missing/Captured	0	0	0	3	20
VIET CONG/NVA					
Killed	1,062	2,882	30,092	118,173	277,326
Wounded	1,593	4,323	45,138	177,260	415,989
(estimate ^b)					

a. U.S. Casualties include Laos and Vietnam.

b. Estimate based on a 1.5 to 1 Wounded to Killed ratio.

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INFORMATION

Wednesday

February 7, 1968 -- 8:40 a.m.

SITUATION ROOM MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Latest Information from Khe Sanh

At 7:15 a.m. this morning, MACV reported that 30 personnel, of which 16 were U.S., were evacuated from Lang Vei to Khe Sanh between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. EST this morning. We have no indication of the status of these personnel.

At 3:30 a.m., a Special Forces unit was being sent to the Lang Vei area, probably as reinforcement.

Area photography of the tanks disabled in the Lang Vei area have identified them as Soviet-type amphibious tanks. Five of the nine used in yesterday's action have been reported as disabled or destroyed.

W. Rostow
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Thursday, February 8, 1968
6:30 AM

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

South Vietnam

The base at Khe Sanh and its peripheral defensive positions were struck again this morning with a heavy barrage of enemy artillery, rocket and mortar fire. The three hour bombardment, accompanied by a small ground probe of a nearby hill, resulted in little damage and light US casualties.

No major new attacks have occurred elsewhere. Pockets of enemy resistance, however, remain in several urban areas.

In Hue, enemy elements still occupy positions in the extreme southwest corner of the Citadel. On the south side of the river, US Marines are continuing clearing operations against diminishing enemy opposition. ARVN forces continue to be engaged in heavy fighting inside the Citadel.

In Dalat, enemy forces mortared several areas in the city during the night. No major areas of the city are now controlled by the enemy, but there is concern that they may have mixed with the refugees in the city. Local officials report there is sufficient food, water and power, and do not anticipate any major problems for at least a week.

Kontum reports that Viet Cong units continue to be entrenched in bunkers northeast of the city and are currently being hit with mortars artillery and airstrikes. The situation in the city itself is quiet.

Yesterday afternoon a Marine force attacked a North Vietnamese unit to the northeast of Con Thien. In the ensuing battle 30 of the enemy were reported killed; US casualties were 4 killed and 17 wounded.

In Saigon, three police stations came under fire in the Cholon section. Numerous reports are being received of sightings of enemy groups throughout the four precincts that make up this area -- 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Two US Marine battalions continued to pursue an enemy force 6 miles south of the Danang Air Base throughout the daylight hours yesterday. They have reported 153 enemy killed and 144 weapons captured; 6 Marines were killed and 14 wounded.

North Vietnam

A total of 120 sorties were flown yesterday. All strikes against major targets were cancelled because of weather.

Late Item

The latest information we have on Lang Vei is the attached press item which was written on the basis of the 5:00 MACV press briefing.

Cumulative casualties as of noon February 7

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Captured</u>
Enemy	24,662		4,996
United States	703	3,729	
South Vietnamese	1,303	4,493	

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Arthur M. Coffey

Briefing Officer

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MILITARY CASUALTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

8 February 1968

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UNITED STATES^a					
Killed	74	150	1,424	10,589	17,446
Wounded Not Hosp	194	185	4,191	33,845	50,966
Wounded Hosp	210	202	4,861	37,232	57,849
Captured	0	0	2	137	233
Missing	2	51	168	439	815
SOUTH VIETNAM					
Killed	93	405	2,105	12,985	55,280
Wounded	350	1,278	6,155	35,603	120,845
Missing/Captured	5	41	372	2,712	27,519
OTHER ALLIED					
Killed	1	29	153	1,258	1,856
Wounded	13	47	326	2,644	4,774
Missing/Captured	0	0	0	3	20
VIET CONG/NVA					
Killed	1,626	3,944	31,154	119,235	278,388
Wounded	2,439	5,916	46,731	178,853	417,582
(estimate ^b)					

a. U.S. Casualties include Laos and Vietnam.

b. Estimate based on a 1.5 to 1 Wounded to Killed ratio.

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INFORMATION

Thursday, February 8, 1968
8:40 AM

Situation Room Memorandum

Subject: Aircraft lost over South Korea

A US reconnaissance aircraft on a training mission over South Korea is overdue and is presumed down. The training mission was to have been flown in the extreme southern section of the country. Search and rescue operations are in progress.

W.W. Rostow

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Friday, February 9, 1968
6:30 AM

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

South Vietnam

In Hue, 63 enemy were killed and 2 enemy and 59 weapons were captured yesterday. Movement in the city was reported to be somewhat easier. The armory in the southwest part of the city was recaptured by Marines. ARVN forces are still encountering heavy contact with the enemy still holding strong points along the west and south walls of the Citadel.

Shortly after noon yesterday, Marines and Popular Force soldiers in a combined operation, made contact with an estimated two enemy battalions south of Danang. Marine and Army reinforcements were sent to the scene and heavy fighting took place until dark, when the enemy withdrew. First reports place enemy casualties at 152 killed and 21 weapons captured; friendly losses were 15 killed and 75 wounded.

Heavy fighting was reported in the fifth precinct of the Cholon area in Saigon, with ARVN forces closing in on a Viet Cong force attempting to flee from the area. The area was ordered evacuated and cordoned off by rangers and marines. There were indications that the enemy was taking heavy casualties and attempting to flee toward the An Quang pagoda. Later, however, they changed direction and infiltrated a storage area of the Saigon harbor. Heavy fighting was reported and numerous fires were started. The chief of the Saigon municipal police department described the area as a "sea of fire". Two US Army battalions have been moved in an area northwest of the fifth precinct and are blocking the infiltration route in this area.

Dalat was declared free of the enemy yesterday afternoon. An ARVN ranger battalion swept through the city during the day, encountering only light resistance from small groups of enemy.

Continued fighting on a smaller scale has also been reported in the Mekong Delta and in the suburbs surrounding Saigon where US Army troops have launched sweeps to prevent additional infiltration into the capital.

North Vietnam

US pilots flew 67 sorties over North Vietnam yesterday. They struck Phuc Yen airfield, 13 miles north of Hanoi, damaging an IL-28 bomber, but losing one plane to ground fire.

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Cumulative casualties as of 11:00 pm, February 8

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Captured</u>
Enemy	27,049		4,940
United States	848	4,291	
South Vietnamese	1,698	6,633	

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Arthur N. ...
Briefing Officer

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MILITARY CASUALTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

9 FEBRUARY 1968

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UNITED STATES^a

Killed	21	193	1,467	10,632	17,489
Wounded Not Hosp	75	365	4,371	34,025	51,146
Wounded Hosp	82	396	5,055	37,426	58,043
Captured	0	0	2	137	233
Missing	2	92	209	480	856

SOUTH VIETNAM

Killed	64	498	2,198	13,078	55,373
Wounded	232	1,628	6,505	35,953	121,195
Missing/Captured	307	46	377	2,717	27,524

OTHER ALLIED

Killed	0	30	154	1,259	1,857
Wounded	4	60	339	2,657	4,787
Missing/Captured	0	0	0	3	20

VIET CONG/NVA

Killed	1,463	5,570	32,780	120,861	280,014
Wounded	2,195	8,355	49,170	181,292	420,021
(estimate ^b)					

a. U.S. Casualties include Laos and Vietnam.

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NARS, Date

3-20-79

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Saturday, February 10, 1968
6:30 AM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

South Vietnam

Khe Sanh remained relatively quiet with one enemy probing attack being reported during the past 24 hours. The enemy attacked a small US Marine outpost with 30-40 men. The Marines pulled back to the company defensive position followed by the enemy, who threw seven satchel charges into the perimeter defensive wire and then withdrew. US Marine casualties were two killed and three wounded. Enemy losses are unknown.

A US Marine KC-130 aircraft, was hit by ground fire and caught fire, two miles southwest of the runway. The burning aircraft landed at Khe Sanh and was destroyed. Of the eight men aboard the aircraft, two were killed and four were injured. The remaining two men are missing. The runway has been cleared and the airfield is open.

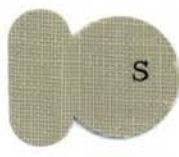
A US Marine company, 4 miles south of Da Nang, was fired on by an unknown number of the enemy. The Marines called in artillery fire and strikes by tactical aircraft. The enemy withdrew leaving 20 dead. There were no US Marine casualties.

Early yesterday morning elements of the US Army 25th Division engaged the enemy about ten miles north-northwest of Saigon. The fighting continued for six hours with action ending when the enemy withdrew. The enemy lost 176 killed while the US Army units lost three killed and 30 wounded.

Two rifle companies of the 25th Division engaged the enemy eight miles northwest of Saigon. In a four hour fight the enemy lost 102 killed. US Army casualties were placed at three killed and four wounded.

Saigon passed its quietest night since the beginning of the TET offensive. There were only two incidents reported as being of importance. In the fifth precinct friendly forces made contact with an estimated 40 Viet Cong at the southern edge of the race track which has been the scene of continued Viet Cong presence. The other attack was in the sixth precinct. It was attacked by an unknown size force. There were no casualties figures reported.

ARVN forces are still engaged in heavy fighting in the southwest corner of the Citadel. US Marines are reported to be having a easier time in clearing the area across the Perfume River.



North Vietnam

Yesterday US pilots struck the Cat Bi Airfield with one US Navy A-6A and the Air Force struck the Phuc Yex Airfield with 16 F-4D aircraft. No damage assessment could be made because of darkness and weather. All the aircraft returned safely.

Poor weather conditions in the Hanoi area forced the cancellation of strikes against the Hanoi Rail/Highway Bridge.

Late Report:

A Viet Cong Battalion Command Group south of the racetrack area was knocked out. Six Viet Cong were killed including the battalion commander.

Cumulative casualties as of 11:00PM, February 9

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Captured</u>
Enemy	28,321		
United States	929	4,488	
South Vietnamese	1,739	6,720	

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James L. Brown
Briefing Officer

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MILITARY CASUALTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

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UNITED STATES ^a					
Killed	81	273	1,547	10,712	17,569
Wounded Not Hosp	182	397	4,403	34,057	51,178
Wounded Hosp	197	430	5,089	37,460	58,077
Captured	0	0	2	137	233
Missing	0	121	238	509	885
SOUTH VIETNAM					
Killed	41	562	2,262	13,142	55,437
Wounded	87	1860	6,737	36,185	121,427
Missing/Captured	7	353	684	3,024	27,831
OTHER ALLIED					
Killed	3	30	154	1,259	1,857
Wounded	7	64	343	2,661	4,391
Missing/Captured	0	0	0	3	20
VIET CONG/NVA					
Killed	1,272	7,033	34,243	122,324	281,477
Wounded	1,908	10,550	51,365	183,486	422,216
(estimate ^b)					

a. U.S. Casualties include Laos and Vietnam.

b. Estimate based on a 1.5 to 1 Wounded to Killed ratio.

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By 10 NARS Date 3-20-79

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Sunday, February 11, 1968
6:30 A.M.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

South Vietnam

A US Army brigade headquarters located at Tan An City, approximately 25 miles south of Saigon, received about 250 rounds of mortar fire followed by a ground attack against outposts defending the city. The contact lasted for three hours and 123 enemy were killed and 17 were detained. US Army losses were placed at four killed and 11 wounded while the South Vietnamese lost 37 killed and 211 wounded.

