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DEPAIR HAVE DIRECTED THAT WE SUPPLY 20 OPERATORS FOR AN R.A.A.F. EXERCISE BETWEEN 25TH MARCH - 15TH APRIL. AS YOU ARE NO DOUBT AWARE THE MANPOWER SITUATION HAS REACHED CRITICAL STAGE AND LOSS OF 20 OPERATORS WOULD PROBABLY FORCE THE CLOSURE OF FOUR TO FIVE POSITIONS. WE ARE REPLYING TO DEPAIR THAT WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE SUCH A NUMBER WITHOUT SERIOUSLY AFFECTING UNIT TASKING. IF SIGNAL IS NOT FAVOURABLY RECEIVED WE MAY HAVE TO CALL ON YOU FOR SUPPORT.

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