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~~TOP SECRET UMBRA~~

DARWIN DISASTER.

SIGINT COMMUNICATIONS WITH [REDACTED] HAVE NOT YET BEEN
RESTORED BUT IT SEEMS FROM DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN DEFNAV CANBERRA
AND DSD THAT SIGINT ACTIVITIES WILL PROBABLY NOT BE RESUMED
FROM [REDACTED] PRESENT LOCATION (COONAWARRA).

DAMAGE TO NEW DARWIN STATION (SHOAL BAY, WHICH HAS BEEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION FOR SOME YEARS AND WHICH - UNTIL CYCLONE TRACY - WAS DUE FOR COMPLETION IN FIRST HALF OF 1975) LESS SEVERE AND WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT SIGNINT COLLECTION WILL SHORTLY BE COMMENCED THERE THOUGH ON A REDUCED BASIS. HOWEVER WE CURRENTLY HAVE TOO LITTLE INFORMATION TO MAKE FIRM ESTIMATES BUT WILL BE DEVELOPING PLANS AS SITUATION CLARIFIES.

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2.. ON 26 DECEMBER WE TRANSFERRED COLLECTION OF MOST IMPORTANT TASKS TO OTHER AUSTRALIAN STATIONS. HOWEVER COLLECTION ON THOSE TASKS WILL INEVITABLY SUFFER AS FOLLOWS (LOSSES EXPRESSED AS PERCENTAGE) :

(A)	50
(B)	
	60
(C)	66
(D)	50
(E)	15
(F)	20

3.. SOME TASKS HAVE BEEN DROPPED COMPLETELY BUT WE MAY BE ABLE TO TRANSFER COLLECTION -

4.. WE CANNOT COLLECT FROM ANY OTHER STATION MANY

HOWEVER RESULTANT INTELLIGENCE LOSS WILL NOT BE GREAT EXCEPT THAT WE ARE NOW SLIGHTLY LESS CONFIDENT

5.. THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT TASKS WERE NOT COVERED AT SO THERE HAS BEEN NO REDUCTION IN SIGINT CAPABILITY.

(A)
(B)

6.. STRESS THAT ONCE START SIGINT COLLECTION FROM SHOAL BAY MOST OF LOSSES MENTIONED IN PARAS 2 -4 ABOVE WILL BE RECOVERED.

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