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TO ARMY CANBERRA

INFO DSD

GA 18/5/8
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para 5
ADP 3/9/18

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FOR M18. PROGRESS REPORT 1 -31 JUL 68

1. SETROOM

- A. POSNS . 4 X 16 1/2 HRS. 4 X 9 3/4 HRS
- B. WATCH HOURS 54 HRS PER MAN PER WEEK
- C. IN TRG NIL

2. TASKING. PRIORITY/TASK

- 1 VCMB 05437
- 2 VCMB 00634
- 3 VCMB 05423
- 4 VCMB 05429
- 5 VCMB 05435
- 6 VCMB Y9020

7 VCMB Y9019

8 VCMB 00637

9 VCMB 00628

10 VCMB Y9015

11 VCMB Y9021

12 VCMB Y9027

13 VCMB J0621

14 VCMB J0612

DEVELOPMENT

VCXB J0659

VCXB J0576 now VCMB J0637

VCMB Y9025

VCMB Y9033

VCMB Y9037

VCMB Y9038

VCMB Y9039

VCMB Y9040

VCMB Y9043

SEARCH BAND

POSN 3 5000 - 5250 KHZ

POSN 4 5250 - 5500 KHZ

POSN 5 5500 - 5750 KHZ

POSN 6 5750 - 6000 KHZ

1300Z-1600Z 4000 - 6000 KHZ

3. ARDF

A. TOTAL FIXES 100

B. GRADINGS 22 GOOD 57 FAIR NIL POOR 21 CUTS

C. FLYING TIME 105 HRS

D. ONE DAY LOST DUE AC SERVICING/MALFUNCTION.

THREE DAYS LOST DUE INCLEMENT WEATHER. THREE DAYS LOST

DUE ARDF EQPT SERVICING/MALFUNCTION

E. DUE WORSENING WEATHER AND LACK OF SECURE HAVENS FOR

AIRCRAFT IN AREA NORTH OF ROUTE ONE (APPROX NORTHING YT10)

HAVE LIMITED ARDF FLIGHTS TO SOUTH OF THAT LINE

F. STILL NO FURTHER NEWS ON 8 LOAN SINCE MY 240500Z JUL

(TO M18 ONLY) BUT WILL VISIT DODSPECREP 3 AUG TO SOLICIT MORE

INFO

G. SO SIGS ADVISES THAT COMAFV INTENDS REPLYING TO COMD 1 ATF SIG

(MY SIGINT 145 TO M18 ONLY) TO EFFECT THAT ALTHOUGH HE AGREES WITH

ALL POINTS MADE HE INTENDS TO DELAY STATEMENT TO AHQ UNTIL ARDF

TESTS ON LOANED US COMPLETED.

4. SSL. MY APOLOGIES CMM FORGOT TO FWD RESULTS OF DISCUSSIONS

WITH MR TREHARNE SO HEREWITH SUMMARY.

A. SITE SELECTED IS CLOSE TO BORE 3

(SPECIAL) GR 074335/

116783. SITE NOT IDEAL BUT REPRESENTS BEST AVAILABLE COMPROMISE
CONSIDERING PERIMETER SECURITY REQUIREMENTS CMM OUTSTANDING ENGR
WORKS CMM LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE AND MUTUAL INTERFERENCE PROBLEMS
(IONOSOND VERSUS AUSTCAN TX TO BE INSTALLED AREA 439669 IN PARTICULAR).
IF SSL PROVES SUCCESSFUL AND SPORADIC E REGION PROBLEM CAN BE SOLVED
BETTER SITE COULD BE FOUND IN AREA 435449 AT OF EXTENDING
SOUTHERN PEG EER OF 1 ATF BASE ABOUT YDS. THIS IS A MAJOR ENGR
TASK WHEN WIRE CMM MINE FIELDS AND REALLOCATION OF DEF SECTORS
CONSIDERED.

