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DMI CANBERRA FOR M18.

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FOLLOWING IS FURTHER MISCELLANY OF POINTS ARISING FROM SVN VISIT

(NOT POSSIBLE DISCUSS DRAFT WITH CATTANACH BUT THINK HIS VIEWS
BROADLY REPRESENTED).

2. CMD 1ATF CONFIRMED VALUE OF SIGINT TO HIM AND STATED IT WAS
HIS ONLY RELIABLE INDICATOR.

3. HAPPY WITH SECURITY OF AUM 352 SITE FOR RETENTION

BUT IT IS NOT RPT NOT SUITABLE FOR RETENTION OF MZPEM

WOULD THIS DEGREE OF SECURITY SEEM PRACTICABLE TO ACHIEVE EITHER

NOW OR IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE SEMICOLON WILL REGARD TO PERMANENCE OF
SITE, CMD 1ATF CONFIRMED INTENTION TO RETAIN PRESENT BASE AREA
EVEN IF FORCE INCREASED (BY SAY ONE BATTALION) AND SCOPE/AREA OF

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OPERATIONS THEREBY EXTENDED. SINCE IT IS OUR VIEW THAT MAIN ELEMENT OF AUM 352 WOULD REMAIN PERMANENTLY IN BASE AREA AM CONFIDENT WE CAN ASSURE THAT SITE IS IN EFFECT A FIXED ONE. (IN CONNECTION STRENGTH OF AUM 352, HOWEVER, NOTE THAT WIDER SCOPE OF OPERATIONS COULD BRING REQUIREMENTS FOR MORE COVER AND FOR COMMS PERSONNEL AND CHANNELS FOR COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE BASE AREA AND POSSIBLE MOBILE HQ SEMICOLON AS STATED IN GCO(HK) 300400, RECOMMENDED STRENGTH OF UNIT IS BASED ON PRESENT 1ATF REQUIREMENTS).

4. DETAILS OF CONTENTS OF QUOTE TECH SUPPORT PACKAGE UNQUOTE UNFORTUNATELY NOT AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSION WITH AUM 352 BUT SHOULD CERTAINLY BE OF GREAT VALUE. MAIN WORRY AT UNIT IS LACK OF BOTH TA AND CA FEEDBACK (IN THE SENSE WE UNDERSTAND IT). AFTER BRIEFING GIVEN US BY ASA REPS AT NR(V) AM NOT SURE WE COULD EVER EXPECT TO GET THIS SEMICOLON THE BRIEFING AMPLY CONFIRMED INFO WE ALREADY HAD ON PRESSURE EXERTED JUST TO KEEP UP WITH CURRENT MATERIAL SEMICOLON FOR EXAMPLE:

(A) MANY TA STAFF TIED DOWN IN PREPARINRWNEU Y SEMICOLON

(B) VIRTUALLY NO SEARCH AND DEV SEMICOLON (IN FACT NO MENTION MADE OF THE ONE POSITION EACH AT REFERRED TO IN RECENT AUSLO SIGNAL) SEMICOLON

(C) ABOUT 15,000 REQUESTS RECEIVED MONTHLY FOR MRDF SEMICOLON ALL KNOWN MILITARY STATIONS ARE CHECKED WEEKLY AND POLITICAL STATIONS

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MONTHLY SEMICOLON LITTLE TIME LEFT FOR SUPPORT TO SEARCH/DEV.

LIAISON AS SUGGESTED IN GCO(HK) 300400 COULD HELP TO SOME EXTENT

AS COULD EXPERIENCED AUST. CIVILIAN ANALYST AT HAD SOME

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QUALMS ON LATTER POINT LEST HE BE SUBMERGED IN SYSTEM SEMICOLON

NR(V) CONSIDERED THIS COULD INDEED HAPPEN TO SERVICEMAN BUT THAT

CIVILIAN COULD RETAIN ADEQUATE INDEPENDENCE.

5. BOTH A BIT CONCERNED ABOUT PROCEDURE FOR BRIEFING CMD 1ATF ON

INFERENCES (PRIMARILY BASED ON TA). AT PRESENT THIS DONE VERBALLY

BUT BOTH FELT SOME MORE FORMAL RECORD SHOULD BE MADE. SUGGESTED

THAT OC SHOULD AT LEAST KEEP NOTE OF SUBSTANCE OF BRIEFINGS AND

I AGREED DISCUSS FURTHER WITH AD(C) ON RETURN.

6. ONE SMALL CHANGE IN TECH REPORTING PROCEDURE. UP TO NOW AUM

352 HAS PRODUCED DAILY TECSUMS WHICH HAD TO BE CONVERTED BY

TO , ASKED AUM 352 IF POSSIBLE PREPARE IN

SEMICOLON NO GREAT DIFFICULTY SEEN AND CHANGE WOULD BE

WELCOMED BY

7. IN REPLY TO QUESTION I TOLD O.C. AUM 352 THAT DSD WOULD LIKE

TO SEE COPIES OF ALL HIS POST-OPERATION REPORTS TO HELP KEEP US IN

PICTURE.

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10. IN ABSENCE OF VOICE MATERIAL, IMPRESSION GIVEN BY NR(V) WAS THAT THE ARVN THIRD PARTY CONTRIBUTION WAS OF LITTLE VALUE.

11. CMD 1ATF ASSURED US (EMPHATICALLY) THAT BUCKETS OF VC VHF VOICE ACTIVITY HEARD AND EXPLOITED TACTICALLY IN 1RAR OPERATION IN JUNE LAST YEAR. OC AUM 352 WILL BE TRYING TO LAY THIS HARE BUT IN MEANTIME CMD 1ATF IS PLANNING TO LISTEN ON GROUND IN FORTHCOMING OPERATION. AUM 352 HOPE TO TRY SOME AIRBORNE VHF INTERCEPT AT SAME TIME.

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