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BEFORE LEAVING FOR MALAYA, GENERAL

MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE REGARDED INTELLIGENCE AS KEY TO SUCCESS OF HIS MISSION. IN PERSONAL DISCUSSION I INFORMED HIM IN OUTLINE OF CONCLUSIONS REACHED ABOUT USE OF WIRELESS BY BANDITS, OF PRESENT SIGINT OPERATIONS AND FUTURE PLANS IN SING-APORE, AND OF OUR PAST OPERATIONS IN MALAYA.

2. IN VIEW SERIOUSNESS OF THIS RUNNING SORE AND

ATTITUDE TOWARDS INTELLIGENCE. I HAVE HAD CASE FOR OUR MAKING FURTHER SEARCH FOR BANDIT ACTIVITY THOROUGHLY RE-EXAMINED. G.C.O'S 14-6-30 OF 14TH JANUARY PROVED MOST TIMELY FOR THIS PURPOSE. 3. CONCLUSIONS ARE THAT (A) ALTHOUGH PREVIOUS RE-CONNAISSANCE SEEMED FAIRLY DEFINITELY TO ESTABLISH THAT NO EXTENSIVE BANDIT NETWORK EXISTED, IT MIGHT HAVE MISSED SMALL-SCALE ACTIVITY (B) USE OF WIRELESS MIGHT HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED SUBSEQUENTLY (C) GROUND

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4. HAVE THEREFORE DECIDED THAT FURTHER ON-THE-SPOT SEARCH, MORE COMPREHENSIVE THAN ANY SO FAR, OUGHT TO BE CARRIED OUT.

5. SEEMS RIGHT FROM EVERY POINT OF VIEW THAT RESOURCES SHOULD BE PROVIDED FROM BUT THAT WE SHOULD JOINTLY PLAN OPERATION, CONTROL TO BE AMONG MATTERS TO BE SETTLED BY DISCUSSION. IF ACTIVITY WERE FOUND TO JUSTIFY PERMANENT UNIT IN MALAYA, ITS ROLE WOULD PROBABLY BE LIKE THAT OF TACTICAL UNIT IN WAR AND THEREFORE SUBJECT TO CONTROL OF LOCAL COMMANDER. 6. PROPOSE TO BRIEF TO VISIT MALAYA FOR LOCAL EXPLORATORY AND PLANNING DISCUSSIONS AND WONDER IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO JOIN WOULD SEEM OBVIOUS CHOICE IN VIEW HIM. IF SO. HIS PAST EXPERIENCE. ALTERNATIVELY, COULD REPRESENT US BOTH. IMMINENT VISIT TO YOU SEEMS MOST OPPORTUNE FOR DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER.

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7. DETAILED STATEMENT OF OUR VIEWS WILL FOLLOW IN TWO OR THREE DAYS. MEANWHILE WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR VIEWS ON PRINCIPLE BECAUSE I AM ANXIOUS TO INFORM OF DECISION AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT.

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