The Bien Hoa Airfield, about 25 miles north of Saigon, was hit by approximately 20 rounds of rocket fire resulting in one US killed, 36 wounded and 24 injured. Seven aircraft were destroyed and 16 were damaged. There have been no reports of enemy casualties. The airfield itself is reported as fully operational.

Bac Lieu City, about 140 miles south of Saigon, was hit by enemy mortar fire followed by a ground attack. One enemy platoon occupied a school house in the city and approximately 100 enemy remained on the outskirts of the city. South Vietnamese forces counter-attacked and recaptured the school building. The enemy force withdrew leaving nine dead behind. South Vietnamese casualties were five killed and 28 wounded. A large part of the city was reported to have been burned during the fighting.

In Saigon, there has been no significant activity reported. The South Vietnamese Police are conducting search operations in areas of suspected enemy presence.

US Marine units engaged in clearing the enemy from portions of Hue, reported greater ease of movement through the city yesterday with only light contact with enemy units. South Vietnamese Army units engaged enemy units in the Citadel. The enemy stills holds strong points along the wall in the southwest sector.

In the Cholon sector of Saigon, a warehouse containing food, clothing and assorted supplies was attacked by an enemy force. The enemy set fire to the warehouse and no report of the outcome of this action has been received.

A US force sweeping the area around Hoi An, approximately 15 miles south of Da Nang, engaged a large enemy force and reported killing 173 of the enemy. US losses were 12 killed and 43 wounded.

North Vietnam

US tactical aircraft flew 109 sorties against targets in North Vietnam yesterday. The weather conditions forced cancellation of all Rolling Thunder strikes scheduled for last night.

White House Situation Room
Charles E. Nagel
Briefing Officer

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MILITARY CASUALTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

11 FEBRUARY 1968

	(1) 24 Hrs Ending 11 AM EST 10 Feb 68	(2) Current Week 11 AM EST Through 11 AM EST 7 Feb 68	(3) Cumula- tive From 1 Jan 68	(4) Cumula- tive From 1 Jan 67	(5) Cumula- tive From 1 Jan 61
UNITED STATES ^a					
Killed	49	320	1,594	10,759	17,616
Wounded Not Hosp	108	518	4,524	34,178	51,299
Wounded Hosp	116	560	5,219	37,590	58,207
Captured	0	0	2	137	233
Missing	5	152	269	540	916
SOUTH VIETNAM					
Killed	49	603	2,303	13,183	55,478
Wounded	242	1,947	6,824	36,272	121,514
Missing/Captured	0	360	691	3,031	27,838
OTHER ALLIED					
Killed	2	33	157	1,262	1,860
Wounded	2	71	350	2,668	4,398
Missing/Captured	0	0	0	3	20
VIET CONG/NVA					
Killed	1,002	8,305	35,515	123,596	282,749
Wounded	1,503	12,458	53,273	185,394	424,124
(estimate ^b)					

a. U.S. Casualties include Laos and Vietnam.

b. Estimate based on a 1.5 to 1 Wounded to Killed ratio.

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By

NARS, Date

3-30-79

Monday, February 12., 1968
6:30 AM

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

South Vietnam

Enemy activity in northern First Corps yesterday consisted of harassing mortar, rocket, and artillery attacks against Marine installations located along the DMZ. The Khe Sanh combat base received 120 rounds, Gio Linh reported 44 rounds, while Con Thien, Cam Lo and Camp Carroll reported lesser amounts.

At Hue, enemy resistance within the Citadel is principally concentrated at three fortified strong points. South of the Perfume River US Marine elements have cleared the enemy out and have set up blocking positions.

The bridge on Highway 1 is in Marine hands and the bridge is being repaired.

The only major action reported in the Third Corps was an enemy attack against Tan An, the provincial capital of Long An Province. This was the second attack in less than 48 hours. Approximately 30 rounds of mortar fire landed within about a two block radius of the police station. An American observer in the town views the attacks as a reminder that the enemy is still around, rather than as an attempt to overrun the town.

As of midnight, Saigon appears to be relatively calm. There are still a number of Viet Cong located in the Cholon area, but no reports of contact with them have been received this morning.

Fighting is continuing in the city of Dalat. Yesterday, South Vietnamese forces drove enemy forces from a large pagoda in the city which had been held since February 9. Today South Vietnamese units will attempt to retake an enemy held monastery in the northwest section of the city.

Outside of Saigon US and ARVN troops continue to engage enemy forces. Yesterday a rifle company of the US 199th Brigade fought a three hour engagement near the Race Track. 24 enemy were killed and 2 were detained in the fight; US casualties were 5 killed and 13 wounded. An ARVN unit engaged an enemy force two miles north of Tan Son Nhut, killing 18 of the enemy while losing 4 killed and 15 wounded themselves.



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North Vietnam

A total of 70 sorties were flown over the North yesterday. Most of these flights were confined to the southern panhandle. However, two Navy aircraft fired five air-to-air missiles at two unidentified aircraft 47 miles southwest of Hanoi; no results were observed.

Casualties in South Vietnam since January 29

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Captured</u>
Enemy	31,816		5,828
United States	1,012	5,144	
South Vietnamese	2,105	7,848	

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MILITARY CASUALTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

12 FEBRUARY 1968

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	(1) 24 Hrs Ending 11 AM EST 11 Feb 68	(2) Current Week 11 AM EST Through 11 AM EST 7 Feb 68	(3) Cumula- tive From 1 Jan 68	(4) Cumula- tive From 1 Jan 67	(5) Cumula- tive From 1 Jan 61
UNITED STATES ^a					
Killed	68	421	1,695	10,860	17,707
Wounded Not Hosp	172	666	4,672	34,326	51,447
Wounded Hosp	187	720	5,379	37,750	58,367
Captured	0	0	2	137	233
Missing	1	179	296	567	943
SOUTH VIETNAM					
Killed	125	652	2,352	13,232	55,527
Wounded	231	2,189	7,066	36,514	121,756
Missing/Captured	144	360	691	3,031	27,838
OTHER ALLIED					
Killed	3	35	159	1,264	1,862
Wounded	6	73	352	2,670	4,400
Missing/Captured	0	0	0	3	20
VIET CONG/NVA					
Killed	646	9,307	36,517	124,598	283,751
Wounded	969	13,961	54,776	186,897	425,627
(estimate ^b)					

a. U.S. Casualties include Laos and Vietnam.

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By up NARS Date 3-20-79

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Tuesday, February 13, 1968
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

South Vietnam

Operations to clear the enemy from the Saigon area continue. There were no significant actions reported in the city last night. Scattered reports have been received from areas outside the capital of possible movements of large enemy forces. B-52 strikes were flown against suspected concentrations outside the city during the night.

The Bien Hoa airbase was hit by seven rounds of rocket fire yesterday afternoon. Three aircraft received minor damage, but have been repaired and are now flyable. The air base remained operational.

The Khe Sanh combat base received 37 rounds of mortar fire last night during a 25-minute attack. Two Marines were wounded. Shortly thereafter, a patrol from the South Vietnamese Army Ranger battalion at Khe Sanh engaged an enemy force approximately 500 meters southeast of the airfield. No reports have been received on this contact.

US Marine and ARVN units are still engaged in house-to-house fighting in their efforts to clear the enemy from the Citadel in Hue. Yesterday, enemy resistance was concentrated primarily at three fortified points along the southern portion of the Citadel wall. The damaged Phu Cam River bridge on Highway 1 on the southeastern edge of Hue has been secured by US Marines and is being repaired by engineers.

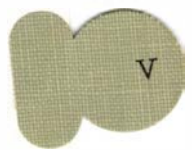
Allied forces made a sweep of the Revolutionary Development area in Quang Tri yesterday, resulting in 12 enemy killed, one a ranking officer of the 808th Viet Cong Main Force battalion attached to the 5th North Vietnamese regiment. The enemy is still exerting pressure on lines of communication in the province, mostly by indirect fire attacks.

Reports from the Fourth Corps indicate the night passed quietly, with only about 15 Viet Cong attacks reported, none of which was an attack on a province capital.

North Vietnam

US aircraft flew 99 sorties over the North yesterday. No major targets were struck because of poor weather conditions over the target areas.

Four US aircraft engaged two MIGs north of Kep Ha airfield and report hitting one. When last seen the MIG was in an uncontrollable spin and is considered destroyed.



Civilian casualties

Incomplete reports on civilian casualties since January 29 show that 3,041 were killed and 10,096 were wounded. The totals will undoubtedly be much higher since no reports have yet been received from First Corps.

Cumulative military casualties as of midnight

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Captured</u>
Enemy	32,549		5,528
United States	1,073	5,488	
South Vietnamese	2,245	8,373	

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Briefing Officer

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MILITARY CASUALTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

13 February 1968

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UNITED STATES ^a					
Killed	22	71	1,745	10,910	17,767
Wounded Not Hosp	80	40	4,606	34,260	51,381
Wounded Hosp	86	43	5,636	38,007	58,624
Captured	-	0	2	137	233
Missing	0	20	309	580	956
SOUTH VIETNAM					
Killed	40	125	2,477	13,357	55,652
Wounded	144	231	7,297	36,745	121,987
Missing/Captured	25	144	835	3,175	27,982
OTHER ALLIED					
Killed	5	3	210	1,315	1,913
Wounded	11	6	439	2,757	4,487
Missing/Captured	0	0	2	5	22
VIET CONG/NVA					
Killed	742	646	37,163	125,244	284,397
Wounded (estimate ^b)	1,113	969	55,745	187,866	426,596

a. U.S. Casualties include Laos and Vietnam.

b. Estimate based on a 1.5 to 1 Wounded to Killed ratio.

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Date 3-20-79

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Wednesday, February 14, 1968
6:30 AM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

South Vietnam

US Marine units at Khe Sanh continue to receive sporadic mortar and artillery fire -- approximately 200 rounds yesterday -- but the situation remains relatively quiet. There were no enemy ground attacks against defensive positions.

Beginning at 7:00 pm today, B-52 aircraft will begin providing continuous, round-the-clock support of the Khe Sanh defenses. This operation, called Bugle Note, will provide a total of 48 B-52 bomber sorties each day. Each mission will be flown by a flight of three aircraft with missions flown at intervals of one and one-half hours. The first target time will be altered each day so that the strike pattern will vary from day to day.

The situation in Saigon is calm. No reports of incidents inside the city have been received. The police, with support from ARVN marines and airborne troops, have conducted sweeps of the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th precincts, previous hotbeds of Viet Cong activity, but no enemy were apprehended or killed. A number of draft dodgers and Viet Cong suspects were picked up in all three precincts.

Three enemy battalions were reported around Vinh Long city. American forces, operating outside the city, made contact about 5 miles outside the city and killed 63 Viet Cong. Market prices seem to be returning to normal. US observers report that this is probably due to the large influx of American aid which had appeared in the city. Also a number of wealthy Vietnamese residents have made large cash donations for relief of the homeless.

Yesterday in Hue, US Marines and ARVN units continued to clear the enemy from the Citadel area. Latest reports indicate operations are meeting light resistance. Pacification teams are now operating in cleared areas of the city to assist refugees.

A late report states that ARVN units were heavily engaged on Monday approximately 25 miles north of Qui Nhon. After the fighting ended the ARVN reported that 26 enemy had been killed. Yesterday, the ARVN units searched the area and found an additional 65 enemy bodies, for a total of 91 enemy dead. ARVN casualties were one killed and 6 wounded.

North Vietnam

US aircraft flew 87 sorties over the North yesterday. Four aircraft struck the Phuc Yen airfield. The aircraft dropped 48 500-pound bombs on the target and pilots reported several bombs impacted on the runway in the aircraft maintenance area.

