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TITLE: +KELABANG+ AND +BEO+ INFILTRATION PARTIES - COMMUNICATIONS.

1 INTRODUCTION

THIS REPORT IS A SUMMARY OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF PREPARATIONS FOR
AND EXECUTION OF INFILTRATIONS IN THE TRI-JUNCTION AREA OF

SARAWAK AND SABAH BY THE INDONESIAN +KELABANG+ AND +BEO+ TEAMS
AS REFLECTED IN EARLIER REPORTS, AND, AS BACKGROUND TO THE VERY
LIMITED REFLECTIONS OBSERVED SINCE COMMENCEMENT OF THE INFILTRATIONS,
DETAILS OF DEVELOPMENTS ON RELATED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS UP
TO 20TH AUGUST 1966.

II. +KELABANG+ : OPERATIONS.

2 THE OPERATIONS ORDER FOR THE FORMATION OF THE +KELABANG+ (+CENTIPEDE
) + TEAM AT LONG BAWAN WAS ISSUED BY SUMPIT JOINT TASK FORCE
COMMAND ON 31ST MAY 1966. THE TEAM WAS TO BE FORMED FROM ELEMENTS
OF +A+ COMPANY COMBAT SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS AND TNKU PERSONNEL,
WITH A STRENGTH OF UP TO 55, TO BE TRAINED IN COOPERATION WITH
509 BN AND THE +BEO/RPKAD TEAM (). ON ABOUT 20TH
JULY [] OF +A+ COMPANY, TOOK OVER PERSONAL
COMMAND OF THE +KELABANG+ TEAM AND THE BALANCE OF +A+ COMPANY
PERSONNEL RETURNED TO TARAKAN FOR TRAINING ().
[] ON 25TH JULY 1966 A DATE AND TIME FOR THE
+KELABANG+ TEAM'S OPERATION ORDER WAS FIXED AS 0100 ON 25TH JULY
1966 (). THE NEXT OBSERVED DIRECT REFERENCE TO THE
TEAMS ACTIVITY OCCURRED ON 13TH AUG 1966 WHEN SUMPIT TASK FORCE
COMMAND REPORTED TO SIAGA LAND STRATEGIC COMPONENT THAT THE TEAM
HAD REQUESTED COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND ADDITIONAL DOLLARS AND
ALSO COMPROMISED THE TEAM'S 29TH AUG CONSOLIDATION POINT AS
GUNUNG PAGONG ().

(NOTE: IT IS KNOWN FROM COLLATERAL INFORMATION THAT THE PARTY
CROSSED THE BORDER INTO SARAWAK ON 27TH JULY AND PROCEEDED IN A
GENERALLY NORTH WESTERLY DIRECTION TOWARDS THE TEMBURONG DISTRICT
OF BRUNEI).

III. +KELABANG+ - COMMUNICATIONS.

3. THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION THAT THE +KELABANG+ TEAM HAS AT
ANY TIME HAD AN INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY. ALL
MESSAGES TO AND FROM +A+ COMPANY AND THE +KELABANG+ TEAM UP TO THE
TIME OF THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTURES FROM LONG BAWAN ON OR ABOUT
25TH JULY WERE PASSED ON IX MILITARY AREA ADMINISTRATIVE NETWORKS
WITH THE COMPANY AND TEAM BEING SERVED BY THE RADIO STATION OF
0903/4 TA AND P.D OFFICER IN LONG BAWAN. A CONTINUING LACK OF
COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY AFTER THAT DATE IS IMPLICIT IN THE
13TH AUG REQUEST FOR COMMUNICATIONS EQPT (). THIS
REQUEST WAS PRESUMABLY CONVEYED FROM THE +KELABANG+ TEAM TO THE
INDONESIAN SIDE OF THE BORDER BY A COURIER.

IV. +BEO+: OPERATIONS

4. THE +BEO+ TEAM, AN ELEMENT OF RPKAD/PASANDA PERSONNEL, ARRIVED
IN THE LONG BAWAN/WAILAYA AREA OF EAST BORNEO IN FEBRUARY 1966. IT
EVENTUALLY CONSOLIDATED ITS LOCAL HEADQUARTERS AT WAI AGUNG WITH
ONE SECTION DETACHED AT LONG LADEM AND WAS ENGAGED IN THE TRAINING
OF VOLUNTEERS IN THE GENERAL AREA. ON 30TH MAY 1966 THE TEAM

RECEIVED DETAILED ORDERS FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE MOVEMENT OF

THE +BEO/PASANDA+ TEAM TO A +BASE+ AREA ((WITHIN SARAWAK/BRUNEI)),
INITIAL PREPARATION OF THIS BASE AREA WAS TO THE RESPONSIBILITY
OF A +PIONEER+ TEAM WITH A STRENGTH OF 15 PASANDA MEMBERS AND 8
VOLUNTEERS (). DUE TO DIFFICULTIES WITH AIR RESUPPLY

THE 1ST JULY TARGET DATE SPECIFIED IN THE ORIGINAL ORDER WAS, ON 25TH
JUNE, CANCELLED AND A FINAL DECISION ON THE EVENTUAL +D+ DAY DELAYED
UNTIL +LATER+ (). IN THE MEANTIME AIR RESUPPLY TO THE
TEAM WAS CARRIED OUT AT VARIOUS TIMES IN JUNE AND JULY AND ON 29TH
JULY THE COMMANDER OF SUMPIT TASK FORCE COMMAND SET +D+ DAY AS 30TH
JULY (). THERE IS SOME DOUBT AS TO WHETHER THIS BECAME
THE EFFECTIVE +D+ DAY AS ON 31ST JULY ASSISTANT 1 TO SUMPIT T.F.C.
WAS STILL AT TARAKAN WITH MEDICAL SUPPLIES REQUIRED BY THE +BEO+
TEAM COMMANDER ().

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