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C.T.O. CLANDESTINE COMMUNICATIONS

YOUR GCO/Ø139/20/7 OF 4 JUNE (NOT TO

STORY OF CLANDESTINE COMMUNICATIONS WAS SUMMARISED IN 3/0/CC1/RØ1-66 ( 112Ø39) AND ALTHOUGH GENERAL AREAS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED (THROUGH WAVE PROPAGATION ANALYSIS) FOR LOCATIONS OF OUTSTATIONS DETAILED KNOWLEDGE IS SMALL, PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE USING MORSE.

2. OUTSTATIONS HAVE BEEN HEARD RESPONDING TO CONTROL ONLY
FOUR TIMES DESPITE MOST INTENSIVE SEARCH (INCLUDING USE OF
WIDEBAND RECORDING FACILITIES). ON ALL FOUR OCCASIONS OUTSTATIONS
(TWO SEPARATE ONES) WERE HEARD ON SLOW-SPEED MORSE AND TOTAL
TRANSMISSION TIME IN EACH CASE OCCUPIED LESS THAN ONE MINUTE.

3. NORMAL TIMES OF OPERATION OF CLANDESTINE LINKS
(VOICE OR MORSE) ARE BETWEEN ABOUT 1400-2300Z. THUS OPERATING
TIMES MENTIONED YOUR GCO/0139/20/7 +FIT+ FOR A CLANDESTINE LINK
TO , HOWEVER WIA LINKS NORMALLY HAVE ONLY TWO SKEDS A
MONTH AND MENTION OF +TWO OR THREE DAYS A WEEK+ SEEMS TO RULE
OUT ANY KNOWN REPEAT KNOWN CLANDESTINE BROADCAST/LINK.

BELIEVE THAT CYPHER/COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY POLICY RELATING
OPERATION OF LINK WOULD BE LAID DOWN BY . THUS WE WOULD
EXPECT NO CHANCE OF READING MATERIAL EXCEPT THROUGH PINCH.

5. IF LINK NOT TALKING BACK TO WE WOULD LIKE SOME MORE
COLLATERAL (EG TO WHOM WORKING APPROX FREQUENCIES ETC) BEFORE
STARTING OUT ON A SEARCH. PERHAPS STATION USES ALLIED (IE
MALAYSIAN OR BRITISH OR US) PROCEDURE AND OUR SEARCH EFFORT WOULD
BE RENDERED USELESS UNLESS WE TIED DOWN EVERY ALLIED TRANSMISSION
IN AREA.

6. BELIEVE THAT IN VIEW AGE OF COLLATERAL PROVIDED BY YOU AND IMPRECISENESS OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION WE CANNOT DIVERT EFFORT FROM MAIN TASKS (AND FROM MAIN TIMES OF TARGET COUNTRY ACTIVITY) IN ORDER TRY CHASE THIS TARGET.

7. WOULD THERE BE ANY OBJECTION TO OUR PASSING GIST PARAS 2-4

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