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YOUR 210334. LET US TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THAT GHOST GUM.

IN CLIMBING IT MAY PERHAPS PUT OURSELVES OUT ON LIMB.

2. IT IS NOT CORRECT TO SUGGEST THAT WHOLE EMPHASIS AND NEED INITIALLY FOR OPENING KUCHING WAS TO RECCE FOR LOW LEVEL LOW FREQUENCY TRANSMISSIONS. PURPOSE WAS CLEARLY STATED AS BEING TO INTERCEPT INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS OF MILITARY AREA XI AND (LESS URGENTLY) M.A. WE MADE IT CLEAR THAT WE WERE NOT AWARE OF EXISTENCE OF ANY LOWER-LEVEL TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION BUT THAT SEARCH WAS DESIRABLE TO DETECT ANY THAT MIGHT BE SET UP. IN SHORT WE WANTED BETTER QUALITY COVER OF THAN WE WERE GETTING

AT UKF200C/200 AND AS A SUPPLEMENTARY TASK WE WANTED TO KEEP TAB ON THOSE FREQUENCY BANDS WHICH ARE BELOW LEVEL OF UKF200 AUDIBILITY IN CASE NEW LOW-LEVEL LINKS SET UP.

3. ON QUESTION OF DUPLICATION OF COVER YOU WILL RECALL THAT BECAUSE OF OPERATOR LOSS AT LABUAN AND BECAUSE OF SICKNESS YOU REQUESTED COVER DROP AT UKF200C (YOUR 200216 NOTAL) AND WE SAID (MY 200640 NOTAL) THAT + CAN BE DROPPED IMMEDIATELY

KUCHING OPENS+. THERE WILL THEREFORE BE NO DUPLICATION BETWEEN UKF200C/UKF200D. UKF200 ITSELF DOES NOT COVER

ALTHOUGH SHOWN ON TASK LIST WE NOTE THAT IN WEEK ENDING 17 SEPTEMBER YOU COVERED GROUP FOR 17 HOURS 28 MINUTES, OBTAINED 1.18 HOURS ACTIVITY AND INTERCEPTED NIL/NIL TRAFFIC (YOUR 200222 NOTAL REFERS). DUPLICATION BETWEEN UKF200/200D THEREFORE SEEMS UNLIKELY TO BE WASTEFUL ESPECIALLY AS WILL BE DROPPED FROM UKF200 TO MAKE WAY FOR MORE PRODUCTIVE TASK (E.G. NET MENTIONED

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YOUR 201106 NOTAL). WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SCEPTICAL THAT MINE-SWEEPER OFF KUCHING WOULD HEAR (ESPECIALLY AS UKF200C DOES SO POORLY) OR THAT COVER WOULD BE SO CONTINUOUS AS TO GIVE FULL TAKE. GRATEFUL A REPORT FROM YOU ON WHAT HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM MINESWEEPER SINCE IT LEFT SINGAPORE AND DELAYS INVOLVED IN RECEIVING MATERIAL. UNTIL WE LEARN THAT MINESWEEPER EFFORT ADEQUATE ON WE INTEND CONTINUE DIRECT BEST POSSIBLE EFFORT AGAINST TARGET IN ORDER ACHIEVE FULLEST POSSIBLE INTERCEPT.

4. ON PHILOSOPHY OF COVER MUST REPEAT WHAT HAVE SAID SOMEWHERE ELSE RECENTLY - WE CANNOT AFFORD CHASE SHADOW AT EXPENSE SIGINT SUBSTANCE. OUR KNOWLEDGE OF IS GOOD, WE READ ALL TRAFFIC AND WE CAN SO PINPOINT NEW LINKS SET UP (E.G. BADAU/SEMITAU/SINTANG) THAT SEARCH - ALTHOUGH A USEFUL BACKUP- IS NOT A NECESSITY TO TELL US WHETHER NEW LINKS ESTABLISHED. WE HAVE SEEN NO REFERENCES TO NEW LINKS, NO RELAYED MESSAGES WHICH CANNOT BE ACCOUNTED FOR ON EXISTING NETS, AND NOTHING FROM LABUAN OR SINGAPORE (AT TIMES OF UNUSUAL RECEPTION CONDITIONS) TO CAUSE SLIGHTEST WORRY THAT WE HAVE MISPLACED CONFIDENCE IN ABILITY TO PREDICT NEW LINKS.

5. ON CONTRARY THE DELAYS IN RELAYING ON NETS MESSAGES RECEIVED FROM +ACROSS THE BORDER+ ARE SUCH THAT WE CAN FIRMLY DISCOUNT RADIO AS MEDIUM BY WHICH THESE RECEIVED. FURTHERMORE WE HAVE READ REPEATEDLY IN SIGINT OF OPERATOR SHORTAGES, EQUIPMENT DEFICIENCIES ETC WHICH SUGGEST THAT NO LOWER-LEVEL LINKS EXIST IN ANY QUANTITY (IF AT ALL - EXCEPTING BADAU).

6. ON VOICE SIDE WE KNOW FROM 1961 AND 1962 VOICE RECCES FROM UKF200 (EACH LASTING THREE MONTHS) THAT AUTHORITIES DO NOT USE HF VOICE TO ANY EXTENT. THROUGHOUT WHOLE COMMUNICATIONS STRUCTURE CONVERSATIONS ARE HELD BY +KEY CONVERSATIONS+ OR BY CASUAL USE OF MAINLINE PTT LINKS. ONLY RECENTLY HAVE THERE BEEN SIGNS THAT SSB EQUIPMENT IS BEING INSTALLED TO CONNECT KEY AREAS

) THERE IS OFCOURSE NO DOUBT THAT MANPACK VEHICULAR EQUIPMENTS (AND 10 IN CASE OF ARE IN COMMON USE AT LOWER ECHELONS (COMPANY AND BELOW) BUT RANGE OF THESE RESTRICTED TO A FEW MILES. AN-GRC9'S AND HF-156'S HAVE VOICE CAPABILITY BUT SEEM TO BE USED ONLY IN TELEGRAPHIC ROLE.

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