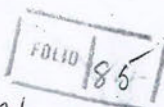


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INFORMAL FOR DIRECTOR FROM CLO

STATUS OF SUBMISSIONS.

REGARDING SIGINT SUPPORT FOR BORNEO OPERATIONS, SECRETARY HAS BEEN SITTING ON THE ~~DRAFT~~ DRAFT MINUTE SINCE MONDAY. CORRIGAN RECEIVED SEC APPROVAL TO DISTRIBUTE MINUTE TODAY AND HAS DONE SO AND TO DATE HAS CGS APPRO TO IT. I HAVE YOUR COPY HERE AT MOMENT WHICH I WILL FORWARD TO YOU BY BAG TOMORROW. THERE IS SOME DOUBT IN CORRIGAN'S MIND AS TO WHAT ACTION THE SEC WILL TAKE ON THIS SUBMISSION. IE WHETHER HE WILL SUBMIT IT TO CABINET OR WHETHER HE WILL FORWARD IT FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTER TOGETHER WITH COPIES OF LETTERS TO THE TREASURY, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, PRIME MINISTER AND THE ARMY. IF IT IS TO BE THE FORMER THEN THERE APPEARS TO BE LITTLE CHANCE OF THEM CONSIDERING IT THIS WEEK. IF IT IS THE LATER THEN THIS CAN BE DONE FAIRLY QUICKLY. CORRIGAN FEELS THAT APPRO IS CERTAIN AND THAT PLANNING COULD GO AHEAD. I DID NOT QUIZE BLAKERS ON THIS ASPECT AS HE WILL HAVE ONLY JUST RECEIVED THE MINUTE.

REFERENCE DSD COMPUTER, SUBMISSION TO THE MINISTER HAS BEEN DRAFTED BY SCOTT AND BOYLE AND PASSED TO BLAKERS WHO AGREES WITH DRAFT IN PRINCIPLE BUT WISHES TO TIDY SUBMISSION UP, PARTICULARLY SECTION WHICH DEALS WITH REASONS WHY THE DEPT THINK THAT IT SHOULD NOT GO TO CABINET. HE HAS STATED THAT HE WILL DO THIS+TODAY OR TOMORROW+ AND PASS THE SUBMISSION TO THE MINISTER FOR HIS CONSIDERATION.

PLEASE INFORM ME IF YOU WANT ME TO PRESS BLAKERS ABOUT THE PLANNING ASPECT OF THE SUBMISSION ON SIGINT SUPPORT.

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