Two MIGs were shot down by aircraft escorting the Phuc Yen mission. There was no damage to US aircraft.

Cumulative casualties since January 29

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Captured"</u>
Enemy	32,989		5,684
United States	1,108	5,657	
South Vietnamese	2,283	8,527	

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MILITARY CASUALTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

14 February 1968

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UNITED STATES ^a					
Killed	36	237	1,911	11,076	17,842
Wounded Not Hosp	110	86	4,652	34,306	51,427
Wounded Hosp	119	93	5,686	38,057	58,674
Captured	-	1	3	138	234
Missing	0	48	337	608	984
SOUTH VIETNAM					
Killed	30	165	2,517	13,397	55,692
Wounded	75	375	7,441	36,889	122,131
Missing/Captured	27	169	860	3,200	28,007
OTHER ALLIED					
Killed	3	8	215	1,320	1,918
Wounded	6	17	450	2,768	4,498
Missing/Captured	0	0	2	5	22
VIET CONG/NVA					
Killed	439	1,388	37,905	125,986	285,139
Wounded	659	2,082	56,858	188,979	427,709
(estimate ^b)					

a. U.S. Casualties include Laos and Vietnam.

b. Estimate based on a 1.5 to 1 Wounded to Killed ratio.

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Thursday, February 15, 1968
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

South Vietnam

North Vietnamese gunners intensified their shelling of Khe Sanh, but no significant ground probes were launched against the garrison defenses or against any of the other allied strongpoints in the DMZ. For a period of two hours -- 10:00 to 12:00 pm last night -- the airfield was under heavy barrage and was closed. Immediately after the barrage lifted it was reopened, however.

In Hue, bombers are being used to get at the enemy strongholds along the southwest wall of the Citadel.

Elements of the US 25th Infantry Division engaged units of the 272nd Viet Cong Regiment 7 miles southwest of Cu Chi yesterday (immediately to the west of Saigon). US losses were 22 killed and 58 wounded. Reported enemy losses were 109 killed. The 272nd has been operating in the province for the past 9 to 10 days and attacked a district town last Saturday.

Except for many roadblocks remaining in city streets and the presence of large numbers of ARVN troops and police, Saigon between the hours of 7:30 am and 5:00 pm when the curfew is lifted, has the appearance of normalcy as it existed before the Tet offensive. Gen. Loan, however, has stated that he expects the curfew to be necessary until the end of the month, possibly with a gradual extension of the hours during which movement by the populace is allowed.

The An Chau refugee camp, 11 miles north of Quang Ngai city was overrun and completely burned on Tuesday. Two Revolutionary Development teams and two Popular Forces platoons were in night defensive positions and returned the enemy fire. 59 RD Cadre and 35 popular forces are missing following this action.

Reports continue to come in from a number of towns in the delta indicating that the people are uneasy and fear new enemy attacks. Reports also reveal that the people in the countryside are still feeling the impact of the Tet offensive. One of the worst examples of deteriorating security in rural areas has been reported in Go Cong province, about 25 miles south of Saigon. Reportedly, the Go Cong Province chief has been forced to pull all revolutionary development teams in from their pacification areas to man static defenses in the vicinity of the province capital. This has, in effect, turned the countryside over to the Viet Cong who are taking advantage of the situation by increasing their recruiting efforts and taking over villages which were formerly declared pacified.

North Vietnam

US pilots flew 159 sorties over the North yesterday. The Hanoi Railroad and highway bridge over the canal, the Cat Bi airfield near Haiphong, and the Vinh Airfield were among the targets struck.

Three US aircraft were lost yesterday, two to SAMs. Search and rescue operations were begun but were later cancelled due to the hostile environment in the areas of the downing.

Casualties

According to MACV, 400 US military personnel were killed last week and 1,494 were wounded. No figures have been released yet on ARVN or enemy casualties.

Cumulative casualties since January 29

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Captured</u>
Enemy	33,648		5,726
United States	1,148	5,916	
South Vietnamese	2,336	8,715	

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MILITARY CASUALTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

15 FEBRUARY 1968

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24 Hrs	Current Week	Cumula-	Cumula-	Cumula-
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11 AM EST	10 FEB 68	From	From	From
14 FEB 68	Through	1 Jan 68	1 Jan 67	1 Jan 61
	11 AM EST			
	13 FEB 68			
UNITED STATES ^a				
Killed	36	249	1,923	11,088
Wounded Not Hosp	124	286	4,852	34,506
Wounded Hosp	135	309	5,902	38,273
Captured	0	1	3	138
Missing	1	69	358	629
SOUTH VIETNAM				
Killed	26	195	2,547	13,427
Wounded	89	450	7,516	36,964
Missing/Captured	1	196	887	3,227
OTHER ALLIED				
Killed	0	11	218	1,323
Wounded	0	23	456	2,774
Missing/Captured	0	0	2	5
VIET CONG/NVA				
Killed	769	1,827	38,344	126,425
Wounded	1,154	2,741	57,516	189,638
(estimate ^b)				

a. U.S. Casualties include Laos and Vietnam.

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NARS, Date

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Friday, February 16, 1968
6:30 AM

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

South Vietnam

Enemy initiated attacks in South Vietnam continued at a low level last night except for shelling of airbases at Binh Thuy and Nha Trang in the early morning hours. In the DMZ area, US forces conducted extensive reconnaissance and fired artillery and conducted air strikes against known and suspected enemy positions. Enemy activity was limited to scattered fire against Camp Carroll, Con Thien, and Khe Sanh, with no damage reported.

About 20 rounds of mortar fire fell on and around the airstrip at Nha Trang but there were no casualties and only slight damage to the runway. There was no damage to aircraft.

Police have a report that Viet Cong guerrilla and sapper units supported by main force units are being stationed along the edge of a forest approximately 4 miles east of Nha Trang where they are awaiting orders for a second attack on the town.

A late report from Con Thien indicates that three enemy tanks were being engaged by US Marine tanks, five miles north of Con Thien. Tactical aircraft were scrambled to assist.

Yesterday morning a US Army Infantry unit engaged a small enemy force 9 miles northeast of Quang Ngai. After an hour of fighting the enemy broke contact, leaving 9 dead behind; US casualties were one wounded.

At 12:10 pm yesterday the Ben Keo training center, observation posts and a sector headquarters, all near Tay Ninh, came under heavy attack. Light contact is still continuing. Preliminary results are 21 ARVN wounded, two enemy killed and a number of enemy weapons captured.

An ARVN operation in an area 33 miles west of Saigon accounted for 24 enemy killed, 9 detained and 12 weapons captured yesterday. ARVN casualties were one killed and 7 wounded.

North Vietnam

Adverse weather conditions limited the number of sorties flown over the North yesterday to 76. Five SAM missiles were observed by US pilots, one near Haiphong and four near Vinh. No US aircraft were reported downed.

Cumulative Casualties since January 29

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Captured</u>
Enemy	34,273		5,889
United States	1,196	6,219	
South Vietnamese	2,481	9,193	

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John F. Kennedy
Briefing Officer

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MILITARY CASUALTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

16 February 1968

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UNITED STATES ^a					
Killed	23	511	1,985	11,150	18,007
Wounded Not Hosp	70	374	4,940	34,594	51,715
Wounded Hosp	76	404	5,997	38,368	58,985
Captured	0	1	3	138	234
Missing	0	126	415	686	1,062
SOUTH VIETNAM					
Killed	28	221	2,573	13,453	55,748
Wounded	206	539	7,605	37,053	122,295
Missing/Captured	45	197	888	3,228	28,035
OTHER ALLIED					
Killed	5	11	218	1,323	1,921
Wounded	6	23	456	2,774	4,504
Missing/Captured	0	0	2	5	22
VIET CONG/NVA					
Killed	729	2,596	39,113	127,194	286,347
Wounded	1,094	3,894	58,670	190,791	429,521
(estimate ^b)					

a. U.S. Casualties include Laos and Vietnam.

b. Estimate based on a 1.5 to 1 Wounded to Killed ratio.

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By: *if* NARS Date: 3-20-79

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Saturday, *February* January 17, 1968
6:30 AM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

South Vietnam

There has been little change in the activity at Hue. The enemy still controls half of the west wall and all of the south wall of the Citadel. The enemy positions extend approximately 200 yards from both walls and sniper fire continues in the area of the palace. Friendly movement is reported as slow and US Marine units have had light to heavy contact throughout the area.

The enemy forces in the Citadel are reported to be having difficulty resupplying their personnel. Friendly forces are positioned so as to controll passage through the western wall which was previously used by the enemy for this purpose.

Yesterday afternoon US Army units engaged an enemy force about eight miles north northeast of Quang Tri City. The friendly units were supported by US artillery and tactical air strikes which resulted in 15 enemy killed. US losses were four killed and seven wounded.

Khe Sanh Combat Base received about 92 rounds of rocket and mortar fire yesterday and this morning. There have been no ground attacks on the camp reported.

Camp Carroll received about 40 rounds of rocket and about 30 rounds of mortar fire yesterday. No results of the attack are known at this time, however, a Marine platoon operating about seven miles southwest of the camp was attacked by an enemy force. Contact lasted about three hours resulting in 12 Marines killed and 107 wounded. Enemy casualties are not as yet known.

Marine units engaged the enemy about 12 miles southwest of Da Nang and after a three hour battle reported killing 31 of the enemy. Marine losses were two killed and 25 wounded.

The Enemy, using demolition charges, caused major damage to a bridge on highway 1 about four miles west of Nha Trang yesterday afternoon. A bypass around Nha Trang is available and another is being constructed around the bridge which should be completed today. It is not known how long the bridge will be out of service.

Three US Army companies engaged an enemy force at Tay Ninh City, about 60 miles north of Saigon, for six hours yesterday. The enemy lost 40 killed while the US lost two killed and 20 wounded.

North Vietnam

US pilots flew 83 sorties over North Vietnam yesterday. All major Rolling Thunder strikes were cancelled because of bad weather in the target areas.

However, Phuc Yen Airfield was struck but no bomb damage assessment was made because of bad weather. The Hoa Lac Airfield was also struck, which is located 23 miles west of Hanoi, with impacts observed on the main runway and taxiway.

A Navy P-2 aircraft is reported downed in Laos due to ground fire while on a reconnaissance mission. The aircraft usually carries a crew of nine but the exact number on this mission is not known at this time. No chutes or beepers have been heard but search and rescue is in progress.

Cumulative Casualties since January 29

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Captured</u>
Enemy	34,947		5,939
United States	1,258	6,518	
South Vietnamese	2,419	8,885	

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Charles E. Hayden

Briefing Officer

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MILITARY CASUALTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

17 FEBRUARY 1968

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	(1) 24 Hrs Ending 11 AM EST 16 Feb 68	(2) Current Week 11 AM EST 10 Feb 68 Through 11 AM EST 15 Feb 68	(3) Cumula- tive From 1 Jan 68	(4) Cumula- tive From 1 Jan 67	(5) Cumula- tive From 1 Jan 61
UNITED STATES ^a					
Killed	43	414	2,088	11,253	18,110
Wounded Not Hosp	139	488	5,054	34,708	51,829
Wounded Hosp	150	528	6,121	38,492	59,109
Captured	0	1	3	138	234
Missing	0	92	381	652	1,028
SOUTH VIETNAM					
Killed	41	249	2,601	13,481	55,776
Wounded	162	745	7,811	37,259	122,501
Missing/Captured	39	242	933	3,273	28,277
OTHER ALLIED					
Killed	2	16	223	1,328	1,926
Wounded	4	29	462	2,780	4,510
Missing/Captured	0	0	2	5	22
VIET CONG/NVA					
Killed	570	3,325	39,842	127,923	287,076
Wounded (estimate ^b)	855	4,988	59,763	191,885	430,614

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TO : WALT ROSTOW FOR THE PRESIDENT
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INFORMATION ON SOUTH VIETNAM AS OF 9:40 PM EST

A US ARMY ELEMENT FOUGHT A FOUR-HOUR ENGAGEMENT 5 MILES
WEST OF TAN SON NHUT THIS AFTERNOON. DURING THE ENCOUNTER
40 ENEMY WERE KILLED COMPARED WITH US CASUALTIES OF 2 WOUNDED.

