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FOLLOWING IS CONSOLIDATED APPRECIATION AND PLAN FOR
MALAYA RECCE AGREED AT MEETING IN [REDACTED] ATTENDED
BY [REDACTED] ((SLO)), [REDACTED] ((A/SLO)),
[REDACTED] ((CSO)) [REDACTED] ((G2I((A))) [REDACTED] ((ASSIST
COMMISSIONER)) SEEN AND APPROVED BY [REDACTED]
BEGINS

A. APPRECIATION,
THERE IS NO FIRM EVIDENCE OF THE USE OF RADIO BY
BANDITS IN MALAYA. HOWEVER FROM THE INCONCLUSIVE
EVIDENCE OF GROUND SOURCES AND AS A MATTER OF REASONABLE
INFERENCE IT IS AT LEAST POSSIBLE THAT SUCH ACTIVITY
EXISTS, OR WILL APPEAR IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IT MAY BE
EXPECTED TO FALL WITHIN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING
CATEGORIES.

- ((A)) LONG RANGE W/T LINKS BETWEEN H.Q. M.C.P.
AND A STATION OR STATIONS IN ANOTHER COUNTRY.
- ((B)) MEDIUM-RANGE W/T TRANSMISSIONS BETWEEN H.Q. M.C.P.
AND/OR SUBORDINATE H.Q.S IN MALAYA.
- ((C)) SHORT RANGE R/T OR R/T TRANSMISSIONS USED BY THE
BANDITS FOR LOCAL TACTICAL PURPOSES.

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(D) AUTHORISED TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINKS WITHIN MALAY,
WHICH COULD BE MADE USE OF TO PASS CLANDESTINE TRAFFIC
IN AN APPARENTLY HARMLESS FORM.

(E) EXISTING COMMERCIAL TYPE W/T AND R/T TRANSMISSIONS
IN [REDACTED], WHICH MAY HAVE ILLEGAL EXTENSIONS INTO MALAYA
AND MAY BE USED BY THE M.C.P. FOR THE PASSAGE OF
CLANDESTINE INFORMATION.

2. THE SEARCH FOR, AND INVESTIGATION, OF UNIDENTIFIED
TRANSMISSIONS IN THE FAR EAST IS A COMMITMENT OF THE
DEFENCE SIGNALS BRANCH, MELBOURNE, AND THE INTERCEPT
STATIONS UNDER ITS OPERATIONAL CONTROL. THESE STATIONS
ARE ALREADY UNDERTAKING A PROGRAMME OF SEARCH, WHICH
HAS RECENTLY BEEN INTENSIFIED, DESIGNED INTERALIA TO
UNCOVER LONG-RANGE TRANSMISSIONS FROM MALAYA TO ANOTHER
COUNTRY.

3. SHORT-RANGE TRANSMISSIONS CANNOT BE INTERCEPTED
FROM EXISTING SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE LOCATIONS. IT IS
HOWEVER GENERALLY AGREED THAT THE PROBABILITY OF THEIR
EXISTENCE IS LOW, AND THAT THE EFFORT REQUIRED TO MOUNT
AN INVESTIGATION WOULD NOT AT PRESENT BE WARRANTED.

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THERE IS A REASONABLE POSSIBILITY THAT AUTHORISED
TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINKS WITHIN MALAYA MAY BE USED FOR
THE PASSAGE OF CLANDESTINE INFORMATION. THE SCRUTINY
OF SUCH MATERIAL IS NOT WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF THE SIGNAL
INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION, ALTHOUGH IT SHOULD RECEIVE
COPIES OF ANY UNAUTHORISED CYPHER MATERIAL WHICH MAY BE
FOUND.

THERE REMAINS THE POSSIBILITY OF THE EXISTENCE OF
MEDIUM-RANGE TRANSMISSIONS WITHIN MALAYA, AND ALSO OF
THE FACT THAT KNOWN COMMERCIAL-TYPE TRANSMISSIONS IN
[REDACTED] MAY BE USED TO PASS CLANDESTINE INFORMATION.
BOTH CATEGORIES OF TRANSMISSION ARE INAUDIBLE FROM
EXISTING SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE LOCATIONS, AND IT IS
CONSIDERED THAT AN INVESTIGATION OF THESE TRANSMISSIONS
WARRANTS IMMEDIATE ACTION.

