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FOR M18. PROGRESS REPORT 1-31 MAR 67.

1. SET ROOM.

A. MAINTAINING 1 X 24HR DPM

3 X 16HR DPM

5 X 8HR DPM

B. TRAINING. PROGRESSING WELL. EXPECT ALL OPS CAPABLE OF DOING SET  
TASKING BY 15 MAY 67. PLUS TWO OPERATORS CAPABLE OF SEARCH AND  
DEVELOPMENT. WITH TWO WEEK HANDOVER WITH REPLACEMENTS EXPECT THAT  
HUGHES WILL BE IN GOOD SHAPE BY 1 JUN 67.

C. AM TRYING TO COMPLETE GRACE/STEWART HANDOVER ASP AND GET GRACE HOME  
BY 20 APR 67 WITH EXTRA TAPES FOR LAST MINUTE HELP IN TRAINING  
REPLACEMENTS. WILL ADVISE PROGRESS SEPARATELY

D. SET ROOM HAS NO PROBLEMS ON EQUIPMENT OR AERIALS. ALL R391  
RXS HERE AND ONLY TWO REQUIRE MAINTENANCE AT THIS TIME.

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2. TA.

A. NO MAJOR PROBLEMS

B. NOW TASKING AMERICAN ARDF DIRECT ON OUR AREA OF INTEREST BY  
AIRCRAFT LANDING AND BEING BRIEFED AND BY SENDING ELECTRICAL  
BRIEFING. TIP OFF BEING USED BUT THIS IS BEING CHECKED AND IMPROVED  
ON BY US AUTHORITIES ON COMSEC GROUNDS. ONLY ONE TYPE OF AIRCRAFT  
CAN LAND HERE OF THREE TYPES EMPLOYED DUE TO SMALL SIZE OF STRIP.  
BRIG GRAHAM HAS APPROVED EXTENSION OF STRIP AS PRIORITY ONE PROJECT  
ON ABOVE GROUNDS. ABOVE PROGRESS DOES NOT ALTER NEED FOR USER TRIALS  
AND TESTS OF LATEST AUST EQPT IN THIS THEATRE

3. COMMS.

A. NEW COMMCEN 9 PERCENT COMPLETE. TO BE COMPLETED 30 APR 67

B. CIRCUIT TO 303RR BN HAS IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY OVER PAST MONTH DUE TO FOLLOWING PROBLEMS BEING RESOLVED BY COMM OIC 509 RR GP

(I) NO ORDER WIWEEN REALY POINTS ON CIRCUIT

(II) CIRCUIT HAD NEVER BEEN ENGINEERED

(III) ONLY CIRCUIT THAT DID NOT GO THROUGH PATCH PANEL AT VUNGHVDKY RELAY

C. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT NEW TRS AT 303 RR BN WILL BE COMPLETED BY 1 JUL 67. HENCE IT HAS DEFINATELY BEEN DECIDED BY ALL CONCERNED TO LEAVE CIRCUIT AS IT IS. OUR OLD TACTICAL CIRCUIT HAS BEEN REACTIVATED AND IS ON PERMANENT STANDBY WITH DAILY TESTS IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES

D. COURIER FOR HARD COPY CODEWORD MATERIAL.

DIRNSA HAS REFUSED TO APPROVE OR COMMENT ON AUST SDS HELICOPTER AS AUTHORIZED COURIER AS IT IS PURELY AN AUSTRALIAN MATTER AND THEY ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT A DSD RULING. UNTIL USM 704 OR USM 614 CAN PROVIDE COURIERS TO THIS STATION APPROX 1 JUL 67 AM SENDING COURIER TO SAIGON ONCE PER WEEK AS INTERIM SOLUTION. PREFER ALL REFERENCE TO AUST SDS HELICOPTER AS COURIER BE DELETED EXCEPT FOR DAILY CARRIAGE OF RAW TRAFFIC AND LOGS.

4. ADMINISTRATION

A. POSTING ORDERS. PSE ADVISE WHETHER ACTION HAS

BEEN TAKEN ON POSTING ORDERS FOR FOLPOWING INT CORPS PERSONNEL

32222 WO2 D RODGERS

QTTYW SGT RW ROGERS

34360 SSGT WE IRWIN

53727 SGT K INNES

ASSUME ALL MEMBERS GOING TO DSD QUERY.

B. MEDICAL

C. VISITS.

(I) MAJ GEN MC CHRISTIAN J2 MACV 29 MAR 67

(II) COL APPLINGTON NRV(C) 15-16 MAR 67

(III) REPS FROM NRV(C), 509TH RR GP, ARDF AVN BN.

D. STORES AND EQPT.

EQPT CONTINUING TO ARRIVE IN STEADY STREAM

E. DISCIPLINE. NIL

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