DURING THE MORTAR ATTACK ON TAN SON NHUT EARLIER TODAY,
SIX MORTAR ROUNDS IMPACTED WITHIN THE MACV COMPOUND WOUNDING
FOUR MEN.

THIS EVENING A POLICE PRECINCT IN THE CHOLON AREA OF
SAIGON CAME UNDER AN ENEMY MORTAR ATTACK RESULTING IN
FRIENDLY CASUALTIES OF 7 KILLED AND 30 WOUNDED.

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INFORMATION ON SOUTH VIETNAM, AS OF 7:30 PM EST.

REPORTS OF ENEMY MORTAR ATTACKS AGAINST ALLIED INSTALLATIONS AND VARIOUS CITIES CONTINUE TO COME IN; HOWEVER, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE ENEMY HAS INITIATED ANY GROUND ACTION OF SIGNIFICANCE.

IN ADDITION TO THE ATTACKS ALREADY REPORTED, KONTUM AIRFIELD RECEIVED SOME MORTAR FIRE BUT NO INDICATIONS OF DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

A C106 OUTPOST FIVE MILES SOUTH OF PA LAT RECEIVED SMALL-ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE BUT THE ENEMY BROKE CONTACT AFTER A BRIEF EXCHANGE.

PHAN THIET, IN THE SECOND CORPS, ALSO RECEIVED SOME MORTAR ROUNDS.

CASUALTIES AT TAN SON NHUT NOW STAND AT 39 US WOUNDED. THE AIRFIELD IS OPERATIONAL.

VINH LONG, IN THE FOURTH CORPS, RECEIVED AN ESTIMATED 80 ROUNDS OF ROCKET FIRE AND A SMALL NUMBER OF VC REPORTEDLY INFILTRATED INTO THE CITY--THERE IS NO CONFIRMATION OF THIS, HOWEVER.

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TO WALT ROSTOW
CITE CAP80417

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I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN SOME POINTS
GENERAL WHEELER MADE TO THE NMCC AFTER REVIEWING THE
SITUATION AT 6:00 P.M. EST.

1. THUS FAR THERE HAVE ONLY BEEN MORTAR ATTACKS;
EVEN THOUGH IT IS NOW DAYLIGHT.
2. CASUALTIES ARE VERY LIGHT.
3. A LARGE NUMBER OF THE ATTACK REPORTS ARE FROM
VIETNAMESE SOURCES.

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FROM: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM
TO : WALT ROSTOW
CITE: CAP80416

TO WALT ROSTOW FOR THE PRESIDENT
FROM THE SITUATION ROOM

INFORMATION FROM SAIGON, AS OF 6:00 PM EST

THE NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT DESTROYED AT TAN SON NHUT NOW STANDS AT FIVE, WITH AN ADDITIONAL TEN DAMAGED. THE BASE CHAPEL AND THREE OTHER BUILDINGS WERE ALSO DESTROYED. US CASUALTIES ARE NINE WOUNDED.

AT CAN THO THE ENEMY LAUNCHED APPROXIMATELY 40 ROUNDS OF MORTAR FIRE AGAINST THE CITY, WOUNDING 7 US.

THE AIRFIELD AT BINH THUY, 50 MILES NORTHWEST OF CAN THO, RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 15 ROUNDS OF MORTAR FIRE KILLING ONE US AND DESTROYING ONE AIRCRAFT AND DAMAGING ANOTHER.

IN ADDITION TO THE INCIDENTS ALREADY LISTED, 30 US WERE WOUNDED WHEN THE ENEMY LAUNCHED A MORTAR AND GROUND ATTACK AGAINST THE AIRFIELD AT CU CHI, 16 MILES NORTHWEST OF SAIGON.

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FROM WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM
TO WALT ROSTOW
CITE CAP80440

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SITUATION REPORT AS OF 4:00 AM PST, 18 FEBRUARY 1968

AT 1600 HOURS ON 18 FEBRUARY GENERAL LOAN, DIRECTOR
GENERAL OF NATIONAL POLICE, FORECAST THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS FOR
NIGHT OF 18 FEBRUARY AND MORNING OF 19 FEBRUARY:

A. ROCKET AND MORTAR ATTACKS ARE EXPECTED ON KEY
INSTALLATIONS IN THE SAIGON AREA TONIGHT AND TOMORROW MORNING.

B. GROUND ATTACKS FROM ELEMENTS OF 5TH LOCAL FORCE BATTALION
CAN BE EXPECTED AGAINST THE 7TH AND 8TH PRECINCTS.

C. GROUND ATTACKS FROM A COMPANY SSIZZE UNIT FROM LONG AN
PROVINCE IS EXPECTED AGAINST 7TH PRECINCT.

D. GROUND ATTACKS AGAINST TAN SON NHUT CAN BE EXPECTED
FROM ELEMENTS OF TWO BATTALIONS (267TH AND 269TH) WITH A STRENGTH
OF APPROXIMATELY 1,000 MEN.

AT 1400 HOURS ON 18 FEBRUARY, THE SITUATION WAS
DETERIORATING IN PHAN THIET, BINH THUAN PROVINCE, AFTER TAKING
SECURITY MEASURES, RDC PERSONNEL MOVED INTO LACV COMPOUND.

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1. STATUS OF ROUTE 1 FROM DA NANG TO HUE:

A. STUBBORN ENEMY RESISTANCE IN THE VICINITY OF HAI VAN PASS HAS PREVENTED NEW RECONNAISSANCE OF THE ROAD FROM DA NANG TO LANG CO. THE LAST REPORT CONSIDERED THE ROAD OPEN, BUT IT MUST NOW BE ASSUMED THAT THERE IS SOME PROBABLE DAMAGE TO IT. THE BRIDGE JUST SOUTH OF LANG CO IS NOW OUT AND WILL REQUIRE 48 HOURS TO REPAIR, AND, SECURITY PERMITTING, THERE ARE ENGINEER FORCES AVAILABLE TO WORK ON IT.

B. THE ROAD FROM LANG CO TO PHU LOC IS CLOSED DUE TO NUMEROUS CRATER AND HAND-DUG CUTS. THESE CUTS LEAVE TWO OR THREE FEET OF ROADWAY REMAINING SO THAT BICYCLES AND MOTORCYCLES CAN PASS. ENGINEER FORCES ARE AVAILABLE TO WORK ON IT, AGAIN SECURITY PERMITTING, AND REQUIRING 48 HOURS FOR REPAIR.

C. THE ROAD FROM PHU LOC TO THE SOUTHERN LIMITS OF HUE IS IN ENEMY HANDS, THUS BLOCKING ANY TRANSIT THROUGH HUE GOING TO THE NORTH.

2. ON ROUTE 4 THERE IS MODERATE TO LIGHT COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC FLOWING FROM CAN THO NORTH TO SAIGON. IT IS FELT THAT OWNERS OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ARE NOT WILLING TO RISK THE LOSS OF THEM BY EXPOSURE ON THE ROADS.

A. THERE IS NO CHANGE FROM YESTERDAY ON THAT PART OF ROUTE 4 FROM THE IV CORPS BOUNDARY SOUTH TO CA MAU. SECURITY IS STILL NOT ESTABLISHED IN THE VICINITY OF THE CLOSED SECTIONS, THUS NOT PERMITTING ANY NEW PROGRESS. WHEN SECURITY PERMITS, ENGINEER FORCES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO WORK ON REPAIRS, WHICH WILL REQUIRE 48 HOURS FOR EXISTING DAMAGE. ENEMY DAMAGE OCCURING THE NIGHT BEFORE ON OPEN SECTIONS IS REPAIRED THE FOLLOWING DAY. THE CURRENT LEVEL OF NIGHTLY ENEMY INTERDICTION IS NOW ABOUT THE SAME AS BEFORE THE TET OFFENSIVE.

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DELIVER DURING WAKING HOURS

IN ADDITION TO THE CORPS REPORTS, ALREADY SENT TO YOU, THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS ARE ALSO NOTEWORTHY.

SOUTH VIETNAM

IN HUE US MARINE AND ARVN FORCES KILLED 218 ENEMY YESTERDAY AS THEY CONTINUED TO ENCOUNTER POCKETS OF ENEMY RESISTANCE WITHIN THE CITADEL.

THE KHE SANH BASE RECEIVED 175 ROUNDS OF MORTAR AND ROCKET FIRE YESTERDAY, WHILE THE EASTERN DMZ AREA WAE RELATIVELY QUIET WITH CAMP CARROLL AND CON THIEN RECEIVING A TOTAL OF 19 ROUNDS OF MORTAR FIRE.

ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON, US MARINE UNIT ENCOUNTERED AN ENEMY FORCE ABOUT 5 MILES NORTHEAST OF DONG HO. CONTACT CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT AND UNTIL YESTERDAY EVENING. THE ENEMY LOST 33 KILLED IN THIS ENCOUNTER. THERE WERE NO MARINE CASUALTIES REPORTED.

ALSO IN THE FIRST CORPS THE PHU BAI COMPLEX RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 35 ROUNDS OF ROCKET FIRE RESULTING IN 4 MARINES WOUNDED AND DAMAGE TO SOME LIVING QUARTERS.

ELSEWHERE IN THE FIRST CORPS US MARINES ACCOUNTED FOR AN ADDITIONAL 224 ENEMY KILLED AS A RESULT OF SMALL-UNIT ACTIONS.

TWELVE US AIR FORCE B-52 MISSIONS INVOLVING 36 SORTIES STRUCK ENEMY TROOP CONCENTRATIONS AND SUPPLY AREAS IN SUPPORT OF US FORCES IN THE KHE SANH AREA.

NORTH VIETNAM

AIR ACTIVITY OVER NORTH VIETNAM CONTINUED TO BE LIMITED BY ADVERSE WEATHER, HOWEVER, 104 ARMED RECONNAISSANCE SORTIES WERE FLOWN. ONE OF THESE SORTIES, A MARINE A-6, STRUCK VINH AIRFIELD. NO DAMAGE ASSESSMENT WAS RECEIVED BECAUSE OF BAD WEATHER IN THE TARGET AREA.

KOREA

LATE LAST NIGHT TWO US F-105 AIRCRAFT SUCCESSFULLY BOMBED

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THE LATEST INFORMATION ON THE ATTACK AGAINST TAN SON NHUT NOW INDICATES THAT FIVE AIRCRAFT WERE DESTROYED, 10 AIRCRAFT RECEIVED MAJOR DAMAGE AND AN ADDITIONAL 32 AIRCRAFT RECEIVED MINOR DAMAGE. US CASUALTIES AT THE BASE NOW STAND AT TWO KILLED AND 82 WOUNDED. SEVERAL BUILDINGS AND VEHICLES WERE ALSO DAMAGED.

