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TO ARMY CANBERRA

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~~SECRET~~ SAVIN SIGS052.

FOR MIB, PROGRESS REPORT 1-31 JAN 68

1. SET ROOM

ALFA. POSITIONS.

3 X 15-3/4 HR DPM

4 X 9-1/4 HR DPM

1 X 24 HR DPM

1 X 10-1/2 HR ARDF

BRAVO. WATCH HOURS. 52 HOURS PER WEEK

CHARLIE. TRAINING. HERD, CLARKE, TALBERT, PEARTON, MURRAY

AND STONE CAPABLE OF WORKING ANY POSITION IN SET ROOM.

TREWARtha AND NICHOLSON PROGRESSING FAVOURABLY.



2. TASKING.

ALFA, PRIORITY

1. VCMB 00607

2. VCMB 00603

3. VCMB 00618

4. VCMB 05407

5. VCMB 05423

6. VCMB 05429

7. VCMB J0236

8. VCMB Y9003

9. VCMB Y9004

10. VCMB Y9006

11. VCMB J0219

12. VCMB 0253

13. VCMB J0247

14. VCMB J0186

15. VCMB Y9007

16. VCMB 00605

DEVELOPMENTS VCXB 121, 166, 168, 169, 170

SUPPLEMENTARY. VCMB 00628, 00808, 05434, 00019, 05432

SEARCH BANDS POSN 3 5000-5250 KCS

4 5250-5500 KCS

5 5500-5750 KCS

6 5750-6000 KCS

BRAVO. ACTIVITY DURING OPERATION COBURN HAS DECREASED BUT THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT 5 L.I.D. HQ NORTH HAS REJOINED 5 L.I.D. SOUTH. IT CAN BE EXPECTED THAT 275 REGT AND POSSIBLY 88 NVA REGT MAY HAVE RETURNED. IF THIS IS SO THEN INCREASED ACTIVITY CAN BE EXPECTED ON THE REALLOCATION OF THESE UNITS AFTER THE TET OFFENSIVE.

3. ARDF 1-31 JAN INCLUSIVE

ALFA. (1) TATAL FIXES 119

(2) GRADINGS GOOD 19 FAIR 69 POOR 17 CITS 14

(3) TOTAL FLYING TIME - DAYLIGHT 90 HRS

NIGHT 8 RS

(4) NO FLYING 13 JAN. AIRCRAFT US

22/23 JAN AIRCRAFT ROUTINE SERVICE

BRAVO. (1) CONFERENCE WITH COL SINPKIN AT 161 REGCE FLIGHT AND DISCUSSED PROPOSED NEW AIRCRAFT. HE STATES THAT J2 MACV AGREE OUR SYSTEM OBTAINS FIXES MORE QUICKLY THAN US SYSTEM BUT THEY REQUIRE MORE PROOF OF ACCURACY OF EQUIPMENT. I HAVE PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED

(A) THAT US ARDF AIRCRAFT FLY SAME MISSIONS AS OUR AIRCRAFT AGAINST BEACON FROM KNOWN LOCATIONS.

(B) THAT TWO US ARMY OPERATORS BE DETACHED TO WORK OUR SYSTEM AND REPORT BACK TO 509 RR GROUP.

2. AND 502 RR GROUP AGREE THAT THIS WOULD BE IDEAL BUT NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE. COL SIMPKIN AND SELF WERE TO VISIT ON 31 JAN BUT DUE TO TET VC OFFENSIVE IN SAIGON BOTH MEMBERS CONFINED TO BOCS. CONFERRED WITH SO SIGS 1 FEB AND CONFERENCE CANCELLED AS COL SIMPKIN IS TO FLY OUT OF SAIGON ON FIRST AVAILABLE AIRCRAFT.

3. SUGGESTIONS IN (A) AND (B) HAVE BEEN VERBAL TO DATE. WILL SEND IN SIGNAL FORM TODAY AND KEEP YOU INFORMED.

4. MRDF.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN MRDF SITE AT 1 ATF FELL THROUGH IN EARLY JANUARY DUE TO ABSENCE OF DEPUTY COMMANDER AND HUGHES BOTH IN HOSPITAL. NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN REOPENED AND UNITS CONCERNED VISITED AUM 352 ON 29 JAN AND INSPECTED PROPOSED SITE AT YS442669 (SEE YOUR MAP OF AREA). DEPUTY COMMANDER, COL DUSTAN AGREE TO OUR REQUEST FOR THIS AREA BUT FINAL DECISION TO COME FROM COMD 1 ATF WHO IS AWAY ON OPERATION COBURG. HE IS EXPECTED TO RETURN ON 4 FEB AND I FEEL SURE THAT COMMANDER'S DECISION WILL BE FAVOURABLE.

5. SIGNAL CENTRE.

ALFA. OUTAGES FOR NOVEMBER 9.5 PERCENT.

BRAVO. BID 60 EQUIPMENT RETURNED TO 110 SIG SQN

6. EQUIPMENT.

FIVE RA217 RECEIVERS ARRIVED. FOUR UNSERVICABLE. DETAILS OF FAULTS WILL BE SIGNALLLED TO

7. NEW WORKS

DOGE WILL NOT RELEASE
BUILDING MATERIALS UNTIL MARCH AS 1 ATF

HAVE EXCEEDED THEIR ALLOCATION OF MATERIALS FROM US SOURCES.

3 BATTALLION REQUIREMENTS NOT YET COMPLETED; FANS FOR OPERATIONS

ROOM ARATO BE ISSUED FROM AUSTRALIA AND ARE EXPECTED IN FEBRUARY.

8. ADMINISTRATION

ALFA. VISITORS

7 JAN LT COL HOLLAWAY

MAJ DECHER 333 RR BN

MAJ MILLER 333 RR BN

CWO1 RITTER 175 RR COY

(MRDF SURVEY TEAM)

22 JAN COL THOMPSON J2 MACV

LT COL MCLEES J2 MACV

MR RON MCANALAN (NSAPACREP)(C)

MAJ COLLELLO ACC 509 RR GROUP

(ARDF SURVEY TEAM)

23 JAN COL R H BYE 509 RR GP

MAJ R J ADAMS 175 RR COY

MR T R LEE NSAPACREP (C)

MAJ M A BRYDON 175 RR COY

(MRDF SURVEY TEAM)

BRAVO, LEAVE,

R AND R CPL LAMONT 16/22 JAN AUSTRALIA

CAPT BROCKETT 25/31 JAN HONG KONG

1/12 FEB ARL

R AND C (VUNG TAU) SGT J R BULL 25/26 JAN

SGT R FIELD 13/15 JAN

CPL C FOSTER 10/11 JAN

SGT E JONES 8/10 JAN

CHARLIE HOSPITALISATION,

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