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POSSIBLE MALAYSIAN COMMUNIST PARTY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

REF : A. 853-0380-85, 161509Z SEP

B. CHP-164-85, 161509Z SEP

CHP HAS RECEIVED DATA TRANSFER OF MATERIAL REQUESTED PARA 3 REF 8 AND WILL COMMENT SEPARATELY ON CRYPT ASPECT.

2. WE HAVE ANALYSED THE LIMITED AMOUNT OF EXTERNAL TECH DETAIL

PROVIDED REF A AND THAT WHICH WAS PERIPHERAL TO THE TFC FORWARDED TO

CH, AND NOTE A STRONG SIMILARITY TO CHARACTERISTICS OF

INSURGENT COMMS. EG, FREQ RANGE, THREE SYMBOL CALLS, SIMILAR

COMMS PROCEDURES AND USE OF POSSIBLE AND ABBREVIATED

WORDS IN CHAT. THE TFC TYPES FORWARDED TO CH (IE, FIVE-LETTER AND

FOUR-DIGIT) AND PREAMBLE FORMATS ARE NOT INCONSISTENT WITH USAGE

EITHER.

3. AS CHP POINTED OUT IN REF B, WE BELIEVE THE MCP TO HAVE RELIED IN THE PAST ON COURIERS RATHER THAN RADIO COMMUNICATIONS. WE NOTE HOWEVER THAT THE ONLY INTERCEPTED MATERIAL SUSPECTED OF BELONGING TO THE MCP (THREE TRANSMISSIONS ON 3, 4 AND 5 MAR 1954) WAS ALSO SIMILAR

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TO (AND MAY IN FACT HAVE BEEN ONE EXCLAM).

4. IF THE RECENT INTERCEPT DOES REPRESENT MCP COMMUNICATIONS IT WOULD OF COURSE BE A SIGNIFICANT REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN WHICH DSD AND AUSTRALIAN INTELLIGENCE CONSUMERS WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED.

5. GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD DISCUSS FURTHER WITH B53 TO REGISTER OUR SPECIAL INTEREST AND TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS ANY FURTHER EVIDENCE WHICH MIGHT SUGGEST AN MCP CONNECTION, EG; IS THERE ANY DF AVAILABLE OR MENTION OF PLACENAMES IN VOICE CHAT PERHAPS, WHICH COULD TIE DOWN THE TRANSMITTER LOCATIONS (AND WE PRESUME THERE ARE A NUMBER OF TXERS FROM THE VOLUME OF TEC PASSED AND RANGE OF CALLSIGNS/FREQUENCIES USED); WHY DOES THE SITE SPECIFICALLY REFER TO THESE COMMS AS SERVING THE "COMMUNIST PARTY OF MALAYSIA"; IS THE "MALAY" LANGUAGE REFERRED TO BY THE SITE THE SAME AS THE LANGUAGE HQ OR IS IT UNIVERSAL (NATIONAL LANGUAGE) REFERRED TO BY MALAYSIAN; HAS B GROUP DONE ANY T/A ON THE INTERCEPT WHICH MIGHT INSURGENTS (WHO HAVE PERHAPS SUGGEST THAT THE COMMS SERVE BORDER AND ARE OPERATING IN CROSSED THE

ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE IF B GROUP COULD ARRANGE FOR COLLECTION OF SOME SAMPLES OF RAW INTERCEPT (IE, MAG TAPE RECORDINGS OF VOICE AND MORSE MODES) FOR ANALYSIS BY DSD.

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