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FOLLOWING IS BRIEF STATEMENT ON EFFECTS OF CYCLONE ON SIGINT
OPERATIONS IN DARWIN AS REQUESTED IN YOUR 310505.

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AS/YOU WILL RECALL, THE SHOAL BAY SIGINT STATION SUFFERED ONLY
RELATIVELY MINOR BUILDING DAMAGE FROM THE DARWIN CYCLONE AND TOOK
OVER OPERATIONS FROM THE FORMER SITE WITHIN A FEW DAYS OF THE
CYCLONE. THE INITIAL EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION AT THE STATION HAS NOW
BEEN COMPLETED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ELEMENTS OF THE AERIAL
SYSTEM. FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE LATTER IS EXPECTED SHORTLY.
2. ALTHOUGH THE STATION IS NOW OPERATIONAL IT IS LIKELY TO BE
PREVENTED FOR SOME YEARS FROM REACHING ITS FULL POTENTIAL
BECAUSE OF STAFFING CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED BY THE SHORTAGE OF
DOMESTIC ACCOMODATION IN DARWIN AS A RESULT OF THE CYCLONE.

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