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FROM M18. SHORT CELL. YOUR SIGS 055.

ONE. THANK YOU FOR INTERIM REPORT ON PROGRESS OF TRIAL. M18

REACTION AS FOLLOWS.

ALFA. RESULTS OBTAINED TO DATE ARE ENCOURAGING BUT INSUFFICIENT

ON WHICH TO BASE FIRM RECOMMENDATIONS AT THIS STAGE.

BRAVO. RESULTS INDICATE THAT TECHNIQUE COULD BE OF OPERATIONAL

IMPORTANCE AT TF LEVEL AND WOULD EVEN AT THIS STAGE BE OF LIMITED

BENEFIT ON TARGETS BEYOND

CHARLIE. ADDITIONAL TRIALS OF BETWEEN 1-2 MONTHS ARE REQUIRED IN

ORDER TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL DEPTH OF RESULTS AND A GREATER KNOW-

LEDGE OF THE PROBLEM INVOLVED.

DELTA. RESULTS OBTAINED DURING ANY EXTENDED TRAILS PERIOD MUST BE

SIGNALLED TO WRE FOR DAY TO DAY EVALUATION AND QUICK REPONSE

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SUPPORT.

FOXTROT. YOUR REPORT DOES NOT INDICATE THE PRODUCTIVITY OF EQUIPMENT. APPRECIATE THIS TIED UP WITH OBTAINING SUITABLE CHECK BEARINGS AT REQUIRED TIMES BUT INTERESTED TO KNOW TIME REQUIRED TO OBTAIN RESULTS.

TWO. SUGGEST YOUR INTERIM REPORT TO COMD 1ATF/AFV SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING POINTS

ALFA. INITIAL PROBLEMS OF SITING CMM ERRECTION CMM EQUIPMENT FAILURE CMM TRAINING AND OBTAINING A SUITABLE CHECK BEARING PROGRAMME REDUCED THE EFFECTIVE TRIAL PERIOD TO APPROX 4 WEEKS. RESULTS OBTAINED DURING THIS PERIOD ARE SUFFICIENTLY ENCOURAGING TO INDICATE THAT THE SYSTEM HAS GREAT POTENTIAL AS A VALUABLE ADDITIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND FOR USE WITH 1ATF.

BRAVO. A FURTHER MINIMUM TRIALS PERIOD OF TWO MONTHS WILL HOWEVER BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF THE TECHNIQUES INVOLVED AND A GREATER DEPTH OF RESULTS FOR SCIENTIFIC STUDY. IT SHOULD THEN BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE FIRM RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FUTURE OPERATIONAL ROLE FOR THIS EQUIPMENT.

CHARLIE. DETAILED GUIDE LINES ALONG WHICH THE ADDITIONAL TRIAL SHOULD FOLLOW WILL BE FORWARDED FROM AUSTRALIA AFTER DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN WRE/DSD/M18 ON THE RESULTS TO DATE.

DELTA. IF FURTHER TRIALS ARE AGREED BY COMD CMM CONSIDERATION WILL NEED TO BE GIVEN FOR THE ATTACHMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL 2-3 OPERATORS



TO 547 SIG TP IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE PRESENT LOAD ON THAT TROOPS  
OPERATIONAL CAPACITY. ( SUCH ATTACHMENTS SHOULD BE REQUESTED FROM  
YOUR END).

THREE. A BRIEF ALONG THE LINES INDICATED ABOVE HAS BEEN PASSED TO  
DCGS (COMD AFV DESIGNATE) BY M18.

FOUR. WILL DISCUSS THE WHOLE QUESTION OF STRENGTH INCREASES FOR  
AUM352 WITH DSD IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THEIR AGREEMENT AND SUPPORT  
PRIOR TO ANY SUBMISSION BY YOU TO COMD 1 ATF. REGRET NOT POSSIBLE  
AT THIS STAGE TO USE SHORT CELL AS VEHICLE ON WHICH TO BASE  
ESTABLISHMENT INCREASES.

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