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YOUR 120552. REALISE ONLY TOO WELL AND GREATLY REGRET THAT YOU HAVE BEEN PUT IN DIFFICULT POSITION THROUGH DISCOVERY BY [REDACTED] OF SUSPECT TRANSMISSIONS IMMEDIATELY AFTER YOUR PROPOSAL (AT DSB S REQUEST) TO WITHDRAW DETACHMENT. CANNOT HOWEVER ACCEPT THAT ANY QUOTE BLAME UNQUOTE ATTACHES EITHER TO YOU OR TO SIGINT ORGANISATION FOR PROPOSAL TO WIND UP RECONNAISSANCE AFTER SEVEN MONTHS NEGATIVE RESULTS. WOULD LIKE TO REASSURE YOU THAT ALL CONCERNED AT DSB ARE ONLY TOO ANXIOUS TO KEEP [REDACTED] ACTIVE IF GOOD EVIDENCE OF SHORT RANGE TRANSMISSIONS (WITH WHICH [REDACTED] CANNOT ADEQUATELY COPE) EXISTS, OR TO REACTIVATE IT IN APPROPRIATE CIRCUMSTANCES. WE ARE EQUALLY KEEN TO WIND UP RECCE IN ABSENCE OF SUCH EVIDENCE AS WE CANNOT AFFORD WITH PRESENT MANPOWER LIMITATIONS TO MAINTAIN A SPLINTER PARTY FOR REASONS WHICH ARE NOT OBJECTIVELY BASED. IF STRENGTH INCREASES SIGNIFICANTLY A PERMANENT SATELLITE MIGHT BE JUSTIFIED.

2. SUSPECT TRANSMISSIONS OF 3RD TO 6TH MUST BE REGARDED FOR TIME BEING AS PROVIDING EVIDENCE NEEDED TO KEEP DETACHMENT GOING. HENCE OUR 110506 TO WHICH FRANKLY CANNOT UNDERSTAND YOUR TAKING EXCEPTION. ON RECEIPT YOUR 050550 REPLY WAS DRAFTED REQUESTING YOU TO WITHDRAW DETACHMENT BUT THIS WAS FORTUNATELY HELD UP SO THAT DIRECTOR [REDACTED] COULD BE CONSULTED. BALLOON THEN ASCENDED AND MATTER OF

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WITHDRAWAL IS CLEARLY IN ABEYANCE. IF IT IS TONE OF PARA 2 OF 110506 TO WHICH YOU OBJECT MUST POINT OUT THAT ALL INFORMATION HERE GAVE STRENGTH OF [REDACTED] AFTER DEPLETION OF ONE OPERATOR AS FIVE MEN (YOUR 120155 SEEMS TO CONFIRM THIS). MOREOVER OUR SIGNAL GAVE YOU DISCRETION TO REINFORCE

3. ABOVE DEALS WITH PARAS 2 AND 4 YOUR 120552. NOT CLEAR WHAT YOU MEAN IN PARA 1. RESPONSIBILITY SEEMS CLEAR ENOUGH AND WHAT IS NEEDED SURELY IS MORE OPERATORS RATHER THAN A DEFINITION OF RESPONSIBILITY. CANNOT UNDERSTAND YOUR PARA 3 AS NOBODY HERE HAS ANY DESIRE TO KEEP EXISTENCE OF SUSPECT TRANSMISSIONS FROM FEDERATION. PARA 4 IS CRYSTAL CLEAR AND EXCELLENT NEWS WHICH AM PASSING TO D OF SIGS.

4. REPLY TO YOUR 120550 AND 140030 FOLLOWS.

5. WOULD IT HELP TO HAVE [REDACTED] CONFERENCE ON THIS SUBJECT. DELAY IN THIS REPLY REGRETTE BUT DIRECTORS VISIT HAS PUT US OUT OF ROUTINE

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