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British High Commission,

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*My dear Brian*C.T.O. Clandestine Communications

Some time ago I mentioned to you that had received further information about the use of wireless by the C.T.O. in the region and I promised to pass to you the very slim particulars which are available. I would not have thought they would be sufficient to base an accurate search and they are now quite certainly out of date.

2. have a source who was in the jungle with the C.T.O. up to early 1961. Before he left the jungle in 1961 he became aware that there was a wireless section at HQ 12 Regiment located in the area, not far from the square in the (This appears to be in on the)

3. The set was located in a clearing about 30 feet square, some distance from the main camp and was operated by a section of three operators. No one else was allowed near the section except for very senior officers. The set operated between 2000 and 2350 hours on two or three days a week; it was operated by tapping (and the description sounds like a hand operated Morse(24); an aerial consisting of a wire was slung between two trees about 50 to 60 feet apart; to his knowledge the set had been operated for two years before his departure from the jungle (i.e. since 1959) and he was told that sometime after the Baling Talks in 1955 wirelasses had been bought for the C.T.O. in each.

4. In addition to this communications set the camp had a Philips battery set over which they obtained news from Radio Peking.

5. You will know that similar scraps of information came to hand during the latter years of the Emergency, although there was no firm evidence of the location of sets or their effectiveness. At one time your predecessor conducted extensive search and DF operations in Malaysia. , who told me about this case and which has not been officially revealed to me, mentioned that the case officer, having looked at old papers relating to searches for wireless, asked if it would not be possible to arrange for monitoring (by which I suppose he meant searching and monitoring). agreed to avoid putting up a formal request for assistance for the time being and I agreed to get your views in the meantime on whether it was at all likely that anything at this late stage could be mounted. (I had in mind the possibility that D.S.D. might have records of untraced clandestine transmissions from this area.)

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6. I understood that the source of the information is available to the [Redacted] and therefore possibly to the [Redacted].

7. I should be most interested in your views, although I do not suppose that at this late stage there is much chance of doing anything about this. I would have thought that the story is a likely one and that we should assume that there is a wireless net in the border region which would no doubt include [Redacted] and his two regimental headquarters (if that is the size of the C.T.O.) but perhaps this was purely a means of communicating with [Redacted].

*Yours
Bill*

[Redacted]
G.C.O.
Singapore.
[Redacted]

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