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I have never formally acknowledged your letter S/5700/5301/30 of 12th May, 1964, very many thanks for it - it was a most useful round-up and also for the work you had put in before, which has made it possible for things to move quickly after the decision on 201 Squadron. I think the only points in your letter worth commenting on at this stage are at paragraphs 5-7.

2. On Airborne DF (paragraph 5) we have included in the DSD Annual Review a recommendation for some work by T Group, WRE to provide a capability in existing Australian Army light aircraft (or helicopters) at short notice without modification of the aircraft. In other words, the idea is for DF to be just one of the many jobs undertaken by these aircraft and to be done by putting in a box and an operator just before take-off - if this is feasible. We believe it is, since got some good results by using a pocket transistor radio in a helicopter!

3. On communications (paragraph 6) as you'll see from the later correspondence, you had a point there, but there just aren't the staff available here at present. I hope W will be better able to meet the likely requirement in a few month's time.

4. On your paragraph 7, I agree absolutely with your last sentence. Incidentally, I learnt from that has not been in UKC200 since my visit in March. He should of course have an office there or at least a desk. This should be possible if and when that temporary building becomes a reality. (I am intending to write to T on the subject of "bureaucratic centralisation", which has its place, but not in the construction of something intended to last at the most for 2-3 years and needed for an emergency).

5. I would be grateful if you would ensure that I am kept informed of progress and thinking in relation to when the unit is a reality, I think there is every chance of finding good use and training for it in

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Borneo, though not necessarily on air tasks. I agree too that the Naval linguists should be considered as deployable on operations other than purely Naval tactical. (It turns out that the four naval linguists are the weakest (linguistically) but [redacted] will no doubt be able to explain why this should be). The best way of achieving a flexible Services attitude is perhaps by asking for their help in particular situations rather than by attempting to lay down firm policy in advance, and we will think of [redacted] and the service linguists in these terms. Meantime the linguists are doing a good job in support of UKC200/[redacted].

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