

# Text of U.S. Communique Listing Targets

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, Dec. 27—Following is the text of a communiqué issued today by the United States military command, listing targets of American air raids in North Vietnam between Dec. 18 and Dec. 25 and assessing damage:

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During the period 18 December to 25 December 1972, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps air crews flew more than 1,000 tactical strikes and the U.S. Air Force flew 147 B-52 missions against military targets in North Vietnam. Targets struck included rail yards, shipyards, command and control facilities, warehouse and transshipment points, communications facilities, vehicle repair facilities, power plants, railway bridges, railroad rolling stock, truck parks, MIG bases, air defense radars, and SAM [surface-to-air missile] and AAA [antiaircraft artillery] sites.

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**TARGET AND PRELIMINARY BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT**

A. F-111's of the 474th Tactical Fighter Wing (T.F.W.) struck the following targets:

Phuc Yen Airfield—Large fires and runway and dispersal taxiway heavily cratered.

Kep Airfield—Several direct hits on runways.

Viet Tri Transshipment Area—Two large orange secondary explosions in an open military storage area and another secondary explosion in a bunkered storage area nearby.

Hanoi Port Facility—Numerous secondary explosions, 2 warehouses destroyed, 8 buildings destroyed, 23 buildings damaged. Many stocks of supplies. P.O.L. Petroleum, oil, lubricants] drums and equipment scattered throughout the area.

Bac Mai Airfield—Numerous secondary explosions and fires, runway and taxiway heavily cratered, several buildings destroyed, seven others damaged.

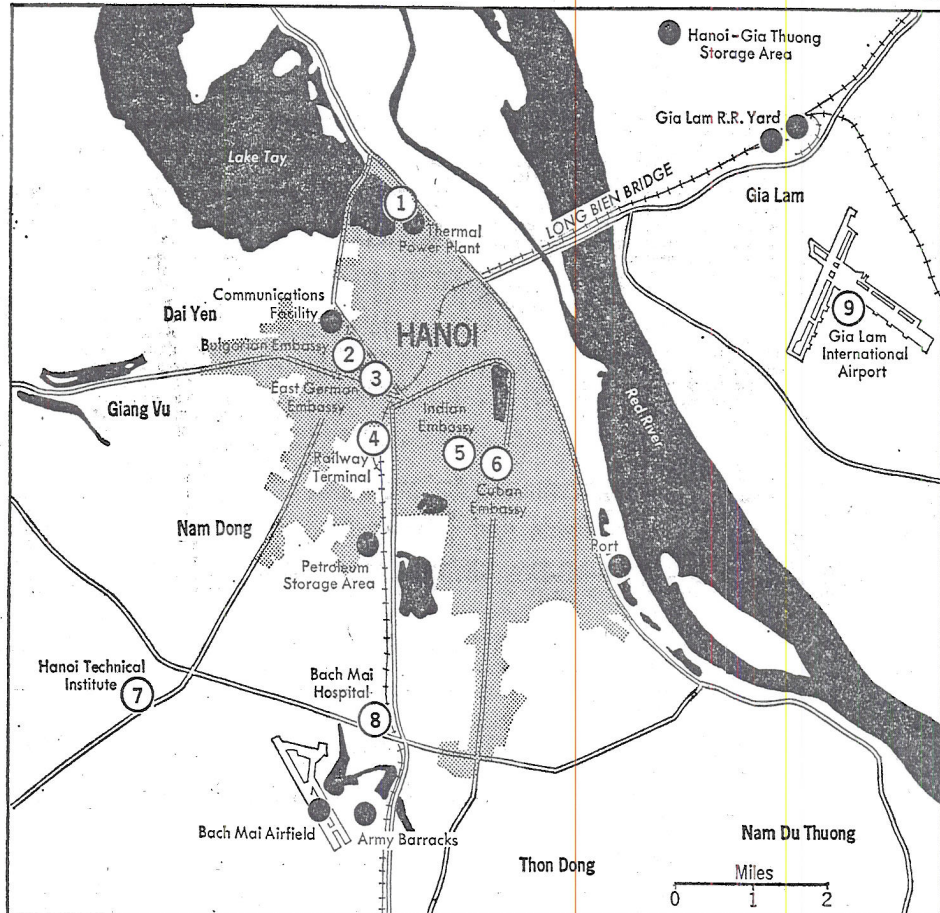
Yen Bai Airfield—Medium secondary fire.

