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FROM M18. REF MACARTHURS 172200Z TO CONDER.

ONE. BY NOW YOU WILL HAVE RECEIVED MY 180420Z DEALING WITH UNIFICATION

OF SIGS 8 AND M18. AHQ INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING DEPLOYMENT OF  
AMF ELEMENTS TO BORNEO IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEFENCE COMMITTEE  
RULINGS AND DMI/D SIGS POLICY IS NOW AN M18 RESPONSIBILITY.

TWO. BEFORE THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAN BE ISSUED THERE ARE A NUMBER OF  
MATTERS WHICH HAVE TO BE CLEARED WITH VARIOUS AUTHORITIES. IN  
THE FIRST INSTANCE OUR MINISTER FOR DEFENCE HAS YET TO APPROVE  
THE PROPOSAL. SECONDLY DSD HAS TO GET AGREEMENT ON THE PRINCIPLES  
INVOLVED AND THE AMF HAS TO AGREE WITH THE BRITISH ARMY ON  
RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PROVISION OF FACILITIES AND BASIS OF COST  
SHARING.

THREE. WHILST IT IS AGREED PROPER FOR CO TO GIVE MAXIMUM WARNING TO  
OC 201 SIG SQN IT MUST BE EMPHASISED THAT NO EXECUTIVE ACTION  
WILL BE TAKEN BY 101 WIRELESS REGIMENT UNTIL RECEIPT OF AHQ  
INSTRUCTIONS.

FOUR. ALTHOUGH THE GENERAL OUTLINE OF REF SIGNAL IS AGREED THERE ARE  
FOUR POINTS OF DETAIL ON WHICH COMMENT IS MADE.

ALFA. THE TIMING OF MOVEMENT OF AMF TEAMS FROM SINGAPORE MUST  
BE THE RESULT OF CONSULTATION BETWEEN DSD/GCO/M18.

BRAVO. IT IS NOT RPT NOT A MATTER FOR OC 201 SIG SQN TO SORT  
OUT WITH G INT THE QUESTION OF THE TIMING AND NATURE OF DIRECT  
REPORTING. ONCE AGAIN THIS WILL BE THE RESULT OF HIGHER LEVEL  
CONSULTATION.

CHARLIE. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE ULTIMATE COMMS TO BE PROVIDED  
BY THE BRITISH WILL BE FORTHCOMING EARLIER THAN QUOTE SOME  
MONTHS. UNQUOTE.

DELTA. IT IS NOT RPT NOT OK TO GO AHEAD WITH PHASE 1 NOW.



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FIVE. AHQ INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE ISSUED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

SIX. IN THE MEANTIME IT IS REQUESTED OC201 SIG SQN TAKE THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY ACTION.

ALFA. KEEP COMD AIST ARM PERSONALLY INFORMED AND STATE THAT AN AHQ INSTRUCTION WILL BE ISSUED TO HIM IN DUE COURSE. EMPHASISE NO RPT NO PUBLICITY AND KNOWLEDGE TO BE KEPT STRICTLY TO INDOCTRINATED PERSONNEL ON NEED TO KNOW BASIS.

BRAVO. CONDUCT EXPLORATORY TALKS WITH COL(INT) FARLEF WITH VIEW TO OBTAINING SUFFICIENT ACCOMMODATION EACH SITE TO PROVIDE FOR 10 DOUBLE POSITIONS( WITH ROOM FOR EXPANSION AT LABUAN TO 14 DOUBLE POSITIONS) PLUS ANALYSIS AND REPORTING ROOM AND COMM TERMINAL EQUIPMENT ROOM. ACCN TO BE IN SECURE AREA. AT THIS STAGE WE WOULD EXPECT BRITISH TO PROVIDE THIS ACCN.

CHARLIE. CARRY OUT EQUIPMENT PLANNING TO ASSESS REQUIREMENTS AT BOTH SITES. PROVISION SHOULD BE MADE FOR IMPROVED AERIALS, AERIAL SELECTION, SPLIT HEADPHONES, RECORDERS AND POSSIBILITY OF DF AT KUCHING. IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHAT EQUIPMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM BRIT SOURCES AND WHAT WILL BE REQUIRED FROM AUST. DELTA. IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO CONDUCT LIMITED VEHICULAR OR AIRBORNE INTERCEPT RECCE FROM TIME TO TIME UNDER STRICT SECURITY CONTROL. FOR THIS THE AVAILABILITY FROM BRITISH OF A HELICOPTER OR SUITABLE LIGHT AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE ASCERTAINED. IT IS UNDERSTOOD YOU ALREADY HOLD A SUITABLE VEHICLE.

ECHO. ASSESS WHEN YOU WILL REQUIRE TECHNICAL INSTALLATION PARTY FROM AUSTRALIA AND WHAT THEY WILL NEED TO BRING WITH THEM.

FOXTROT. ASCERTAIN BEST ARRANGEMENTS FOR RATIONING, QUARTERING AND ADMIN SUPPORT OF PERSONNEL.

GRATEFUL FOR SIGNALLED ANSWERS TO PARA SIX ABOVE ASP.

SEVEN. APPRECIATE THAT YOU WILL ALREADY HAVE GIVEN CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT TO MANY PROBLEMS AND THIS MAY BE REPETITIVE BUT AM ANXIOUS TO PUT THE MOUNTING OF THIS OPERATION ON A PROPER FOOTING.

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