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FOR COMMANDER

REFERENCE DARWIN VISIT REPORT FORWARDED WITH YOUR LETTER OF 11TH MAY. WE ARE VERY GRATIFIED WITH THE ACTION SO FAR TAKEN, PARTICULARLY ON TECHNICAL SIDE, AND CONFIRM THAT WE SEE NO POSSIBILITY OF SIGINT EFFORT IN DARWIN LAPSING IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE (PARA 23).

2. ON QUESTION OF PHASING OF MOVE, WE FEEL THAT

HAVE MADE IT INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT FOR THE PROCESSING EFFORT TO BE TRANSFERRED TO DARWIN EARLIER RAHTER THAN LATER. ALTERNATIVELY, IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO TRANSFER PART OF PROCESSING PARTY BEFORE MOVE OF OPERATORS IS COMPLETED. IT IS OUR VIEW THEREFORE THAT PLANS FOR DOMESTIC ACCOMMODATION SHOULD FROM OUTSET PROVIDE FOR TOTAL OF APPROX. 86 RPT 86 PERSONNEL AT DARWIN.

3. AGREE SUGGESTION PARA 24 (E) THAT AN EARLY START SHOULD BE MADE WITH CONSTRUCTION OF BARRACKS (AND/OR HOUSES) AND NOW FEEL THAT INITIAL FINANCIAL PROVISION SHOULD BE MADE FOR THIS PURPOSE IN 1962/63 ESTIMATES, SPREADING OVER TO 1963/64 AS NECESSARY.

4. WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE THIS NEW PROPOSAL IN THE DRAFT JIC(S/C) REPORT NO. 1/1962 WHICH WILL BE TAKEN ON TUESDAY 22ND MAY. COULD YOU GIVE ESTIMATE OF COST IN 1962/63 AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS OF NEW BUILDING WORKS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE DOMESTIC ACCOMMIDATION FOR BOTH INTERCEPTION AND PROCESSING STAFF QUERY.

5. UNDERSTAND FROM DEE THAT ONLY CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ON EQUIPMENT WILL BE 5000 POUNDS IN 1962/63 FOR AERIAL EXCHANGE GEAR. WILL THIS BE ADDITIONAL TO FIGURE OF 34,000 POUNDS ALREADY SHOWN QUERY.

6. ABOVE PROPOSALS WOULD REQUIRE AMENDMENT TO PARA 17 OF DRAFT REPORT NO. 1/1962 AS FOLLOWS WITH CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS IN PARAS

22 AND 23 (FINANCIAL ASPECTS), PARA 27 (C) (RECOMMENDATIONS)

AND FINANCIAL ATTACHMENT:

QUOTE 17. WE CONCLUDE THAT THE RAN INTERCEPTION AND PROCESSING

FUNCTIONS

SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED

FROM CANBERRA TO DARWIN. THIS MOVE WOULD ENTAIL CAPITAL COSTS OF

5,000 POUNDS FOR INCREASED EQUIPMENT AT THE DARWIN RADIO STATION

AND POUNDS..... (SPREAD OVER 1962/63 AND 1963/64) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION

OF ADDITIONAL DOMESTIC QUARTERS. UNQUOTE

7. GRATEFUL URGENT COMMENTS SO THAT ANY NECESSARY AMENDMENTS CAN

BE CIRCULATED FOR CONSIDERATION BY JIC(S/C) MEMBERS ON MONDAY,

21ST MAY.

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