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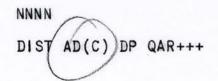
2. SHORT ANSWER TO PARA 2 IS THAT NO (R) NO DETAILS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED. EQUIPMENT IS STILL HIGHLY EXPERIMENTAL AND UNDOUBTEDLY WILL BE SUBJECT TO SEVERAL MODIFICATIONS. INDEED, ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THE OPERATIONAL TRIALS IS TO DETERMINE JUST WHAT SORT OF MODS WILL BE NECESSARY.

3. METHOD OF OPERATION, TWO, WILL BE TAILORED TO MEET
THE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT. BASICALLY, AIRCRAFT WILL FLY ALONG
A PRE-PLANNED COURSE AND WILL TAKE BEARINGS AS OPPORTUNITIES ARISE
(I.E. WHEN TARGET TRANSMITTER IS KEYING). ON COMPLETION OF FIRST
RUN (AND ASSUMING TX STILL ON THE AIR) AIRCRAFT WILL TURN ON TO A
SECOND PRE-PLANNED COURSE AND PROCEED AS BEFORE. OBVIOUSLY, THE MORE
BEARINGS TAKEN AND THE MORE TRACKS FLOWN THE BETTER THE VALIDITY OF
THE FIX. PILOT WILL ENSURE AIRCRAFT IS KEPT AS STRAIGHT
AND LEVEL AS POSSIBLE AND WILL CONCENTRATE ON ACTUALLY FLYING THE
AIRCRAFT ALONG A CONSTANT HEADING. EQUIPMENT WILL BE OPERATED BY
EXPERIENCED INTERCEPT OPERATOR FAMILAR WITH THE TARGET TRANSMISSIONS.
SUCH QUESTIONS AS TIP OFF FROM GROUND BASED INTERCEPT SITE,
REPORTING OF FIXES ETC. HAVE YET TO BE DETERMINED. IN OTHER
WORDS, WE EXPECT THE OPERATIONAL TRIALS TO SHOW US WHAT HAS TO BE

DONE AND WE WILL THEN SPECIFY PROCEDURES TO BE EMPLOYED.

- 4. AIRCRAFT DOES NOT (R) NOT HAVE ANY SOPHISTICATED NAVAIDS FITTED SO VISUAL FLYING CONDITIONS ARE REQUIRED.
- 5. EQUIPMENT CONSISTS OF TWO FERRITE ROD AERIALS (TUNEABLE)
 BOTH MOUNTED IN SAME PLANE BUT AT APPROX SIXTY DEGREES TO EACH
 OTHER. AERIALS ARE CONTAINED IN A +POD+ WHICH PROJECTS BELOW
 FUSELAGE (RETRACTABLE FOR LANDING/TAKE OFF) AND ROTATE WITHIN
 +POD+. OPERATOR TUNES SIGNAL ON RACAL RA-217 RX THEN ROTATES
 AERIAL UNTIL EQUAL AMPLITUDE (DISPLAYED ON CRT) OBTAINED
 FROM EACH OF THE TWO AERIALS, MAXIMUM SIGNAL RATHER THAN NULL
 IS USED. OBVIOUSLY MORE COMPLICATED THAN ABOVE (E.G. ONE HAS TO
 ENSURE THAT BOTH AERIALS HAVE EXACTLY THE SAME SENSITIVITY/PICK
 UP) BUT THE ABOVE WILL PROBABLY BE SUFFICIENT FOR TIME BEING.
 4. MUST AGAIN STRESS THAT IT IS EXPERIMENTAL AND COULD BE
 RADICALLY ALTERED AFTER (OR DURING) TRIALS.

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