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FOR DDC J10. REVISED PARA 5.

THE DIRECTOR DSD POINTS OUT THAT THE SHOAL BAY STATION WAS APPROVED AND HAS BEEN DESIGNED AS THE SUCCESSOR TO BOTH THE EARLIER SINGAPORE STATION AND THE STATION AT COONAWARRA, WHICH WAS DESTROYED BY TRACY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE FUNCTIONS APPROVED FOR SHOAL BAY REQUIRE BUILD UP TO A TOTAL SIGINT MANNING OF 263 TO BE PROVIDED JOINTLY BY NAVY AND ARMY. BUILD UP FROM THE PRESENT SHOAL BAY STRENGTH OF 150 SHOULD BY NOW HAVE REACHED ABOUT 190 BUT FOR TRACY. IN THE LIGHT OF POST-TRACY ACCOMMODATION PROBLEMS WE HAVE RECOGNIZED THAT THE BUILD UP WOULD HAVE TO BE PHASED OVER A PERIOD WHICH HOPEFULLY WOULD NOT EXTEND BEYOND (SAY) TWO YEARS.

6. THE PRESENT STRENGTH OF 150 DOES NOT PERMIT EVEN THE HIGHEST PRIORITY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MOREOVER, THE EXPECTED REQUIREMENT [REDACTED] WILL CALL FOR THE POSTING TO SHOAL BAY OF A FURTHER 15 ARMY STAFF (FOR WHOM ACCOMMODATION IS AVAILABLE). BEYOND THAT THERE ARE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF HIGH IMPORTANCE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHICH WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL MANNING IF OUR CAPABILITIES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ARE TO BE MAINTAINED AT EVEN MINIMAL EFFECTIVE LEVELS. IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT THAT THE NEED BE RECOGNIZED FOR SIGINT MANNING OF SHOAL BAY TO CONTINUE TO BE BUILT UP TO THE LEVEL OF ABOUT 263 OVER THE NEXT TWO OR THREE YEARS.

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