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TO ARMY CANBERRA (M18).

INFO WEAPONS SALISBURY (IS. GROUP).

121 SIG SQN

DSD

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~~SECRET COMINT CHANNELS SIGS237.~~

SSL TRIALS.

1. REF M18/1234 NOT TO WRE. PARA 2. TO CLEAR UP ANY

MISAPPREHENSION. STOCK AND HAMPTON ARE

WORKING IN MAIN SET ROOM. COMPLETE

TRIALS TO DATE HAVE BEEN DONE BY LCPL POOLE AND SIG BRIDGES.

2. FURTHER TO ABOVE REF, AND IN ADDITION

M18/121- OF 020200Z (NOT TO 121 SIG SQN).

THE CONCEPT OF RELOCATING SHORT CELL

AT VUNG TAU IS A FEARSOME THOUGHT,

AND SHOULD BE CAREFULLY WEIGHED UP

BEFORE EVEN CONSIDERING IT AS AN

ALTERNATIVE.

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3. AS I SEE IT A NUMBER OF IMMENSE

PROBLEMS ARE IMMEDIATELY RAISED. THESE INCLUDE:-

A. REAL ESTATE. I DONT BELEIVE THERE

IS ANY SPARE LAND CURRENTLY INSIDE

PROTECTED AREAS AT VUNG TAU, AND

ANY LAND OUTSIDE WOULD BE SANDY

DUNES, REQUIRING CONSIDERABLE ENGR

EFFORT TO FLATTEN.

B. ADMIN. COULD SEE TREMENDOUS PROBLEMS

ARRANGING ACCN, FEEDING AND PARTICULARLY

TPT FOR SSL SHIFT PERS.

C. MAINT. A MAMMOTH PROBLEM. WOULD

THE TECH STAY AT VUNG TAU? WHAT

SUPPLY OF TEST EQPT WOULD HE REQUIRE

OVER AND ABOVE TROOPS PRESENT SUPPLY?

WHERE WOULD HE DO HIS REPAIR?. THE

CURRENT METHOD OF CENTRALISED TRADESMEN

AND TEST EQPT WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY

DISRUPTED AND I WOULD LOSE MY MAINT FLEXIBILITY.

D. STEERAGE. HOW WOULD THIS BE ACHIEVED?

ALL RADIO RELAY CHANNELS NUI DAT- VUNG TAU

ARE UTILISED. CONCEPT OF RADIO

STEERAGE IS ALARMING, BOTH FROM

ASPECTS. ONE TIME PAD/ COMUS STEERAGE

COULD PROVE EXCESSIVELY TIME CONSUMING

ON SHORT TRANSMISSIONS TGTS.

4. THESE PROBLEMS JUST BARELY SCRAPE THE

SURFACE. I DO NOT WISH TO APPEAR

EXCESSIVELY PESSIMISTIC= NOTHING WOULD BE

NICER THAN A DET IN VUNG TAU WHERE

TP MEMBERS COULD BE GIVE A WELL

DESERVED REST FROM NUI DAT. BUT

THE PROBLEMS ARE NUMEROUS, AND I

WOULD SUGGEST VERY CAREFUL CONSIDERATION

BEFORE SUCH A DECISION IS TAKEN. REGARDS

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