B. PLAN.

6. IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED THAT A PARTY FROM THE
DETACHMENT OF 101 WIRELESS REGIMENT, AUSTRALIAN ARMY,
NOW LOCATED AT [REDACTED] SHOULD CARRY OUT A SERIES OF
INVESTIGATION AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN MALAYA TO SEARCH
FROM TRANSMISSIONS OF THE TYPE REFERRED TO IN PARA 5
ABOVE.

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7. THE PARTY WILL CONSIST OF ONE OFFICER AND FIVE OTHER RANKS AND WILL INITIALLY SPEND A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH AT EACH OF THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS IN THAT AREA.

((A)) [REDACTED]

(B) [REDACTED]

(C) [REDACTED]

(D) A SITE YET TO BE SELECTED IN [REDACTED]

8. THE PARTY WILL BE LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF A BRITISH ARMY H.Q. AND WILL NOT BE ENGAGED IN MOBILE OPERATIONS. AFTER THE INITIAL PERIOD OF INVESTIGATION THE PARTY WILL, AFTER DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED, EITHER BE WITHDRAWN OR ENGAGE IN FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE GAINED DURING THE INITIAL PERIOD. THE NEED FOR FURTHER RECONNAISSANCE OF THIS TYPE AT REGULAR INTERVALS IS HOWEVER FULLY ACCEPTED.

10. THE PARTY WILL BE TRANSPORTED AND ACCOMMODATED BY THE BRITISH ARMY AUTHORITIES, AND WILL USE EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY GCO SINGAPORE.

11. COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE PARTY AND G.C.O. SINGAPORE WILL BE OVER NORMAL ARMY SIGNALS CHANNELS

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THROUGH G [REDACTED], BUT THE PARTY WILL HOLD SPECIAL SIGINT CYPHERS TO BE USED IN THE EXCHANGE OF SIGINT INFORMATION.

12. FOR SECURITY REASONS, THE OSTENSIBLE PURPOSE OF THE PARTY WILL BE THE TESTING OF W/T EQUIPMENT IN FIELD CONDITIONS ((AS A NORMAL FUNCTION OF MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN OBSERVER UNIT IN MALAYA)). THE NUMBER OF THOSE PERMITTED TO KNOW THE ACTUAL PURPOSE OF THE PARTY WILL BE RESTRICTED TO THE MINIMUM COMPATIBLE WITH OPERATIONAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE NECESSITY, AND WILL BE DECIDED BY CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN MALAY AND G.CO. SINGAPORE.

13. ON FIRST INTERCEPTING MATERIAL SUSPECTED TO ORIGINATE FROM THE BANDIT ORGANISATION THE PARTY WILL COMMUNICATE ONLY WITH G.C.O. SINGAPORE. THE LATTER WILL PASS ANY RESULTING INFORMATION DIRECT TO H.E. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR MALAYA, AND WILL CONSULT THE APPROPRIATE SIGINT AUTHORITIES REGARDING THE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN THE RAPID EXPLOITATION OF THE MATERIAL.

C. FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS.

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14. AS A COROLLARY TO THE SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE EFFORT IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY IN MALAYA SHOULD UNDERTAKE THE SCRUTINY OF PRIVATE TRAFFIC PASSED OVER THE AUTHORISED TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK.

15. THE RAPID EVALUATION AND COLLATION OF INFORMATION FROM NON-SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE SOURCES REGARDING THE POSSIBLE USE OF RADIO BY THE BANDIT ORGANISATION IS OF VERY GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE EFFORT. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE REPORTING OF SUCH INFORMATION ARE IN FORCE, BUT THE LACK OF EVALUATION AT, OR CLOSE TO, THE SOURCE, AND DELAYS IN REPORTING CONTINUE TO ROB THE INFORMATION OF MUCH OF ITS VALUE. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR SUCH REPORTS TO BE CHECKED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE BY TRAINED SIGNALS PERSONNEL SO THAT ANY FURTHER NECESSARY ACTION CAN BE TAKEN WITHOUT DELAY.

16. AT PRESENT, NO SINGLE AUTHORITY IS CHARGED WITH THE COLLATION OF REPORTS OF THIS TYPE. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THIS TASK BE MADE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SECURITY LIAISON OFFICER, FEDERATION OF MALAYS, AND THAT THE OFFICER DIRECTLY ENGAGED ON THIS WORK SHOULD BE FULLY BRIEFED ON THE TYPE OF INFORMATION LIKELY TO BE OF DIRECT OR INDIRECT VALUE TO THE SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION.

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