Kep RR Yards—Rail lines cut in several places.

Hanoi Gia Thuong Storage Area—Fifteen buildings and a warehouse destroyed, rail line cut in several locations.

Viet Tri Transshipment Area—Three large secondary explosions in storage areas.

Bac Giang Thermal Power Plant—Heavy damage to one support building, moderate damage to transformer building.



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Black dots indicate targets struck by U.S. bombs, as listed in American communiqué. Numbers show targets North Vietnam and diplomats have reported hit, as follows: power plant (1), Bulgarian Embassy (2), East German Embassy (3), railroad terminal (4), Indian Embassy (5), Cuban Embassy (6), technical institute (7), Bach Mai Hospital (8), Gia Lam Airport (9), Haiphong port (10) and the communities of Thai Nguyen (11) and Tan Phong (12). Not all targets could be located on available maps.

## of Raids in North Vietnam

Airfield—Thirty-one buildings destroyed, four buildings damaged. Much of co-located military storage complex destroyed.

Yen Vien RR Yards—Track and switches destroyed in several places cutting off northeast entrance to switching yard. One support building destroyed, 12 damaged. Numerous supplies destroyed. Approximately 32 pieces of RR rolling stock and 2 locomotives with tenders damaged. Nine warehouses destroyed and 10 damaged at adjoining Ai Mo warehouse complex, numerous large secondary fires.

Gia Lam RR Yard—Numerous direct hits, seven buildings destroyed, 14 others heavily damaged. Northeast choke point yard entrance heavily cratered with many rail cuts. Five locomotives and approximately 25 other pieces of rolling stock damaged. Numerous stacks of military supplies scattered around area.

Nguyen Khe Transit Yard—Direct hits on transit yards. Nine warehouses and storage facilities damaged. Many stacks of supplies and building materials damaged.

Van Dien Army Supply Depot—Twelve warehouses destroyed and 11 others damaged.

Kinh No Storage Area—Two vehicle repair buildings, three warehouses destroyed, a furnace building heavily damaged and many supplies damaged or destroyed. Adjoining RR spurs and lines cratered. Four support buildings destroyed, four damaged.

Haiphong Petroleum Product Storage Area—Numerous direct hits destroyed or damaged all buildings in area, sustained fires and explosions destroyed or damaged 20 5,000-gallon P.O.L. tanks. Numerous 55-gallon P.O.L. drums damaged or destroyed.

Bac Giang Petroleum Product Storage Area—Heavy cratering of co-located transshipment point. Three buildings destroyed, one damaged.

Hanoi Petroleum Product Storage Area—Approximate-

ly 30 large secondary explosions and fires. Two storage and support buildings destroyed.

#### C. B-52's and F-111's struck the following targets:

Phuc Yen Airfield, 10 miles northwest of Hanoi—Runway cratered in four places. Dispersal taxiway cut in two places and several support buildings damaged.

Hoa Loc Airfield, west of Hanoi—Extensive cratering on the main runway and a parallel runway and taxiways, two aircraft alert stands at the end of the runway cratered.

Thanh Am Petroleum Products Storage Area—Two storage/support buildings destroyed.

Thai Nguyen Thermal Power Plant—Four buildings, a pump house and the coal treatment destroyed.

Kinh No Storage Area—Heavy damage to several support buildings.