MILITARY CASUALTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA
18 FEBRUARY 1968

	(1) 24 HRS ENDING 11 AM EST 17 FEB 68	(2) CURRENT WEEK 11 AM EST 10 FEB 68 THROUGH 11AM EST 16 FEB 68	(3) CUMULA- TIVE FROM 1 JAN 68	(4) CUMULA- TIVE FROM 1 JAN 67	(5) CUMULA- TIVE FROM 1 JAN 61
UNITED STATES\$					
KILLED	45	484	2,158	11,323	18,180
WOUNDED NOT HOSP	96	556	5,122	34,776	51,897
WOUNDED HOSP	105	601	6,189	38,565	59,182
CAPTURED	0	1	3	138	234
MISSING	0	124	413	684	1,060
SOUTH VIETNAM					
KILLED	32	290	2,642	13,522	55,817
WOUNDED	185	907	7,973	37,421	122,663
MISSING/CAPTURED	0	281	972	3,312	28,316
OTHER ALLIED					
KILLED	1	18	225	1,330	1,928
WOUNDED	0	33	466	2,784	4,514
MISSING/CAPTURED	0	0	2	5	22
VIET CONG/NVA					
KILLED	550	3,895	40,412	128,493	287,646
WOUNDED	825	5,843	60,618	192,740	431,469
(ESTIMATE)\$					

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

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

A. THE FIGURES SHOWN IN COLUMN (1) ARE PRELIMINARY, UNREFINED BATTLEFIELD-REPORTED CASUALTIES RECEIVED FROM COMUSMACV DAILY.

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

South Vietnam

The new round of coordinated attacks on urban centers and military facilities has thus far lacked the scope and intensity of the Tet offensive.

The majority of the attacks, consisting principally of mortar and rocket fire, were focused on the southern provinces, with only scattered actions reported from the central and northern regions. Less than ten of the more than 40 cities and bases that were hit suffered follow-up ground probes.

The heaviest ground assaults appear to be at Vinh Long in the delta and at Phan Thiet on the coast east of Saigon. Reports from Phan Thiet as of late last night indicate that fighting was continuing. The province hospital in the town was still occupied by the enemy.

Tan Son Nhut received some 100 rounds of mortar and rocket fire yesterday with moderate losses to personnel, aircraft and facilities; sporadic shelling is continuing again today. Sharp skirmishing has been reported in outlying areas of Saigon with one report having a railroad bridge leading into the city being destroyed and heavy fighting going on in the area for control of the bridge.

In Hue, Marine and ARVN units continued intensive combat operations in and around the Citadel to clear remnants of an enemy force along the southeast section of the walled city. Altogether, friendly forces reported 70 enemy killed and 14 weapons captured during the fighting in the city yesterday.

In northern Quang Tri province, ground activity was light, with two brief patrol actions initiated by friendly forces resulting in 13 enemy killed. Bases in the area reported 175 rounds of mortar and artillery fire with 75 rounds impacting at Khe Sanh.

As a result of an intelligence report that enemy were in the area, 7 miles north of Qui Nhon, a Regional Force company made contact with an enemy force yesterday which lasted for 8 hours. Three Regional Force personnel were killed, 7 were wounded and 2 are missing as a result of this action, while 14 enemy were killed, 13 bunkers destroyed, and miscellaneous documents and equipment were captured.

As of yesterday afternoon, sporadic small arms and automatic weapons fire was reported in the city of Vinh Long. The enemy reportedly had taken over the Cathedral and heavy fighting was taking place in the

outskirts. Interim results are 10 ARVN killed and 30 wounded compared with 45 enemy killed, 12 detained, and 30 weapons captured.

North Vietnam

Phu Yen airfield near Hanoi, and Cat Bi airfield near Haiphong were struck yesterday as US pilots flew 114 sorties over the North.

Cumulative casualties since January 29

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Captured</u>
Enemy	36,594		6,204
United States	1,356	7,105	
South Vietnamese	2,604	9,577	

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Arthur M. Coffey
Briefing Officer

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MILITARY CASUALTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

19 FEBRUARY 1968

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24 Hrs	11 AM EST	Cumula-	Cumula-	Cumula-	
Ending	10 FEB 68	tive	tive	tive	
11 AM EST	11 AM EST	From	From	From	
18 FEB 68	17 FEB 68	1 Jan 68	1 Jan 67	1 Jan 61	
UNITED STATES ^a					
Killed	66	584	2,258	11,423	18,280
Wounded Not Hosp	193	775	5,341	34,995	52,116
Wounded Hosp	209	839	6,427	38,803	59,420
Captured	0	1	3	138	234
Missing	1	131	420	691	1,067
SOUTH VIETNAM					
Killed	33	322	2,674	13,554	55,849
Wounded	183	1,092	8,158	37,606	122,848
Missing/Captured	8	281	972	3,312	28,316
OTHER ALLIED					
Killed	7	19	226	1,331	1,929
Wounded	16	33	466	2,784	4,514
Missing/Captured	0	0	2	5	22
VIET CONG/NVA					
Killed	1,345	4,445	40,962	129,043	288,196
Wounded	2,018	6,668	61,443	193,565	432,294
(estimate ^b)					

- a. U.S. Casualties include Laos and Vietnam.
- b. Estimate based on a 1.5 to 1 Wounded to Killed ratio.
- c. The figures shown in column (1) are preliminary, unrefined battlefield-reported casualties received from COMUSMACV daily.
- d. The figures in columns (2) through (5) are verified figures representing casualties reported during the period indicated.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

South Vietnam

Sporadic new mortar and rocket attacks have been reported at points throughout the country but the intensity of Communist military action continues to decline. We continue to receive reports that another attack phase is imminent.

A total of 250 rounds of mortar and artillery fell on US positions at Khe Sanh, Camp Carroll, Con Thien and Gio Linh. Five US personnel were killed and 27 were wounded as a result of these attacks.

There has been no significant change in the military situation in Hue. Press reports stating that the enemy is pulling out of the Citadel cannot be confirmed.

A late report from the Second Corps indicates that the hamlet of Lam Hoc defended by a Regional Force company, was attacked Monday. The enemy broke contact after 90 minutes, leaving 57 dead and 8 weapons. Friendly losses were one killed and 4 wounded.

Enemy units in Phan Thiet are continuing to hold out in the northwest portion of the city and appear to be well dug in. The evening hours were fairly quiet, but at daybreak friendly forces began hitting the enemy positions with artillery and airstrikes.

Messages passed by elements of the North Vietnamese division in the Dak To area are reminiscent of communication activity preceding the B-3 Front offensive in November and in late January. On February 18, intelligence elements of the North Vietnamese division made reference to N day. Other communication activity indicated that a N-day attack may take place in Kontum province on February 23.

The enemy still controls portions of Song Be, 60 miles northwest of Saigon. According to information received from 7 enemy prisoners who were captured in the early phase of the February 17 attack on the city, the Communists intend to make a determined effort to gain complete control of Phuoc Long Province. The prisoners said the attack on Song Be would last for 7 days, unless the town fell sooner.

A late report indicates the village of Tan Thoi Nhut, 6 miles northwest of Saigon, was occupied by two enemy companies Sunday night.

Several unconfirmed reports and rumors indicate further attacks against Saigon. One series of reports indicate: 1) the VC will attempt to cut the highway between

Saigon and the US base at Bien Hoa; 2) the VC plan to seize the main military hospital at Cong Hoa and use the building as a headquarters for a general attack on Saigon; and 3) the VC have distributed leaflets in Saigon advising that certain areas be evacuated because of impending attacks.

There are also reports that the second phase is scheduled for today, and that for an unknown period of time, the VC have infiltrated about 2,000 troops daily into the outlying districts of Saigon.

Reports from Vinh Long city indicate that it has been returned to friendly control with only light contact reported. Results of the weekend action there are: 6 ARVN killed and 74 wounded; 85 enemy killed, 45 detained, and 48 weapons captured.

Can Tho received 20 rounds of recoilless rifle fire yesterday afternoon. There was also small-arms fire in the vicinity of the ferry site. The Tra Vinh airstrip, 37 miles outside Can Tho was under attack for 90 minutes. A fuel dump was set afire and some ammunition exploded after a direct hit. The airstrip is closed except to helicopters.

North Vietnam

A total of 90 sorties were flown yesterday. Poor weather forced cancellation of major target strikes. Four aircraft struck the Yen Bai airfield, but weather prevented a damage assessment.

Cumulative casualties since January 29

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Captured</u>
Enemy	37,667		6,327
United States	1,420	7,406	
South Vietnamese	2,762	10,110	

White House Situation Room

Arthur M. Coffey
Briefing Officer

Wednesday, February 21, 1968
6:30 AM

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

South Vietnam

The Communists retain the military initiative in large areas of South Vietnam but no major new attacks have been reported.

1st Corps

The Khe Sanh base continued to receive enemy shelling yesterday with little damage reported. The Ground Control radar, which was made inoperative Sunday by enemy rocket fire, was back in operation as of last evening.

US Army units reported five separate enemy contacts in an area within 8 miles of Quang Tri city in the past two days. Cumulative enemy losses for the two days were 110 killed; US losses were 12 killed and 59 wounded.

Heavy fighting continues in Hue where the enemy is making a determined effort to prolong the battle.

The Viet Cong District Chief in the district in which Quang Tri is located stated on February 13 that Communist forces will "capture" the city and the district in the near future as part of the plan to demand a coalition government in 1968, according to informants of the South Vietnamese.

2nd Corps

As of 10:00 pm last night, Phan Thiet was generally quiet with only occasional small arms fire. The northwest portion of the city which was occupied by the enemy has been nearly leveled, with the exception of the province hospital and the interrogation center. Enemy troops are still operating in the area and it is believed that a number have mixed with the population and infiltrated other parts of the city. The number of enemy killed in the action has reached 300 by body count.

The police in Phan Thiet have reported that the majority of the enemy soldiers killed or captured during the first attack on the city, on January 31, were North Vietnamese youths between the ages of 16 and 18. Since the attacking units were identified as Viet Cong battalions, it appears that a substantial number of North Vietnamese had been integrated into these units.

There continues to be some enemy activity in and around Dalat. During the night 8 rounds of mortar hit an ARVN supply dump, but there were no casualties and only slight damage. Yesterday a ARVN convoy moving to Dalat was ambushed with 3 ARVN killed and 5 wounded. US military intelligence has reports of increased VC activity and movement of units all around the

city, and there are indications some additional VC have infiltrated the city itself.

3rd Corps

A US infantry battalion fought a heavy 4-hour engagement with an estimated two enemy companies 5 miles northeast of Saigon early yesterday. Enemy losses were reported as 123 killed compared with US losses of 15 killed, 4 missing and one wounded.

A message intercepted on February 9 from COSVN, the intelligence arm of the VC high command, indicates that the enemy expects the current level of military activity to continue for several months. The message directed a subordinate to attack in 2 phases. Phase one was stated as being from January 31 to March 1 and phase two from March 1 to May 19. Ho Chi Minh's birthday is on May 19 and also marks the date the Viet Minh was established in 1941.

A South Vietnamese ranger battalion is heavily engaged with an enemy battalion in an area southeast of Saigon. Artillery and armed helicopters are supporting the rangers and as of last report the contact was continuing with the enemy reportedly trapped. Casualties reported thus far are 17 South Vietnamese killed and 22 wounded. Enemy losses are not known.

Last night a VC unit successfully interdicted Route 5A, a major access route from the coastal provinces of the delta to Saigon, by destroying a bridge.

