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YOUR 210334. (CONTINUED)

7. IT IS VERY UNLIKELY THAT NEW MILITARY MORSE OR VOICE LINKS EXIST IN BORNEO IN LOWER PART OF HF BAND AND WE WOULD REGRET ANY DECISION TO DEVOTE ALL OF KUCHING'S EFFORT (EVEN INITIALLY) TO SEARCH FOR THINGS WHICH WE DO NOT BELIEVE EXIST. HOWEVER WE DO OF COURSE AGREE THAT THERE MUST BE SOME SEARCH BUT THAT THIS SHOULD BE ON A SUPPLEMENTARY BASIS TO MAIN REQUIREMENT OF PRODUCING URGENTLY NEEDED INTELLIGENCE FROM THE NETWORK WHICH DOES EXIST.

8. WE BELIEVE THAT MUST BE FULLY COVERED TO OBTAIN TRUE VIEW OF ACTIVITIES IN M.A. XI BECAUSE OF ITS GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION, BECAUSE OF POSITIVE COMINT INDICATIONS OF IMPORTANCE OF AREA IN CLANDESTINE OPERATIONS (SPECIFICALLY T COMPANY 600 BORNEO RAIDERS AND USE OF PURUK TJAHU AS A SUB-BASE FOR NETWORK OPERATIONS) AND BECAUSE THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT S.A.B. MESSAGES WILL BE RELAYED ON MAIN IAM LINKS SERVING PURUK TJAHU. IT IS OUR VIEW THAT IN NEXT MONTH INDONESIAN POLICY WILL BECOME CLEARER AND THAT IT IS VITAL THAT WE INTERCEPT EVERY POLICY/PLANNING TYPE MESSAGE WHICH WILL WARN BRITISH OF SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME IN SABAH, BRUNEI AND NORTHERN SARAWAK. ALTHOUGH LOWER LEVEL TACTICAL-TYPE INFORMATION RELATING SOUTHERN SARAWAK WOULD CLEARLY BE OF VALUE, WE ASSESS THAT ADEQUATE OVERALL COMINT IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO BRITISH FROM

ETC TO ENABLE THEM

TO KEEP CLOSE TAB ON THAT AREA. BUT WE BELIEVE THAT WE MUST QUICKLY IMPROVE OUR SERVICE ON AREA OF NORTHERN SARAWAK WHERE WE MUST BUILD UP A BACKGROUND OF KNOWLEDGE IN ADVANCE OF FURTHER ACTIVITIES INVOLVING BELAGA AREA, LONG NAWAN AREA, MIRI/BRUNEI (ALL OF WHICH

SERVED BY LINES OF COMMUNICATION THROUGH M.A. XI.)

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9. APPRECIATE LOCAL DESIRE TO PROVIDE LOW-LEVEL TACTICAL TYPE INFORMATION BUT WE ARE MORE CONCERNED WITH PROVIDING EARLY WARNING OF NEW ACTIVITIES/AREAS/PLANS SO THAT BRITISH CAN HAVE ADEQUATE TIME TO TAKE COUNTER MEASURES. WE IN DSB - PERHAPS WRONGLY AND THIS IS FOR CONSUMERS TO SAY, BUT COLONEL AGREED OUR ASSESSMENT ON HIS RECENT VISIT HERE - BELIEVE FIRST AND MOST URGENT REQUIREMENT IS TO FILL IN MAJOR GAPS BY COPYING ALL +COMMAND+ LINKS BEFORE FILLING IN MINOR (BUT ADMITTEDLY IMPORTANT) GAPS OF DETAIL.

10. TAKE YOUR POINT ABOUT AND DIFFICULTY OF FOLLOWING ENCODED SKEDS/FREQUENCIES EVEN WHERE ACTUAL FREQUENCY/CALLSIGN ROTAS KNOWN. WE HAD HOPED THAT , ALTHOUGH A LINGUIST, WOULD BE ABLE HELP ON THIS ASPECT (BECAUSE WE DOUBT EXISTENCE OF LOW-LEVEL MILITARY VOICE COMMUNICATIONS ON HF) IN SPARE TIME. FURTHERMORE BECAUSE OF IMPORTANCE OF SEEING INDONESIAN POLICY/INTENTIONS DEVELOP IN NEXT FEW WEEKS WE WOULD LIKE INTERCEPT AS MANY MESSAGES ON AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER IN VIEW YOUR COMMENTS (WHICH ACCEPT AS VALID) AGREE WE MUST FORGET AS A TASK FOR UKF200D IN INITIAL STAGE.

11. DESPITE FIRST SENTENCE YOUR 210334 MUST THEREFORE REITERATE VIEW THAT TASKING OF MORSE POSITION (AND CLEARLY IT MUST BE A DOUBLE POSITION TO ALLOW SEARCH FOR OUTSTATIONS) SHOULD BE COVER OF WITH SUPPLEMENTARY TASK OF SEARCH 2-5 MCS.

COVER WITH THIS SINGLE DOUBLE POSITION SHOULD BE FOR FULL ACTIVITY OF LINKS IN BORNEO (I.E. 2330-1300Z APPROX.)

12. ABOVE WRITTEN WITHOUT ACCESS FILES BUT NEVERTHELESS CONTAINS NOTHING WHICH NOT ALREADY ON RECORD OR IN LINE WITH LONG TERM DSB VIEW ON BEST USE OF RESOURCES IN BORNEO.

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