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SUSPECT MCP TRANSMISSIONS. HERewith DSB S SUMMING UP OF THE
TECHNICAL EVIDENCE.

ON 3RD, 4TH AND 6TH MARCH 1954, [REDACTED] HEARD AN UNIDENTIFIED
TRANSMISSION AT 1430Z ON 7132 KC/S USING CALLSIGNS [REDACTED]
ONLY ONE END OF THE LINK INTERCEPTED BUT NIX WAS EVIDENTLY
IN CONTACT AT LEAST ON 4TH BETWEEN 1438 AND 1455Z AND 5TH
BETWEEN 1445 AND 1503Z. THE TRANSMISSION ON 6TH 1428-1430 WAS
BADLY JAMMED. THE UNUSUAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS TRANSMISSION,
XX31, SUGGESTED IT WAS THE BEST CANDIDATE YET FOR A POSSIBLE
MCP SUSPECT, AND CONSEQUENTLY [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] HAVE MADE
EVERY EFFORT TO FIND CONTINUITY. MOREOVER, ANDERSON, CABARLAH
AND HONGKONG AND ALL D/F STATIONS AVAILABLE IN THE AREA
HAVE THE SUSPECT ON WATCH AT THE KNOWN SCHEDULE TIME OF 1430Z
AND ANOTHER POSSIBLE SCHEDULE TIME OF 0130Z.

2. UNFORTUNATELY DESPITE CONSTANT WATCH FOR FURTHER ACTIVITY
OF THIS LINK ON THE KNOWN FREQUENCY AND SEARCH ON OTHER
FREQUENCIES BETWEEN 4 - 12 MC/S. NOTHING MORE HAS BEEN HEARD
SINCE 6TH MARCH.

SEE LOGS AT APPENDIX. PROCEDURE ON THE LINK WAS VERY UNSOPHISTIC-
ATED. THERE WERE SOME [REDACTED] TYPE SIGNALS E.G. [REDACTED] FOR [REDACTED] BUT
ALSO A MIXTURE OF ENGLISH P/T, COMMERCIAL AND [REDACTED] ON 3RD
AND 4TH MARCH THERE WAS A REFERENCE TO A RECEIPT FOR A MESSAGE
NO 01. ON 5TH NIX ATTEMPTED TO SEND A MESSAGE PREAMBLE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BUT UNFORTUNATELY STOPPED AT 1450 WITH
AS (WAIT) AFTER SENDING A FOUR FIGURE GROUP AND A TWO FIGURE
GROUP, SO THAT IT IS NOT KNOWN WHAT TYPE OF TRAFFIC THE MESSAGE
CONTAINED. IT CANNOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE WHOLE OF THE MESSAGE
WOULD NECESSARILY HAVE BEEN 4/F. THE FIRST GROUPS INTERCEPTED
MIGHT WELL HAVE BEEN ONLY AN ENCODED ADDRESS GROUP.

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3. AT 1451, NIX THEN SENT QUOTE

UNQUOTE (MAY MEAN QUOTE

HERE IT IS UNSAFE TO WORK ANYMORE UNQUOTE). THIS WAS FOLLOWED
BY CHAT DURING WHICH THE WORDS QUOTE

UNQUOTE WERE SENT. AFTER THE REFERENCE TO A SCHEDULE 01R30

DAILY AND A POSSIBLE REFERENCE TO A DATE QUOTE 17R3/01RA UNQUOTE

THE WORDS QUOTE UNQUOTE WERE FURTHER

REPEATED AND THE FOLLOWING GROUPS WERE SENT BEFORE THE SCHEDULE

WAS CLOSED WITH QUOTE UNQUOTE:-

QUOTE UNQUOTE. IT MUST BE EMPHASISED

THAT IT WAS NOT CLEAR FROM THE LOG WHAT WAS UNSAFE, BUT NEVER-
THELESS THE LINK WENT ON WORKING FOR ANOTHER 12 MINUTES AND
ENDED BY MAKING AN APPOINTMENT FOR THE NEXT DAY.

4. STUDIED A LARGE SCALE MAP OF MALAYA AND PRODUCED THE
THEORY THAT THESE GROUPS REPRESENTED ABBREVIATIONS OF VILLAGE
PLACE NAMES IN THE PERAK AREA. THEY SUGGESTED THE NAMES
REFERRED TO WERE

REMAINS UNIDENTIFIED OR UNEXPLAINED.

THIS IS A REASONABLE THEORY, ESPECIALLY SINCE THESE PARTICULAR
VILLAGES HAVE SINCE BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE AS

PLACES ALONG A KNOWN MCP SUPPLY ROUTE TO HOWEVER ABBREVI-
ATIONS ARE NOT CONSISTENT THOUGH THE SENDING MAY HAVE BEEN POOR.

NEVERTHELESS SINCE NO D/F WAS POSSIBLE, THERE IS

NO ACTUAL PROOF FROM THE LOGS EITHER THAT THE AGENCY OPERATING

THE LINK WAS IN MALAYA OR THAT THE WORKING WAS DIRECTLY CONNECTED
WITH THE MCP.

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5. [REDACTED] ALSO SEARCHED IN BACK RECORDS AND PRODUCED A POSSIBLE CANDIDATE FOR PAST CONTINUITY OF THE LINK IN FEBRUARY ([REDACTED] HEARD ON 6TH FEBRUARY ON 12000 KC/S AT 0225). THE EVIDENCE IS VERY TENUOUS, BASED LARGELY ON THE STRENGTH OF SIMILARITY IN CALLSIGN CONSTRUCTION - [REDACTED] AND TWO 4/F MESSAGES WITH PREAMBLES QUOTE [REDACTED] UNQUOTE AND QUOTE [REDACTED] UNQUOTE. UNFORTUNATELY THERE THE RESEMBLANCE ENDS. THE REST OF THE PROCEDURE BESIDES BEING MUCH MORE SECURE, IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT IN EVERY RESPECT (SEE VERSION OF LOGS AT APPENDIX.). MOREOVER THIS TRANSMISSION [REDACTED] HAD BEEN ACCEPTED IN DSB AS A TYPICAL CHXB TRANSMISSION SINCE IT CLOSELY RESEMBLED THE NORMAL PROCEDURE OF [REDACTED] NATIONALIST TRANSMISSIONS, SEVERAL HUNDREDS OF WHICH ARE INTERCEPTED EACH MONTH BY ALL INTERCEPT STATIONS.

6. A STUDY OF DSB RECORDS HAS REVEALED NO PAST ACTIVITY OF EITHER OF THE CALLSIGNS USED BY [REDACTED] WHICH CAN POSSIBLY BE RELATED NOR IS THERE INDEED ANY SIGN OF PROCEDURE SIMILAR IN TYPE TO [REDACTED] THE TRANSMISSION IS TO ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES QUITE NEW TO DSB AND IN DEFAULT OF FURTHER EVIDENCE REMAINS UNIDENTIFIED. IN THE MEANTIME UNTIL SOME CONTINUITY IS PRODUCED NO AMOUNT OF SPECULATION CAN PROVE OR DISPROVE THE THEORY THAT THE TRANSMISSION IS EITHER MALAYAN OR MCP. IT WOULD BE UNWISE THEREFORE TO ASSUME THAT [REDACTED] IS A PROTOTYPE FOR MCP. IT REMAINS SIMPLY THE BEST SUSPECT MCP TRANSMISSION THAT HAS YET BEEN INTERCEPTED AND THE ACTION ON IT TAKEN AT SINGAPORE IS ENTIRELY JUSTIFIED.

7. APPENDIX FOLLOWS BY SEPARATE SIGNAL

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