There are indications that the VC in Binh Long Province are trying anew twist on the coalition government theme. A Vietnamese civic and political action team reported that the people in two hamlets were urged by the VC to demonstrate and request that an allied regime (sic) be established. These people did, in fact, march on the provincial capital, but were halted at a police check point. The fundamental appeal for this allied regime, which would consist of VC and Government of Vietnam forces, was to unite and turn o US forces.

4th Corps

A two-day operation by ARVN units against enemy forces in Vinh Long city, ended yesterday. An update of ARVN casualties places their losses at 11 killed and 57 wounded compared with 72 enemy killed and 38 detained.

North Vietnam

A total of 100 sorties were flown by US pilots over the North yesterday. No planes were lost.

Communist China

Several messages reveal that Chinese naval ships were unable to locate the pilot of the US Navy A-1H shot down east of Hainan Island on February 14 after some 57 hours of searching. Despite the warm surface temperature of the South China sea and his successful ejection, it seems doubtful that the pilot survived.

Washington

At 6:00 am this morning an explosion occurred on the back wall of the Soviet Embassy. There are no details on damage at the present time.

White House Situation Room

Arthur W. Coffey
Briefing Officer

Cumulative casualties since January 29

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Captured</u>
Enemy	38,378		6,457
United States	1,468	7,636	
South Vietnamese	2,819	10,375	

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MILITARY CASUALTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

21 FEBRUARY 1968

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UNITED STATES ^a				
Killed	41	140	2,357	11,522
Wounded Not Hosp	107	249	6,115	35,769
Wounded Hosp	117	280	7,120	39,491
Captured	0	5	5	140
Missing	5	10	374	645
SOUTH VIETNAM				
Killed	58	176	2,850	13,730
Wounded	176	371	8,529	37,977
Missing/Captured	16	11	983	3,323
OTHER ALLIED				
Killed	0	10	240	1,341
Wounded	2	20	486	2,804
Missing/Captured	0	0	2	5
VIET CONG/NVA				
Killed	899	2,237	43,199	131,280
Wounded	1,349	3,356	64,799	196,920
(estimate ^b)				

*Adjusted figures.

a. U.S. Casualties include Laos and Vietnam.

b. Estimate based on a 1.5 to 1 Wounded to Killed ratio.

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SITUATION ROOM REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 22, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SOUTH VIETNAM

THE MILITARY SITUATION THROUGHOUT MOST OF SOUTH VIETNAM WAS GENERALLY QUIET, BUT SHARP FIGHTING CONTINUED NEAR SAIGON AND HUE.

1ST CORPS

SHELLING ACTIVITY IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WAS INCREASED. 690 ROUNDS OF MIXED MORTAR, ARTILLERY AND ROCKET FIRE WAS RECEIVED. THE HEAVIEST CONCENTRATION WAS AT KHE SANH WHICH RECEIVED 370 ROUNDS.

A MARINE BATTALION IN A DEFENSIVE POSITION ON THE EAST SIDE OF KHE SANH RECEIVED A HEAVY ENEMY ROCKET AND MORTAR ATTACK. NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED BUT THE AIRFIELD, WHICH IS NOW OPEN, WAS CLOSED FOR SEVERAL HOURS.

A VILLAGE THREE MILES NORTHWEST OF HUE WAS SECURED BY THREE US ARMY BATTALIONS AFTER A STIFF 11-HOUR FIGHT. US CASUALTIES WERE FOUR KILLED AND 77 WOUNDED. THE ENEMY LOST 41 KILLED.

US MARINES AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE FORCES CONTINUE THEIR ATTACK AGAINST THE REMAINING ENEMY POSITIONS IN HUE. YESTERDAY 101 OF THE ENEMY WERE KILLED.

IN HUE, A FRIENDLY CONVOY OF LANDING CRAFT ESCORTED BY RIVER PATROL BOATS WAS ATTACKED BY MORTAR AND RECOILLESS RIFLE FIRE, ONE LANDING CRAFT WAS HIT AND FORECED TO BEACH. THE GASOLINE ABOARD IGNITED AND SEVERELY DAMAGED THE CRAFT. THE CREW ESCAPED UNHARMED.

2ND CORPS

PLEIKU AIR BASE RECEIVED 15-20 ROUNDS OF MORTAR FIRE BUT ONLY 5 ROUNDS IMPACTED WITHIN THE PERIMETER. ONLY MINOR DAMAGE WAS REPORTED, 1 US WAS WOUNDED AND THE FIELD REMAINED OPERATIONAL.

THE SITUATION IN PHAN THIET, BINH THUAN PROVINCE WAS GENERALLY QUIET, ALTHOUGH THERE WERE STILL BELIEVED TO BE SCATTERED ENEMY ON THE NORTHWEST FRINGES OF THE TOWN.

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3RD CORPS

EARLY YESTERDAY, A US ARMY COMPANY ENGAGED AN UNKNOWN SIZED ENEMY FORCE 6 MILES WEST OF SAIGON. AFTER 5 HOURS OF FIGHTING THE ENEMY BROKE CONTACT LEAVING 128 DEAD. THREE US WERE KILLED AND 21 WERE WOUNDED. FOUR HOURS LATER ARMED HELICOPTERS FIRED ON 50-60 ENEMY IN THE SAME AREA KILLING 30.

4TH CORPS

IN THE DELTA AT MY THO THERE WAS A GROUND ATTACK BY AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE WHICH WAS SUPPORTED BY MORTAR AND ROCKET FIRE. THE ATTACK LASTED FOR TWO HOURS. ENEMY CASUALTIES ARE UNKNOWN. ONE US WAS WOUNDED. ONE ARVN WAS KILLED AND SEVEN WERE WOUNDED.

NORTH VIETNAM

US PILOTS FLEW 35 SORTIES OVER NORTH VIETNAM YESTERDAY DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER. ONE A6A AIRCRAFT BOMBED THE HANOI RADIO STATION FOUR MILES SOUTHWEST OF THE CAPITAL.

ALL OF THE STRIKES SCHEDULED FOR LAST NIGHT AND THIS MORNING WERE CANCELLED DUE TO POOR WEATHER.

CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES SINCE JANUARY 29

	KILLED	WOUNDED	CAPTURED
ENEMY	38,988		6,598
UNITED STATES	1,503	7,936	
SOUTH VIETNAM	2,877	10,551	

MILITARY CASUALTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

22 FEBRUARY 1968

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
24 HRS	CURRENT WEEK	CUMULA-	CUMULA-	CUMULA-
ENDING	11 AM EST	TIVE	TIVE	TIVE
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21 FEB 68	11 AM EST	1 JAN 68	1 JAN 67	1 JAN 61
	20 FEB 68			

(A) UNITED STATES

KILLED	35	197	2,414	11,579	18,436
WOUNDED NOT HOSP	141	370	6,236	35,890	53,011
WOUNDED HOSP	153	304	7,144	39,515	60,132
CAPTURED	0	6	6	141	237
MISSING	0	15	379	650	1,026

SOUTH VIETNAM

KILLED	58	237	2,908	13,788	56,083
WOUNDED	176	547	8,705	38,153	123,395
MISSING/CAPTURED	36	27	999	3,339	28,343

OTHER ALLIED

KILLED	0	10	236	1,341	1,939
WOUNDED	1	22	488	2,806	4,536
MISSING/CAPTURED	0	0	2	5	22

VIET CONG/NVA

KILLED	610	3,136	44,098	132,179	291,332
WOUNDED	915	4,704	66,147	198,269	436,998

(B) (ESTIMATE)

- U.S. CASUALTIES INCLUDE LAOS AND VIETNAM.
- ESTIMATE BASED ON A 1.5 TO 1 WOUNDED TO KILLED RATIO.
- THE FIGURES SHOWN IN COLUMN (1) ARE PRELIMINARY, UNREFINED BATTLEFIELD REPORTED CASUALTIES RECEIVED FROM COMUSMACV DAILY.
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SITUATION ROOM REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 23, 1968

SOUTH VIETNAM

NO MAJOR GROUND ACTIONS WERE REPORTED IN SOUTH VIETNAM YESTERDAY, BUT THE THREAT OF NEW ATTACKS AGAINST SAIGON AND OTHER KEY POINTS APPEARS TO BE GROWING.

1ST CORPS

YESTERDAY, A MARINE HELICOPTER WAS HIT BY MORTAR FIRE ON TAKE-OFF FROM KHE SANH. THE HELICOPTER WAS DESTROYED, THE PILOT AND COPILOT KILLED, AND THE CREW CHIEF CRITICALLY INJURED. 6 OTHER PASSENGERS ESCAPED INJURY.

A TOTAL OF 935 ROUNDS OF MORTAR AND ARTILLERY WERE FIRED IN THE DMZ AREA YESTERDAY. THIS INCLUDED KHE SANH BEING HIT WITH 377 ROUNDS, CON THIEN 193, GIO LINH 133, AND CUA VIET 86.

MARINES YESTERDAY SEIZED THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE CITADEL IN HUE. VIETNAMESE ELEMENTS ALSO RECORDED SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS EAST OF THE CITY AND IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE CITY. THE ENEMY IS NOW CONFINED TO THE IMPERIAL PALACE AREA AND 3,000 YARDS OF THE SOUTH AND WEST PORTION OF THE CITADEL WALL.

US ARMY UNITS SECURED A FORTIFIED VILLAGE 3 MILES NORTHWEST OF HUE ON WEDNESDAY AND SWEEPED THE AREA YESTERDAY AGAINST MODERATE TO HEAVY ENEMY RESISTANCE. 163 ENEMY WERE KILLED IN THE TWO DAYS OF FIGHTING; 4 PRISONERS, 22 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS, 9 CREW SERVED WEAPONS, AND 100 GAS MASKS WERE CAPTURED. U.S. CASUALTIES WERE 12 KILLED AND 137 WOUNDED.

IN A THREE HOUR ATTACK, A RADAR SITE AT DONG HA, 18 MILES NORTHWEST OF QUANG TRI, RECEIVED 10-12 ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY FIRE, RENDERING THE SITE INOPERATIVE. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE 2 U.S. AND 2 ARVN KILLED AND ONE U.S. AND 2 ARVN WOUNDED. THE SITE HAS ONLY A LIMITED SUPPLY OF ELECTRIC POWER AND NO ESTIMATE AS TO THE TIME NEEDED TO RESTORE OPERATIONS IS AVAILABLE.

2ND CORPS

THE SITUATION WAS GENERALLY QUIET IN THIS CORPS YESTERDAY BUT AN ATTACK ON KONTUM CITY MAY BE IMMINENT. AT LEAST SIX ENEMY BATTALIONS ARE KNOWN TO BE OPERATING IN THIS AREA AND THEY MAY BE USED AGAINST KONTUM AS EARLY AS TONIGHT.

3RD CORPS

THE 25TH U. S. ARMY DIVISION BASE CAMP AT CU CHI WAS HIT BY ROCKET AND MORTAR FIRE YESTERDAY. 7 U. S. AND 4 FILIPINOS WERE WOUNDED BUT THERE WAS NO DAMAGE TO THE INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT.

THE BULK OF THREE COMMUNIST DIVISIONS IN THE III CORPS AREA HAVE NOW BEEN CONCENTRATED IN THE PROVINCES IMMEDIATELY WEST, NORTH, AND EAST OF SAIGON.

THE VIET CONG 273RD REGIMENT HAS MOVED MORE THAN 100 MILES FROM ITS PREVIOUS LOCATION IN THE VICINITY OF THE CAMBODIAN BORDER AND IS NOW SITUATED AT OR WITHIN THE SAIGON CITY LIMITS.

THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY HIGH COMMAND IN HANOI IS TAKING A GREATER ROLE IN CONTROLLING MILITARY FORCES IN THE SAIGON AREA, PROBABLY IN ANTICIPATION OF FORTHCOMING OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS.

4TH CORPS

BINH THUY AIRFIELD, 5 MILES NORTHWEST OF CAN THO, WAS HIT BY RECOILLESS RIFLE FIRE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. 3 U. S. AND 3 VIETNAMESE WERE WOUNDED AND ONE AIRCRAFT SUSTAINED MINOR DAMAGE. PRIMARY ELECTRICAL POWER WAS KNOCKED OUT AND THE BASE OPERATED ON EMERGENCY POWER FOR 5 HOURS. THE AIRFIELD IS NOW FULLY OPERATIONAL.

U. S. FORCES KILLED 60 ENEMY AND CAPTURED 4 YESTERDAY 20 MILES SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF CAN THO. 4 U. S. WERE WOUNDED.

IN 3 OPERATIONS IN THE DELTA YESTERDAY, ARVN UNITS KILLED 35 ENEMY AND DETAINED 5 SUSPECTS WHILE LOSING 21 KILLED AND 66 WOUNDED. ONE ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER WAS DESTROYED AND 2 DAMAGED.

ENEMY DOCUMENTS CAPTURED NEAR CAN THO CITY OF 15 FEBRUARY INDICATE THAT THE ENEMY STILL PLANS A MAJOR ATTACK AGAINST THE CITY, ALTHOUGH ADMITTING THAT ALLIED AIR STRIKES HAVE IMPEDED TROOP MOVEMENTS. THE DISPOSITION OF ALLIED FORCES NEAR CAN THO, AND SWEEP OPERATIONS NOW TAKING PLACE IN THE PROVINCE IN WHICH IT IS LOCATED, PROBABLY HAVE DELAYED A MAJOR ASSAULT ON THE CITY.

DEPLOYMENT STATUS OF U. S. FORCES

3D BRIGADE, 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION FROM FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA TO CHU LAI; 89.3 PERCENT OF TROOPS AND 76.7 PERCENT OF CARGO HAS DEPARTED.

2D AND 3D BATTALIONS, 27TH MARINES FROM EL TORO MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, CALIFORNIA TO DA NANG; 100 PERCENT OF TROOPS AND CARGO HAVE DEPARTED.

NO CHANGE TO 1ST BATTALION, 27 MARINES PROCEEDING BY SEA.

NORTH VIETNAM

YESTERDAY, 80 SORTIES WERE FLOWN OVER NORTH VIETNAM. 60 OF THESE WERE FLOWN IN THE AREA JUST NORTH OF THE DMZ AGAINST LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS AND LOGISTICS AREAS. WEATHER CONDITIONS AGAIN FORCED CANCELLATION OF STRIKES AGAINST MAJOR TARGETS.

4 AIR FORCE F-105S, USING GROUND CONTROL RADAR WEAPONS RELEASE, BOMBED HOA LAC AIRFIELD 23 MILES WEST OF HANOI. TWO SAMS WERE LAUNCHED AGAINST THIS STRIKE CAUSING MINOR DAMAGE TO 1 F-105. WEATHER PREVENTED DAMAGE ASSESSMENT OF THE TARGET.

A USAF F-4D WAS DOWNED BY AN AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE FIRED FROM A MIG-21 54 MILES NORTHEAST OF HAIPHONG. THE CREW EJECTED SAFELY AND VOICE CONTACT WAS MADE WITH THE PILOTS. SEARCH AND RESCUE IS IN PROGRESS.

ALLEGED AIR THREAT

ACCORDING TO A PRISONER RECENTLY CAPTURED IN DA NANG CITY, DEFENSE MINISTER GIAP'S STRATEGY FOR THE PRESENT OFFENSIVE INCLUDES THE USE OF AIRCRAFT TO SUPPORT GROUND ACTIONS AGAINST ALLIED FORCES. IF TRUE, THIS MAY BE ONE EXPLANATION FOR THE FAIRLY RECENT EXPANSION OF AIR FACILITIES AND AIR-ASSOCIATED ACTIVITY IN SOUTHERN NORTH VIETNAM. NO NORTH VIETNAMESE FLIGHTS HAVE BEEN NOTED IN THE SOUTHERN REACHES SINCE 12 FEBRUARY.

MILITARY CASUALTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA 23 FEBRUARY 1968

(2)					
(1)	CURRENT WEEK		(3)	(4)	(5)
24 HRS	11 AM EST	17 FEB 68	CUMULA-	CUMULA-	CUMULA-
ENDING	THROUGH	11 AM EST	TIVE	TIVE	TIVE
11 AM EST	21 FEB 68	11 AM EST	FROM	FROM	FROM
22 FEB 68	21 FEB 68	1 JAN 68	1 JAN 67	1 JAN 61	1 JAN 61
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UNITED STATES-A					
KILLED	38	286	2,503	11,668	18,525
WOUNDED NOT HOSP	141	500	6,366	36,020	53,141
WOUNDED HOSP	152	445	7,285	39,656	60,273
CAPTURED	0	6	6	141	237
MISSING	1	34	398	669	1,045
SOUTH VIETNAM					
KILLED	55	292	2,966	13,846	56,141
WOUNDED	149	723	8,881	38,329	123,571
MISSING/CAPTURED	68	43	1,015	3,355	28,359
OTHER ALLIED					
KILLED	1	10	236	1,341	1,939
WOUNDED	2	23	489	2,807	4,537
MISSING/CAPTURED	0	0	2	5	22
VIET CONG/NVA					
KILLED	968	3,746	44,708	132,789	291,942
WOUNDED	1,452	5,619	67,062	199,184	437,913
(ESTIMATE-B)					

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IN ADDITION TO THE ROCKET, MORTAR AND ARTILLERY ATTACK AGAINST
KHE SANH LAST NIGHT AND THIS MORNING, TAN SON NHUT AIR BASE
ALSO CAME UNDER A ROCKET AND MORTAR ATTACK THIS AFTERNOON.

A TOTAL OF SEVEN ROUNDS IMPACTED WITH THE BASE RESULTING IN
3 US KILLED AND 16 WOUNDED. ADDITIONALLY, ONE AIRCRAFT
AND 7 BUILDINGS WERE DAMAGED.

THE BASE, AT PRESENT, HAS RETURNED TO NORMAL OPERATIONS.

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SITUATION ROOM REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 24, 1968

SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND ACTION INCREASED SOMEWHAT YESTERDAY AND THERE IS CONTINUING EVIDENCE THAT THE ENEMY INTENDS TO LAUNCH ATTACKS AGAINST SAIGON AND OTHER KEY LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

1ST CORPS

THE LATEST INFORMATION ON THE ENEMY'S ATTACK AGAINST KHE SANH YESTERDAY NOW INDICATES THAT A TOTAL OF 1,307 ROUNDS OF ROCKET, MORTAR AND ARTILLERY FIRE WAS DIRECTED AT THE BASE RESULTING IN EIGHT U.S. KILLED AND 38 WOUNDED. AN AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA WAS ALSO HIT, DESTROYING 1,620 ROUNDS OF TANK AMMUNITION. SHORTLY AFTER THE ROCKET, MORTAR AND ARTILLERY ATTACK ENDED THE ENEMY INITIATED A BATTALION-SIZE GROUND ATTACK AGAINST AN ARVN RANGER BATTALION MANNING A DEFENSIVE POSITION. THE ARVN UNIT SUCCESSFULLY REPULSED THE ATTACK BUT NO OTHER DETAILS ARE PRESENTLY AVAILABLE.

EARLY THIS MORNING SOUTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS RECAPTURED THE IMPERIAL PALACE AND ITS GROUNDS. AT LAST REPORT ONLY MINOR CONTACT WAS REPORTED IN THE CITADEL AND THIS WAS OCCURRING IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER. ADDITIONALLY, A U.S. ARMY BRIGADE ADVANCED TO WITHIN 650 YARDS OF THE CITADEL'S WEST WALL YESTERDAY AGAINST LIGHT OPPOSITION. ONE U.S. WAS KILLED AND 44 WOUNDED WHILE THE ENEMY LOST 10 KILLED. A DELAYED REPORT INDICATES THAT ON 21 AND 22 FEBRUARY SOUTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS KILLED 136 ENEMY AT A COST OF FOUR KILLED AND EIGHT WOUNDED.

ELSEWHERE IN THE FIRST CORPS MARINE UNITS ENGAGED AN ESTIMATED ENEMY BATTALION YESTERDAY AFTERNOON ABOUT 12 MILES SOUTHEAST OF CHU LAI. DURING THE ENSUING ENGAGEMENT 68 ENEMY WERE KILLED. THERE WERE NO MARINE LOSSES REPORTED.

EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING CAMP EVANS, 25 MILES NORTHWEST OF HUE, CAME UNDER AN ENEMY GROUND ATTACK. DURING THE ATTACK THE ENEMY WAS SUPPORTED BY ROCKET AND MORTAR FIRE. INITIAL REPORTS OF THE ATTACK INDICATE THAT FRIENDLY CASUALTIES ARE VERY LIGHT BUT EXACT NUMBERS HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED.

THE AIRFIELD AT BAN ME THOUT RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 50 ROUNDS OF MORTAR AND RECOILLESS RIFLE FIRE YESTERDAY. THREE U.S. AND THREE SOUTH VIETNAMESE WERE WOUNDED AND 10 AIRCRAFT AND SIX STRUCTURES WERE DAMAGED.

IN AN AREA EIGHT MILES NORTH OF QUI NHON, TWO CIDG COMPANIES AND ONE REGIONAL FORCE COMPANY ENGAGED AN ENEMY FORCE IN DUG-IN POSITIONS YESTERDAY EVENING. DURING THE ENCOUNTER THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE FORCE RECEIVED ARTILLERY, TACTICAL AIR AND ARMED HELICOPTER SUPPORT RESULTING IN 23 ENEMY KILLED. SOUTH VIETNAMESE LOSSES WERE 10 KILLED AND 31 WOUNDED.

3RD CORPS

UP-DATING REPORTS ON THE ATTACK AGAINST TAN SON NHUT AIR BASE INDICATE THAT 19 ROUNDS OF ROCKET AND MORTAR FIRE IMPACTED WITHIN THE BASE. AN ADDITIONAL FIVE ROUNDS IMPACTED OUTSIDE THE BASE PERIMETER IN A MILITARY/CIVILIAN AREA. CASUALTIES AS A RESULT OF THIS ATTACK NOW STAND AT FOUR U.S. KILLED AND 24 WOUNDED. FIVE AIRCRAFT AND SEVERAL BUILDINGS WERE ALSO DAMAGED. ONE WAREHOUSE WAS DESTROYED. THE AIRFIELD IS PRESENTLY FULLY OPERATIONAL.

SAIGON WAS GENERALLY QUIET DURING THE PAST 24-HOURS. HOWEVER, A FEW MORTAR ROUNDS WERE DROPPED IN THE NORTHERN SUBURBS BUT NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED. A RECENT FIELD REPORT CONTINUES TO INDICATE THAT ENEMY FORCES ARE CONTINUING TO PRESS CLOSER TO SAIGON AND ATTACK IMMINENT ALERT STATUS IS BEING MAINTAINED. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL POLICE HAS RECEIVED A REPORT THAT THE ENEMY WILL IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING PLAN IN A SECOND OFFENSIVE AGAINST SAIGON: 1) CONDUCT RAIDS ON GOVERNMENT SENSITIVE INSTALLATIONS, USING CARS AND TRUCKS TO STRIKE SWIFTLY; 2) OCCUPY HIGH BUILDINGS, ESPECIALLY ON STREET CORNERS, TO GAIN GOOD FIRING POSITIONS; 3) POSITION ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS ON THE ROOFS OF HIGH BUILDINGS TO COVER ATTACKING FORCES FROM AIR STRIKES.

