



~~TOP SECRET AND CIGERO.~~

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Supplementary Statement of [REDACTED]

on 19 Feb. 1957

C.T.O. WIRELESS

General

1. In my camp (int. note: area Q.76236) were two receivers and one transmitter. One receiver was used by all C.T.s for listening to broadcasts from and RADIO MALAYA. The other receiver was kept with the transmitter and used with that only. In 1954 four identical transmitters were sent from the camp to 8th Regt., to whom I do not know.
2. I was in charge of a guard section in my camp and as such I was left behind when others left the camp. When rolled slips were brought in by couriers, I had to take them to the platoon commander. If he was at the transmitter site I was allowed to take them there. In this way I was able to observe the set whilst it was being operated. I am not a wireless operator.

Receivers.

3. The make, wave-bands and dial settings used I do not know.

Transmitter

4. (a) Description

It was in a metal box about 14x8x6 ins. It had a microphone and a W/T key. The former might have been plugged into the set, the latter certainly was. There was a meter on the set and a light. The light glowed when the set was switched on and the needle on the meter flicked when the W/T key was pressed. I do not know the make or type of set.

(b) Frequencies

I do not know the frequency on which the set was used or any dial settings or whether it was crystal controlled. I did not see any coils fitted on the outside of the set before or during use.

(c) Aerials

The transmitter had a telescopic rod aerial approximately 9 ft. fully extended attached to the right side of the transmitter. It was fully extended when the set was used. No wire aerial was used for the set. The receiver with the transmitter did not have a separate aerial. The receiver used by the other C.T.s for listening to news, used a wire aerial in the trees.

(d) Power Supply.

- (i) The transmitter had three 6V car batteries of which one was used. Sometimes two were joined together if the batteries were weak.
- (ii) When switched on the transmitter made a "whirring" noise.



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(e) Battery charging

- (i) The 6V batteries were charged by a small petrol engine which made a "popping" noise.
- (ii) Acid and petrol for charging were obtained from [redacted]
- (iii) [redacted] platoon commander, and [redacted] political instructor (both not yet identified) did the battery charging, helped by others.

(f) Operators.

- (i) [redacted] and [redacted] operated the transmitter.
- (ii) They were trained by [redacted] (f) (not identified) who left the camp in 1952 to go to 8 Regt.

(g) Type of Transmissions.

- (i) A W/T key was connected to the set and was used by the operators. A microphone was also with the set but I did not see it used; I don't know whether it was even connected.
- (ii) The receiver with the transmitter had a head-set which was worn by the operator. When messages were received I heard "muffled clicks" from the head-set. I did not hear any "note or whistle".

(h) Period of Use.

- (i) I first saw the transmitter in use in March, 1952, and last in use in October, 1956. During that time I saw it in use many times. On at least ten occasions I was present when it was used in this period.
- (ii) Prior to October, 1956, it was used about once every three days. The exact days I do not know. The operator would be away from the camp from 0900 hrs. for up to three hours on these occasions. Once he went to operate the set at 2200 hrs.
- (iii) Since October, 1956, I have not seen the set being operated. The operator went away from October, - 23 November, 1956. On his return on 23rd November, 1956, he used to leave the camp taking the set with him at 0200 hrs. daily. I do not know how long he was away on these occasions.
- (iv) I do not know how long it took to set up the wireless station or for what period of this three hour absence the operator transmitted or received.

Wireless Net.

- 5. (a) I do not know to whom transmissions were made or from whom messages were received.
- (b) On one occasion, however, a message was received on the set from 8th Regt. about two deserters they had recaptured.

Text of Messages.

- 6. (a) I do not know what information messages sent or received contained, except the one from 8th Regt.
- (b) I saw a number of messages and they seemed to be in code because they contained groups of figures, each group having four or five figures.

Action on Receipt of Messages.

- 7. (a) There was no particular or unusual activity in camp after messages were



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received.

- (b) On one occasion I saw [redacted] give a message, which I think he had decoded, to a jungle courier. I don't know where the courier went.

Maintenance of Wireless Equipment

8. (a) I have not seen any wireless spare parts in the camp.
(b) [redacted] (f) could repair the sets (transmitter and receiver) if they went wrong. There is nobody in the camp now capable of repairing the sets.

Wireless Transmitter Site.

9. (a) We always camped within easy access of the transmitter site which was about ten minutes walk from our main camp.
(b) The transmitter site was a clearing approximately 30 yds x 15 yds, surrounded by tall trees.
(c) The clearing was on top of a hill.
(d) The hill was on the SOUTH side of a taller ridge which ran from EAST to WEST.
(e) Two streams ran SOUTH from the hill into a valley which went NORTH - SOUTH.

Method of Transport of Wireless Station.

10. The transmitter was always kept and carried by one of the operators. The batteries were carried by other C.T.s but this was not often necessary because we did not move the transmitter site.

Supply of Wireless Equipment.

11. I do not know where the transmitter came from because it was collected from beside a road, the location of which I don't know. I think the transmitter came from BANGKOK.

INTERROGATOR'S REMARKS.

12. The [redacted] identified a W/T key, microphone and head-set from photographs. He was unable to identify the transmitter as being any of the following sets: British B2, WS18; American SCR536, SCR300, SCR284, V101; Russian A-7-A, 6-PK, RB, RB38, 12HP, 12BTM, RBS40, REM.

13. The [redacted] was coherent, intelligent and co-operative. He did not contradict himself and appeared mentally stable.