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MINUTE PAPER

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SUBJECT: H BLOCK VICTORIA BARRACKS - PROPOSED MAJOR WORKS

ASDFPM (K-3-14)

1. This is to confirm recent discussions with Director DSD concerning the need for site works to support a proposed new computer installation. The computer will be used for intelligence production purposes and is essential to the viability of the Directorate's operations over the next decade.
2. To allow the installation to proceed as currently planned in late 1985, it will be necessary to have the site ready by mid 1985. In order to achieve this, it was agreed that DSD should make an early approach to you outlining our proposals so that any particular problems in achieving the proposed schedule can be identified and addressed.
3. As a result of installations associated with the recent major project undertaken by DSD, most of the building services reserves have been consumed and the new installation will require some increase in these services. In addition, the design of the proposed system will require special site preparation. An initial DSD assessment indicates works will be required in the following areas:
 - a. alterations to existing airconditioning systems and supplementary airconditioning arrangements including refrigerator plant and a cooling tower;
 - b. electrical works including rework of main switchboard and retribution system and involving an upgrade to the SEC sub-station (possibly funded by SEC Vic);
 - c. building works to accommodate the computer system (floor load spreading), power converters, maintenance room, and as well as those building works associated with the additional airconditioning and electrical services;
 - d. goods lift modifications (increase load capacity);
 - e. possibly an additional diesel emergency power generator; and
 - f. construction of a shielded work area to accommodate terminals and user staff.

Firm requirements for the last two items (3e and 3f) have yet to be determined.

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4. Because of the nature of the works, their precise scope will need to be quantified by staff of the Department of Housing and Construction (preferably those already familiar with H Block) working in collaboration with DAW-C and DSD staff. Early formation of a suitable team will be required and I would appreciate your assistance with its early establishment.

5. Our estimate of the works costs is in the range \$0.850m to \$1.250m, but obviously a more exact order of costs will not be available until detailed assessment by DH and C. For a timely progression, new works funds would need to be available in 1984/85, although it may be desirable to fund some aspects earlier.

6. Your advice on the feasibility of achieving the works by mid 1985 and of any anticipated problems would be appreciated. Please do not hesitate to call me if you require further details.

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