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Many thanks for your GCO/13-1/045 of the
8th August, with enclosures,

2. 'S' comments are as follows:

- (i) From the traffic analysis point of view the documents at first sight suggest that a wireless link is operating which our intercept has failed to detect. However, on closer inspection there is no positive evidence that the link, has or is, operating. The most that can be said is that an attempt, serious enough from the MCP point of view, though in fact too weak technically to be likely to succeed, has been made and is still probably in progress, to establish W/T communications between the Secretary-General and the SCM in Kedah.
- (ii) An important point is that, for the first time, we now have an important identifying feature - MCP traffic is likely to be five-letter.
- (iii) Document C2(2) of Lot 66 reveals a very low technical standard and implies a fairly long term training policy.
- (iv) The documents are typical of others we have seen in the past - tantalizingly inconclusive. On balance - we do not believe that a sophisticated wireless link is in operation. Should the present attempt to establish a link succeed, we feel fairly confident that our search will find it within a reasonable time.

3. From the 'H' point of view, the cypher system described, was interesting, and at least gives us some idea of what we might expect, if at some time W/T transmissions, are in fact intercepted. I might add that a search through our unidentified file, did not reveal any traffic in this system.

4. Although Bob still gives advice on MCP problems, as required, it is felt that the time has arrived when it would be better if correspondence on this subject was addressed to the Director, D.S.B., for the attention of either S or H depending on the nature of the material.

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