THERE ARE WIDESPREAD REPORTS THAT THE ENEMY'S ATTACK AGAINST SAIGON MAY COME SOON, POSSIBLY BEFORE MARCH 1. ADDITIONALLY, AGENT REPORTING INDICATES THAT 5,000 ENEMY TROOPS STARTED MOVING SOUTH FROM PHUOC LONG PROVINCE FOR SAIGON ON 20 FEBRUARY. THESE TROOPS ARE REPORTEDLY TO BE REPLACEMENTS FOR CASUALTIES SUFFERED IN THE TET OFFENSIVE AND WILL BE USED IN A SECOND OFFENSIVE ON SAIGON.

EARLY THIS WEEK U.S. FORCES DISCOVERED AN ENEMY ARMS CACHE CONTAINING NEARLY 40 107MM FIELD ARTILLERY ROCKETS IN WESTERN TAY NING PROVINCE. ROCKETS OF THIS CALIBER HAD NEVER BEFORE BEEN CAPTURED IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND THEY WERE NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN TO BE IN THE ENEMY'S INVENTORY. PRELIMINARY FIELD ANALYSIS INDICATES THAT THE MAIN ADVANTAGE OF THE 107MM WEAPON IS THAT IT IS SOMEWHAT LIGHTER THAN THE OTHER ROCKETS BEING USED BY THE ENEMY AND THUS EASIER TO TRANSPORT INTO FIRING POSITIONS. THE 107MM ROCKET HAS A RANGE OF ABOUT FIVE MILES. THE WEAPON IS BELIEVED TO BE OF CHINESE COMMUNIST MANUFACTURE AND WAS POSSIBLY USED IN THE ATTACKS ON THE QUON LOI BASE CAMP AND TAY NINH AIRSTRIP EARLY THIS MONTH.

NORTH VIETNAM

BAD WEATHER CONTINUED TO LIMIT AIR OPERATION AS U.S. PILOTS FLEW 87 SORTIES OVER NORTH VIETNAM YESTERDAY. TWO SUCCESSFUL SORTIES WERE REPORTED AGAINST THE PORT OF HANOI, AND ONE AGAINST THE HANOI RADIO STATION. FOUR SORTIES STRUCK THE KEP AIRFIELD AND FIVE OTHERS HIT THE AIRFIELD AT VINH. RESULTS OF THESE STRIKES WERE NOT OBSERVED BECAUSE OF POOR VISIBILITY OVER THE TARGET. NO U.S. AIRCRAFT LOSSES WERE REPORTED.

CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES SINCE JANUARY 29

	KILLED	WOUNDED	CAPTURED
ENEMY	40,800		6,818
UNITED STATES	1,574	3,052	
SOUTH VIETNAMESE	8,551	11,136	

MILITARY CASUALTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

24 FEBRUARY 1968

	(1) 24 HRS ENDING 11 AM EST 23 FEB 68	(2) CURRENT WEEK 11 AM EST 17 FEB 68 THROUGH 11 AM EST 22 FEB 68	(3) CUMULA- TIVE FROM 1 JAN 68	(4) CUMULA- TIVE FROM 1 JAN 67	(5) CUMULA- TIVE FROM 1 JAN 61
UNITED STATES A					
KILLED	50	369	2,586	11,751	18,608
WOUNDED NOT HOSP	155	658	6,524	36,178	53,299
WOUNDED HOSP	167	716	7,576	39,927	60,544
CAPTURED	0	6	6	141	237
MISSING	0	2	366	637	1,013
SOUTH VIETNAM					
KILLED	38	347	3,021	13,901	56,191
WOUNDED	151	872	9,030	38,478	123,720
MISSING/CAPTURED	21	111	1,083	3,423	28,427
OTHER ALLIED					
KILLED	0	11	237	1,342	1,940
WOUNDED	1	25	491	2,809	4,539
MISSING/CAPTURED	0	0	2	5	22
VIET CONG/NVA					
KILLED	555	4,714	45,676	133,757	292,910
WOUNDED	833	7,071	68,514	200,636	439,365
(ESTIMATE B)					

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SITUATION ROOM REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 25, 1968

SOUTH VIETNAM

1ST CORPS

YESTERDAY, THE ENEMY SHELLING ACTIVITY IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE DECREASED TO 532 ROUNDS OF MIXED ARTILLERY, MORTAR AND ROCKET FIRE. KHE SANH COMBAT BASE RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 268 ROUNDS, RESULTING IN 7 U.S. PERSONNEL KILLED AND 20 WOUNDED. AT CON THIEN, 237 ROUNDS WERE COUNTED WHICH KILLED TWO AND WOUNDED FIVE U.S. MARINES. THE REMAINING 27 ROUNDS IMPACTED AT CAMP CARROLL, DONG HA, AND CUA VIET, WOUNDING EIGHT U.S. MARINES. FIVE ENEMY WERE KILLED BY FRIENDLY ARTILLERY ABOUT FOUR MILES SOUTHEAST OF CAMP CARROLL.

THE LAST OF A DETERMINED ENEMY FORCE WAS DRIVEN FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE CITADEL AND HUE WAS DECLARED CLEARED OF COMMUNIST UNITS. ARVN FORCES REPORTED FINDING 140 ENEMY BODIES WHICH WERE KILLED BY U.S. MARINE ARTILLERY.

YESTERDAY DA NANG RECEIVED 12 ROUNDS OF 122MM ROCKETS. FOUR F4C TYPE AIRCRAFT WERE DAMAGED AND 1 U.S. WAS KILLED. FIVE HOURS LATER 19 ROUNDS OF ROCKET FIRE FELL ON THE MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY JUST SOUTH OF DA NANG. ONE HELICOPTER WAS DESTROYED AND ONE WAS DAMAGED. THERE WAS NO REPORT OF CASUALTIES.

2ND CORPS

CONTINUES TO REFLECT ENEMY PREPARATIONS FOR ATTACKS IN THE DAK TO AND KONTUM CITY AREAS. INTENSIVE ENEMY RECONNAISSANCE IS BEING CARRIED OUT IN THE VICINITY OF BOTH PLACES. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE HAVE UP TO 16 EFFECTIVE BATTALIONS IN THE DAK TO AREA AND 3 TO 5 THAT COULD BE DIRECTED AGAINST KONTUM CITY.

3RD CORPS

YESTERDAY, THE BASE CAMP OF THE 3RD BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION AT PHUOC VINH RECEIVED 36 ROUNDS OF 82MM MORTAR AND 122MM ROCKET FIRE. THE COUNTER MORTAR PLAN WAS EXECUTED RESULTING IN 4 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. U.S. CASUALTIES WERE ONE KILLED, 2 WOUNDED AND ONE HELICOPTER DAMAGED.

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CONTACT WITH THE COMMUNIST UNITS AROUND SAIGON CONTINUE TO BE LIGHT. THERE ARE FRESH UNCONFIRMED REPORTS INDICATING THAT THE ENEMY IS ABOUT TO LAUNCH NEW ATTACKS THIS WEEK AGAINST SAIGON. NO INDICATION AS TO THE TIMING OF THE ATTACK, ALTHOUGH THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT SOME ENEMY MAIN FORCE ELEMENTS ARE INFILTRATING INTO THE CITY.

4TH CORPS

A U.S. ARMY BATTALION FIRE SUPPORT BASE, 9 MILES WEST-NORTHWEST OF MY THO, WAS ATTACKED BY AN ESTIMATED ENEMY BATTALION LATE YESTERDAY. AN ADDITIONAL ARMY BATTALION WAS COMMITTED TO THE ACTION AND AFTER AN INTENSE 2 HOUR FIGHT THE ENEMY WITHDREW LEAVING 94 DEAD AND 24 WEAPONS. NINETEEN U.S. WERE KILLED AND 43 WERE WOUNDED AND TWO 155MM HOWITZERS DAMAGED.

A AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA ADJACENT TO THE BINH THUY AIRFIELD WAS STRUCK BY MORTAR FIRE. AS A RESULT OF THE EXPLOSIONS AND FIRES, 223,000 20MM AIRCRAFT CANNON ROUNDS AND 10,000 40MM GRENADE ROUNDS WERE DESTROYED. TWO ARVN SOLDIERS WERE WOUNDED.

THE AIRFIELD AT CAN THO RECEIVED 8 ROUNDS OF 81MM MORTAR AND GROUND ATTACK FROM AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE. THE ENEMY BROKE CONTACT AFTER 10 MINUTES WITH UNKNOWN LOSSES. TWO U.S. WERE KILLED, 10 WOUNDED AND 2 AIRCRAFT WERE DAMAGED.

NORTH VIETNAM

ADVERSE WEATHER LIMITED AIR OPERATIONS OVER NORTH VIETNAM TO 61 SORTIES. ONE A6A STRUCK THE CAT BI AIRFIELD, FOUR MILES EAST SOUTHEAST OF HAIPHONG. DARKNESS PREVENTED AN ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGE.

TWENTY-FOUR SAM'S WERE OBSERVED WITHIN A 20 MILE RADIUS OF HANOI. ONE DOWNED AN A6A NEAR HOA LAC AIRFIELD.

CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES SINCE JANUARY 29

	KILLED	WOUNDED	CAPTURED
ENEMY	41,392		6854
UNITED STATES	1,612	8,746	
SOUTH VIETNAMESE	3,083	11,218	

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MILITARY CASUALTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

25 FEBRUARY 1968

	(1) 24 HRS ENDING 11 AM EST 24 FEB 68	(2) CURRENT WEEK 11 AM EST 17 FEB 68 THROUGH 11 AM EST 23 FEB 68	(3) CUMULA- TIVE FROM 1 JAN 68	(4) CUMULA- TIVE FROM 1 JAN 67	(5) CUMULA- TIVE FROM 1 JAN 61
UNITED STATES (A)					
KILLED	30	428	2,645	11,810	18,667
WOUNDED NOT HOSP	97	731	6,597	36,251	53,372
WOUNDED HOSP	105	796	7,656	40,007	60,624
CAPTURED	0	7	7	142	238
MISSING	0	12	376	647	1,023
SOUTH VIETNAM					
KILLED	38	385	3,059	13,939	56,229
WOUNDED	134	1,023	9,181	38,629	123,871
MISSING /CAPTURED	3	132	1,104	3,444	28,448
OTHER ALLIED					
KILLED	0	11	237	1,342	1,940
WOUNDED	2	26	492	2,810	4,540
MISSING/CAPTURED	0	0	2	5	22
VIET CONG/NVA					
KILLED	618	6,269	46,231	134,312	293,465
WOUNDED	927	7,904	69,347	201,469	440,198
(ESTIMATE)B					

A. U.S. CASUALTIES INCLUDE LAOS AND VIETNAM.

B. ESTIMATE BASED ON A 1.5 TO 1 WOUNDED TO KILLED RATIO.

C. THE FIGURES SHOWN IN COLUMN (1) ARE PRELIMINARY, UNREFINED BATTLEFIELD REPORTED CASUALTIES RECEIVED FROM COMUSMACV DAILY.

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

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