B. DCRE 198 WKS SECT 1 ATF HAS AGREED TO HAVE SELECTED SITE LEVELLED
BY 1 OCT AND TO PROVIDE HARD STANDING FOR GEN SET AND SSL SHELTER.
WILL ALSO PROVIDE ACCESS TRACK FOR VEHS. AERIALS AND FEEDER ROUTES
TO BE CONSTRUCTED BY LABOUR PROVIDED BY HQ 1 ATF SUPERVISED BY 547
SIG TP. AERIAL POLES TO BE PROVIDED BY WRE CMM NOT SURE OF ARRANGEMENTS
FOR FEEDER ROUTE POLES.

C. SUBMITTING FIA FOR LOAN OF 10 KVA 240V GEN SET PERIOD 3
MONTHS FROM 1 OCT. IF SSL SUCCESSFUL WILL RVE GEN SET.

D. RUDIMENTARY WEATHER SHELTERS FOR GEN SET AND SSL SHELTER TO BE
CONSTRUCTED BY 547 SIG TP

E. TELEPHONE LINES REQUIRED CAN BE PROVIDED BY 104 SIG SQN.

F. CRANE AVAILABLE 1 ATF FOR OFFLOADING SSL SHELTER FROM VEHICLE
ON ARRIVAL FROM VUNG TAU

F. DO NOT SEE ANY MAJOR PROBLEMS GETTING SSL INTO POSN AND WORKING BY END OCT 68.

5. GEN INTEREST. THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE EVIDENCE OF COMINT ACTIVITY IN SIGNAL TRAFFIC AND FROM COLLATERAL SOURCES. LT COL TRAN VAN DUC ASST PO SUB REGION 1 WHO RALLIED APR 68 STATED RADIO INTERCEPT WAS EASIEST SAFEST AND FASTEST METHOD USED TO OBTAIN INFORMATION. HE STATED EACH DIVISION AND SOMETIMES EACH REGIMENT HAS FOUR MAN TEAM CONSISTING OF OC, RADIO OPERATOR LINGUIST AND MAP SPECIALIST. COMSEC IN 1 ATF HAS BEEN TIGHTENED AND COMD 1 ATF HAS DIRECTED THAT ACCESS TO RADIOS AND TRUNK TELEPHONES BE RESTRICTED TO OFFRS / NCOS AWARE OF DANGERS IN BREACHES.

6. VISITORS. *PHUC TOI*

10/13 JUL MR TREHARNE WRE

18 JUL LT COL PRICE CO 303 RR BN

24 JUL LTCOL WALLS CO 146 AVN CO (RR)

MAJ HORLIK CO ELECT 146 AVN CO (RR)

CAPT RITTERSPACH OPS OFFR 146 AVN CO

28 JUL COL RILEY CO 509 RRG

LTCOL HIMMEL S3 509 RRG

LTCOL PRICE CO 303RR BN

DETS.

MAJ MURRAY 14/15 JUL DODSPECREP AND 146 AVN CO

CAPT ZAGON 27/28 JUL 175 RR COY

7. ADMINISTRATION. OC 104 SIG SQN REQUESTED RELIEF FROM ALL
ADMIN RESPONSIBILITY FOR 547 SIG TP AS 110 SIG SQN ABOUT TO
PLACE ADDITIONAL 20 PERS IN THIS BASE (ADMINISTERED BY 104) TO
OPERATE RELOCATED AUSTCAN TX/RX FROM SAIGON. CONFERENCE WITH HQ
1 ATF HAS ARRANGED FOL CHANGES WEF 5 AUG.

A. RATIONS. OFFRS AND OR TO BE RATIONED BY HQ COY 1 ATF. SGTS/WO
TO REMAIN 104 SIG SQN.

B. A MATTERS. 547 TO HANDLE ITS OWN PAY PERS DOCUMENTS AND LEAVE.

C. 547 CONTINUES TO OPERATE OWN Q ACCOUNT BUT RESPONSIBILITY FOR
PROVISION OF CLOTHING AND NECESSARIES TRANSFERRED FROM 104 TO
HQ COY.

D. CHANGES SATISFACTORY FROM 547 TP POINT OF VIEW.

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