Bac Giang RR Yard—Heavy damage to one support building, moderate damage to transformer building, railroad yard cratered, and tracks cut in several places. Several buildings in adjoining military transshipment area destroyed, large fire in railroad yard, 10 secondary explosions.

#### D. F-111, B52 and F-4's struck the following targets:

Hoa Loc Airfield—Extensive cratering to main runway and parallel alternate runway. Two alert stands cratered at end of runway. Numerous fires and secondary explosions. Damage to military aircraft on ground.

Hanoi Communications facility—Numerous direct hits. Concrete reveted building destroyed. Main control building and cooling unit damaged. More than a dozen barracks and storage buildings damaged. Communications control center destroyed by direct guided bomb impact from a flight of U.S. Air Force F-4's.

#### E. Air Force pilots from the 388th, 354th and 8th Tactical Fighter Wings

[T.F.W.'s] struck the following targets:

Giam Nhi Railroad Yard, south of Hanoi—Many large secondary explosions, and numerous tanks and boxcars destroyed.

Yen Bai Airfield—Taxiways and alert pads damaged.

Duc Noi Railroad Yard, northwest of Hanoi—Large secondary explosions.

Hanoi RR Yard—Numerous secondary explosions from impact of guided bombs. Many supplies destroyed by fires and explosions. Large rail cuts in many places, many rail cars damaged and the main terminal building destroyed.

Hanoi Thermal Power Plant—Guided bombs destroyed a boiler plant and damaged a generator hall, a transformer control building and many surrounding structures.

Trung Quan RR Yard—Cargo loading ramp and support warehouses damaged by direct hits from guided bombs. Tracks cut throughout the yard. Railroad cars damaged and supplies scattered throughout the area.

Duc Noi RR Yard—Large secondary explosion. Freight building and two support buildings destroyed by guided bombs, two warehouses and five support buildings damaged. Numerous stacks of supplies destroyed or damaged. Numerous cuts to rail lines.

Giap Nhi RR Yard—Many secondary explosions and fires. Numerous railroad tank cars and boxcars destroyed and damaged.

SAM Sites—"Fansong" radar [a type of tracking and lock-on radar used in guiding SAM's] destroyed seven miles northwest of Hanoi. SAM site five miles northwest of Hanoi destroyed.

Communications Facility Near Hanoi—Damaged control center.

Three SAM Sites North and Northwest of Hanoi—One site destroyed, numerous fires and secondary explosions. Two radars destroyed at two sites.

Hoa Lac Airfield, west of

Hanoi Radar Communications Transmitter Field—Three buildings destroyed, one building damaged, 10 antenna towers destroyed.

B. Air Force B-52 crews struck the following targets:

Gia Lam Railroad Yard and Railroad Car Repair Facility—Numerous direct hits, four support buildings destroyed, two buildings heavily damaged and several railroad track cuts. Military supplies in open storage were also hit.

Communications Facility Southwest of Hanoi—One large concrete reveted building totally destroyed, the main control building and a nearby cooking unit damaged, portions of a barracks building destroyed, several storage and barracks buildings damaged, and one secondary explosion.

Yen Vien Warehouse Complex—Nine warehouses destroyed and 10 damaged.

Army Barracks at Bac Mai

Hanoi—A military aircraft destroyed on the ground.

Hanoi Railroad Yard — A large quantity of stacked supplies at the northern end of the complex destroyed.

Thung Quan Railroad Yard — Cargo loading ramp and a support warehouse damaged, tracks cut.

**F. U.S.S. Midway:**

Hhaiphong thermal power plant — Six secondary explosions. One fireball and three sustained fires.

Vong Bi Thermal Power Plant, north-northeast of Haiphong—Four secondary explosions and one building destroyed.

Kien An Airfield, west-southwest of Haiphong—One large fire and one secondary explosion.

**G. C.V.V. 8:**

Kien An Airfield—Seven large secondary explosions, numerous large sustained fires and several runway cuts.

