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FLEMING FROM JONES.

FURTHER TO MY 062300 AND INTERIM REPLY BY THOMSON, CONTENTS OF WHICH I NOTED WITH PLEASURE, FOLLOWING IS MORE DETAILED STATEMENT OF OUR VIEWS AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION.

2. NO BANDIT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS ARE KNOWN TO EXIST AND EVIDENCE FOR THEIR EXISTENCE IS UNCERTAIN. IT IS, HOWEVER, LOGICAL TO SUPPOSE THAT RADIO MAY BE USED AND WE THINK THAT A MORE COMPREHENSIVE SEARCH SHOULD BE MADE THAN HAS SO FAR BEEN CARRIED OUT.

3. LINK FROM H.Q. OF M.C.P. TO STATION IN ANOTHER COUNTRY. LIKELY TO USE HF AND TO BE AS INTERCEPTABLE FROM [REDACTED] AS FROM ANY TEMPORARY SITE IN FEDERATION. USUALLY IT IS CONTROL OF CLANDESTINE LINK WHICH IS FIRST DISCOVERED, RATHER THAN OUTSTATION. IF SUCH LINK EXISTS IT IS THEREFORE MOST LIKELY TO BE FOUND BY SYSTEMATIC G.S. PROGRAMME AT [REDACTED] AND POSSIBLY [REDACTED]

4. INTERNAL MALAYAN NET CONNECTING H.Q. M.C.P. WITH SUBORDINATE H.Q.S. LOCATION OF H.Q. M.C.P. IS NOT KNOWN AND DISTANCES OVER WHICH NET WOULD BE OPERATED CAN THEREFORE

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ONLY BE ESTIMATED. IT IS HOWEVER UNLIKELY THAT SHORTEST LINK WOULD BE LESS THAN 50 MILES AND CERTAIN THAT LONGEST WOULD BE AT LEAST 150 MILES. IF H.Q. M.C.P. IS PLACED OTHER THAN CENTRALLY LONGEST LINK MIGHT BE AS MUCH AS 300 MILES. UNDER EXTREMELY DIFFICULT RADIO CONDITIONS PREVAILING IN MALAYA IT IS PROBABLE THAT DIFFERENT FREQUENCIES AND DIFFERENT AERIALS WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR VARIOUS DISTANCES, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF RESTRICTED POWER LIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE TO BANDITS. GROUND-WAVE RANGES OVER JUNGLE ARE VERY MUCH SHORTER THAN OVER EVEN QUOTE POOR GROUND UNQUOTE AND CAN ALMOST CERTAINLY BE ^{EXCLUDED} FOR FREQUENCIES OF 1.5 MC/S AND ABOVE. FREQUENCIES USED WOULD PROBABLY VARY ^{BY} DAY FROM 4 MC/S. FOR 50 MILES UP TO 10 MC/S. FOR 300 MILES. EXISTENCE OF SUCH NET IS HOWEVER UNLIKELY FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:-

- (A) APPARENT LACK OF OPERATIONAL COORDINATION BETWEEN BANDITS IN VARIOUS STATES;
- (B) LACK OF ANY NEED FOR SUCH NET FOR NON-OPERATIONAL REASONS (DIRECTIONS, 6 MONTHS PLANS ETC. HAVE BEEN CAPTURED ON COURIERS). INTERNAL

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5. SUBORDINATE STATE NETS

NO REAL EVIDENCE FOR OR AGAINST EXISTENCE OF SUCH NETS. IN MOST STATES DISTANCE OF UP TO 60 MILES WOULD BE INVOLVED (RATHER MORE IN [REDACTED]) AND THERE IS NO REASON TO SUPPOSE THAT STATIONS COULD NOT BE SO SITED THAT ONE FREQUENCY WOULD SUFFICE FOR NET. SUBORDINATE NETS COULD THEREFORE EXIST AND DAY FREQUENCY WOULD PROBABLY BE IN 2-5 MC/S. BAND. NIGHT FREQUENCIES MIGHT BE 1.5 -4 MC/S.

6. WALKIE-TALKIE NETS

EXISTENCE OF WALKIE-TALKIE NETS MUST BE RECKONED WITH, BUT WOULD REQUIRE AIRBORNE SEARCH TO LOCATE THEM. TRAFFIC ON THESE NETS MIGHT BE OF CONSIDERABLE TACTICAL VALUE.

7. SUMMARY

MOST LIKELY TYPES OF NET TO EXIST AS TARGETS FOR INTERCEPTION IN MALAYA ARE INTERNAL STATE AND WALKIE-TALKIE NETS.

8. RECOMMENDATION

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ARE STATES IN WHICH BANDITS ARE MOST ACTIVE AND BEST ORGANISED. IN VIEW LOCAL RADIO CONDITIONS, TERRAIN, AND POSSIBLE LIMITATIONS OF POWER, IT IS LIKELY

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THAT INTERNAL STATE NET COULD ONLY BE EFFECTIVELY INTERCEPTED WITHIN INTENDED RANGE OF TRANSMITTER. IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT: (A) TEMPORARY SEARCH LOCATIONS BE MANNED AT [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] (IN [REDACTED],) DEPENDING ON CONCURRENCE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES. (B) SEARCH OVER 500 KC/S - 5 MC/S. BE CARRIED OUT FOR 8 WEEKS. IF RESULTS ARE NEGATIVE MOUNTING OF SIMILAR OPERATION IN NEXT MOST LIKELY STATE SHOULD AFTER APPROPRIATE INTERVAL BE CONSIDERED. IT IS ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT AUTHORITIES ON THE SPOT CONSIDER NEED TO ORGANISE AIRBORNE SEARCH FOR WALKIE-TALKIE NETS, MANPOWER AND EQUIPMENT FOR WHICH ARE NOT ESTIMATED BELOW.

9. MANPOWER

OPERATION REQUIRES WHOLE-TIME OFFICER IN CHARGE, WHO SHOULD HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF MALAYA AND OF WORKING WITH ARMY. HE WOULD REQUIRE ONE T/A ASSISTANT AND ONE TECHNICAL ASSISTANT, BOTH ABOUT CIV, UNLESS HE COULD FILL EITHER ROLE HIMSELF IN ADDITION TO BEING IN OVERALL CHARGE. HE WOULD WORK UNDER GENERAL GUIDANCE OF G.C.O. SINGAPORE. EACH SITE WOULD REQUIRE ONE S.R.O. AND 3 OPERATORS, WHO WOULD NEED A

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MINIMUM OF 2 MONTHS ACCLIMATIZATION AND EXPERIENCE IN [REDACTED] BEFORE MOVING INTO THEIR TEMPORARY SITES. BEST RESULTS WILL BE OBTAINED FROM OPERATORS WHO HAVE CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN TWO MONTHS EXPERIENCE IN S.E. ASIA

10. EQUIPMENT

RECEIVERS CAN BE PROVIDED BY [REDACTED] POWER SUPPLIES IF NOT AVAILABLE LOCALLY CAN BE PROVIDED BY [REDACTED] MASTS AND AERIALS CAN PROBABLY BE BORROWED FROM SERVICES LOCALLY.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

COMMUNICATIONS MUST BE WORKED OUT LOCALLY, BUT PROBABLY ONE TIME PAD USING FARELF CIRCUITS WILL BE ADEQUATE AND WILL ECONOMISE IN MANPOWER.

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