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COL(INT) ARELF

201 SIG SQN (OVERSEAS)

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M18/S/86. FOR BARNES FROM WHYTE.

1. YOU WILL BE PLEASED TO KNOW THAT OUR MINISTER FOR DEFENCE HAS NOW APPROVED AMF PARTICIPATION IN SIGINT OPERATIONS IN BORNEO BY NOW GCHQ WILL HAVE INFORMED YOU AND PERHAPS OBTAINED YOUR AGREEMENT ON THE PRINCIPLES OF OPERATION SET OUT BY DIRECTOR DSD IN HIS 150404Z MAY 64.

2. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF MATTERS ON WHICH AGREEMENT IS REQUIRED AND THESE ARE DEALT WITH IN FOLLOWING PARAS.

3. COSTS. I HAVE DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING WITH OUR CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER AND WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN MOD(ARMY) AGREEMENT TO THE FOLLOWING BASIS OF SHARING COSTS FOR THE OPERATION.

ALFA. THE NORMAL CAPITATION CHARGES NOW PAID IN RESPECT OF AMF IN MALAYA/SINGAPORE WOULD APPLY. THIS IS PAID TO THE BRITISH ARMY

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RATIONS AND POL

FUEL LIGHT AND POWER

MAINTENANCE OF ACCN STORES

MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES

ENGINEER MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS

MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES

MISCELLANEOUS A AND Q SERVICES

BRAVO. MAINTENANCE OF UNIT EQUIPMENT. TO BUILD UP PROPER FACILITIES

T LABUAN AND KUCHING BOTH AUSTRALIAN AND BRITISH SOURCE EQUIPMENT
WILL BE USED CMM CONCENTRATING AS FAR AS POSSIBLE BR EQUIPT AT KUCHING
ND AUST EQUIPT AT LABUAN. PRINCIPLE PROPOSED IS THAT BR EQUIPT
BE MAINTAINED FROM BR STOCKS IN MALAYSIA AND AUST EQUIPT MAINTAINED
FROM STOCKS ISSUED TO 201 SIG SQN FROM AUSTRALIAN. ON THIS BASIS
FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH COUNTRY LIMITED TO EQUIPMENT AND
MAINTENANCE THEREOF SUPPLIED BY THEM.

CHARLIE. COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE BRITISH
ARMY ARE PROVIDING COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES INCLUDING CYPHER
EQUIPMENT AND TAPES/ KUCHING/SINGAPORE AND LABUAN/

IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRINCIPLE SUFFESTED BY DSD IT IS PROPOSED THAT
OSTS OF PROVIDING THESE FIXED FACILITIES BE BORNE BY BRITISH ARMY
AMF PROPOSES TO PROVIDE STANDBY FACILITIES AND ANY MOBILE
COMMS REQUIRED FOR RECCE AND WILL BEAR ALL COSTS IN THIS REGARD.

D. OPERATIONAL ACCOMMODATION. WE ARE PREPARED TO PAY ENGINEER MAINTENANC

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CHARGES ON BUILDINGS AS PART OF CAPITATION COST OUTLINED
IN ALFA ABOVE. HOWEVER IN VIEW OF FACT THAT WE ARE COMPLYING WITH
BRITISH REQUEST FOR HELP WE PROPOSE THAT CAPITAL COSTS FOR NEW ACCN
OR ADDITIONS OR IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING BUILDINGS BE A CHARGE TO THE
BRITISH ARMY. ANY WORK UNDERTAKEN WOULD BE SUBJECT
TO BRITISH ARMY APPROVAL AND CARRIED OUT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF FARELF.
ECHO. MOVEMENT COSTS. COSTS OF MOVING AMF PERSONNEL AUSTRALIA/
SINGAPORE WILL BE AN AUSTRALIAN RESPONSIBILITY. IT IS PROPOSED THAT

MOVEMENT OF AMF SINGAPORE/BORNEO AND BORNEO/SINGAPORE BY SERVICE MEANS
BE PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE BY BRITISH. ANY MOVEMENT OF AMF BY CIVIL
AGENCIES WOULD BE A CHARGE TO AUSTRALIA.

FOXTROT. [REDACTED]

THESE OPERATIONS WILL ONLY BE MOUNTED WITH DSD/GCO/COL(INT)FARELF
APPROVAL AND ARE LIKELY TO BE THE RESULT OF INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS
EMANATING FROM FARELF.

IT IS PROPOSED THEREFORE THAT ANY COSTS BE BORNE BY BRITISH ARMY.
FOUR. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ISSUE OF OPERATION INSTRUCTION.

YOU WILL AGREE IT WILL COMPLICATE MATTERS IF WE BOTH ISSUE EXECUTIVE
INSTRUCTIONS IMPLEMENTING OUR JOINT MILITARY PLANNING.

PRESUME YOU AGREE YOUR TROOPS BEING UNDER COMMAND OC 201 SIG SQN
FOR ALL PURPOSES OTHER THAN DOMESTIC BRITISH ARMY ADMIN.

IF SO WOULD YOU AGREE TO ME ISSUING NECESSARY OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS.
ANY CONTENTIOUS POINTS CAN BE CLEARED AS PLANNING PROCEEDS
IN CONJUNCTION WITH DSD GCO(S) AND COL(INT) FARELF.

FIVE. LIASION WITH FARELF.

ASSUME YOU AGREE CONDER DEALING WITH COL(INT) FARELF ON DETAILED
PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION.

SIX. AVAILABILITY BRITISH ARMY PERSONNEL.

GRATEFUL FOR BREAKDOWN BY RANKS AND TRADES OF YOUR PERSONNEL AVAILABLE
FOR OPERATION SHOWING.

ALFA. THOSE NOW AVAILABLE SINGAPORE LABUAN AND KUCHING.

BRAVO. THOSE TO COME FROM [REDACTED] TOGETHER WITH ETA SINGAPORE.

CHARLIE. THOSE TO COME FROM HONG KONG TOGETHER WITH ETA SINGAPORE.

SEVEN. EQPT FROM BRITISH SOURCES.

GRATEFUL YOUR ADVICE ON TYPES AND QUANTITIES INTERCEPT EQPT THAT
MIGHT BE AVAILABLE AND WHETHER SUPPLY WILL BE THROUGH SIGINT
OR NORMAL ORDNANCE CHANNELS. LATTER METHOD MIGHT PRESENT DIFFICULTIES.

EIGHT. MOST GRATEFUL FOR ADVICE ON PROPOSALS PARAS 3 TO 7 ABOVE
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PARTICULARLY BASIS OF SHARING COSTS.

REGRET NECESSITY FOR SUCH A LONG SIGNAL BUT FEEL SURE YOU ARE JUST
AS ANXIOUS FOR OUR FIRST JOINT OPERATION TO SUCCEED. REGARDS.

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