Haiphong Naval Base — Twelve secondary explosions and six sustained fires.

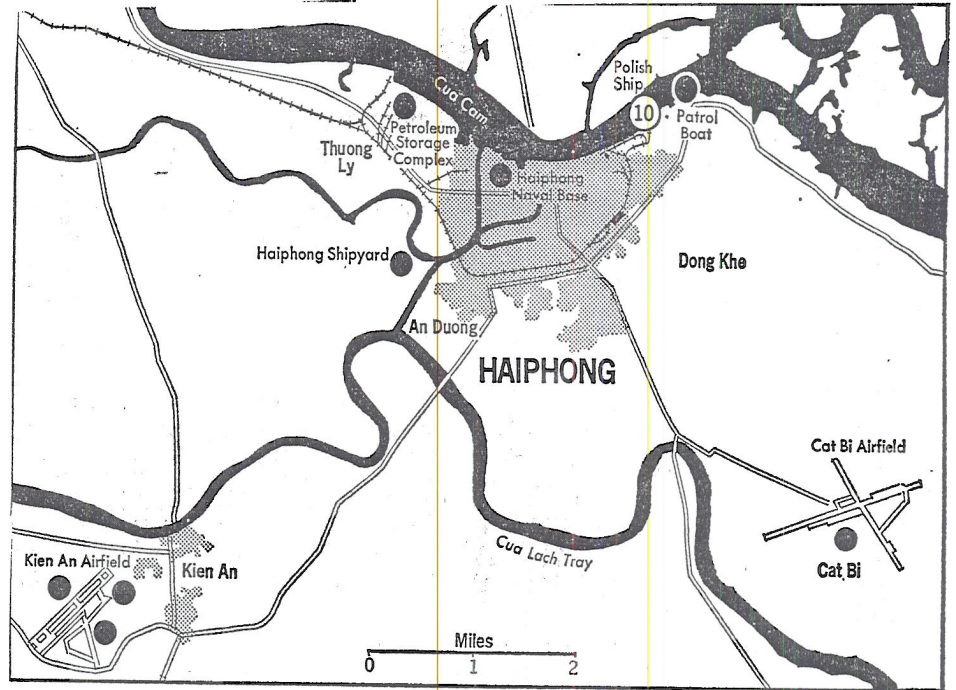
Thanh Hoa Army Barracks and Storage Area — Three buildings destroyed.

Quan Lang Airfield—Runway cratered.

Haiphong SAM sites—Nine secondary explosions and five fires.

**H. U.S.S. Saratoga:**

Thanh Hoa Railroad and



Petroleum Storage Complex — Twelve buildings and ten railcars destroyed, nine buildings damaged, five secondary explosions and numerous rails cut.

Kien An Airfield—Runway cratered.

Uong Bi Transshipment Point—Two secondary explosions.

Three SAM sites near Haiphong—Numerous secondary explosions and sustained fires.

**I. U.S.S. Enterprise:**

Cat Bi Airfield, four miles southeast of Haiphong—Runway cut.

Haiphong Shipyard — Two secondary explosions.

SAM Site five miles southeast of Hanoi—Two secondary explosions and a sustained fire.

Phu Ly Railroad Bridge, south of Hanoi — Bridge destroyed.

Thanh Hoa Army Barracks and Storage Area — Three

secondary explosions.

Patrol boat east of Haiphong—One sunk and two damaged.

Cat Bi Airfield — Runway cut.

Haiphong Shipyard West—Two secondary explosions.

**J. U.S.S. Ranger:**

Thanh Hoa Army Barracks — Five barracks damaged.

Kien An Airfield—Numerous large secondary explosions and bomb craters on the runway.

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During the seven-day period, naval gunfire units conducted strikes against military targets in North Vietnam.

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During this period, one MIG-21 was downed by a U.S.A.F. F-4 in the vicinity of Hanoi.

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More than 600 SAM's were fired at U.S. aircraft.