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ROUTINE		170325Z	JUL 72

FROM: AUST GP VIETNAM

TO: ARMY CANBERRA

INFO: DEFENCE CANBERRA

AA/GV

PREFIX: CR

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: RESTRICTED

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: DSC 201

FOR OFFICE OF MS FROM SDSLO (.) REF MY DSC 96 OF 30 JUN 72 (.) ABOLITION OF SDSLO POSITION (.) COULD YOU PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER TIMINGS AS PROPOSED IN REFERENCE SIGNAL ARE ACCEPTABLE AND WHETHER ARL AS REQUESTED CAN BE TAKEN (.) DEPARTURE DATE MAY VARY ONE DAY EITHER WAY DEPENDING ON DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS AND FLIGHTS AVAILABLE BUT WILL ADVISE MOVEMENT SCHEDULE WHEN BOOKINGS HAVE BEEN MADE (.) DEFENCE CANBERRA FOR DEFENCE SCIENCE

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FROM:	AUST CF VIETNAM
TO:	AUST DEP CANBERRA
INFO:	AAMW

PREFIX: CR

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: DSC 98

FOR DEFENCE SCIENCE FROM SDSLO (.) USE OF HEAT SEEKING MISSILES (.)

ONE (.) EXHAUST SUPPRESSION KITS IN FORM OF HEAT SHIELDS AROUND ENGINES AND EXHAUSTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE FITTED TO MOST HELICOPTERS IN 1st AVN BDE BY 31 AUG 72 (.)

TWO (.) LATEST COUNT ON FIRINGS AND HITS INDICATES THAT OUT OF SOME 232 KNOWN FIRINGS ONLY 16 DOWNED AIRCRAFT HAVE RESULTED

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FROM: AUST CF VIETNAM

TO: AUST DEP CANBERRA

INFO: AAMOV

PREFIX: CR

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER:

DSC 99

FOR DEFENCE SCIENCE FROM SDSLO (.) TOW MISSILE SYSTEM (.) NINE NIGHT SIGHTS FOR THE TOW SYSTEM HAVE NOW BEEN DEPLOYED TO VIETNAM AND THESE ARE PLANNED TO BE DEPLOYED TO MR I FOR TEST AND EVALUATION UNDER OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS (.) THE TAC PLANS TO USE CDTC-V IN THIS TEST WITH A REQUIREMENT FOR CDTC-V TO DEPLOY A TEAM OF EVALUATORS TO MR I TO CONDUCT AND MONITOR THE TESTS (.) NOT ONLY WILL THIS REQUIRE CDTC-V TO QUICKLY FORMULATE AN ADEQUATE TECH PROGRAMME BUT ALSO WILL REQUIRE THEIR PERSONNEL TO STAY OUT IN THE FIELD WHILST THE TESTS ARE CARRIED OUT AGAINST LIVE TARGETS (.) IT WILL BE MOST INTERESTING TO SEE HOW IT ALL WORKS OUT AND NOT ONLY FROM AN EQUIPMENT PERFORMANCE ASPECT

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FROM:	AUST GP VIETNAM	PRTY	CR
TO:	ARMY MELBOURNE	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION	RESTRICTED
INFO:	AA/CW	ORIG OFFICER'S NUMBER	DSC 97

FOR DD MIL DEVELOPMENT FROM SDSLO (.) REF SDSLO DSC 68 OF 27 APR 72 AND DSC 92 OF 14 JUN 72 (.) EQUIPMENT DEVELOPMENT (.) INFORMATION REQUESTED BY CDEC-V (.) WOULD SINCERELY APPRECIATE AN ANSWER TO MY TWO SIGNALS (.) MATTER IS NOW BECOMING URGENT SINCE SDSLO POSITION IS TO BE DISCONTINUED SHORTLY AND THUS DIRECT LINK WITH CDEC-V WILL LAPSE

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PREFIX: CR

FROM: AUST CF VIETNAM

TO: ARMY CANBERRA

INFO: DEFENCE CANBERRA

AA/CV

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: RESTRICTED

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: DSC 96

FOR MS FROM SDSLO (.) REF DEF CANBERRA DSE 169 OF 28 JUN 72 (.)

ABOLITION OF SDSLO POSITION (.)

ONE (.) PROPOSE TIMINGS AS FOLLOWS (.)

ALPHA (.) DEPART VIETNAM 30 JUL 72 (.) ARRIVE AUSTRALIA 31 JUL 72 AND PROCEED DIRECTLY ON R & R IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF REGULATIONS (.) R & R FOR PERIOD 1 AUG TO 5 AUG INCL (.)

BRAVO (.) AVAILABLE FOR DE-BRIEFING AS REQUIRED BY DEFENCE DURING WEEK 7 TO 11 AUG 72 (.)

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CHARLIE (.) DESIRE TO TAKE 13 DAYS ARL CMM BEING 8 DAYS CARRIED FWD FROM 71/72 AND 5 DAYS SPECIAL SERVICE LEAVE CMM IN ADDITION TO R & R (.) IF APPROVED THIS WOULD MAKE ME AVAILABLE FOR NEW DUTY ABOUT 24 AUG 72 CMM ASSUMING 2 DAYS DE-BRIEF BY DEFENCE (.)

TWO (.) DEFENCE CANBERRA FOR CHIEF DEFENCE SCIENTIST

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PREFIX: CR

FROM: AUST GP VIETNAM

TO: ARMY CANBERRA

INFO:

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: TINT 0965

FOR DMI PLEASE PASS TO DSTI FROM CLARK. ATLEAST TWO CHICOM M1967 APC CAPTURED IN MRI BY MARINES. PHOTOGRAPHY BEING FORWARDED TODAY

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LETTER TO MESSAGE: No

CLASSIFIED: ☒ YES ☐ NO

DRAFTER'S NAME: CLARK

OFFICE: CMEC

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FROM: AUST GP VIETNAM

TO: ARMY CANBERRA

INFO:

PREFIX: CZ

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: TINT 0954

FOR DMI PLEASE PASS TO DSTI FROM CLARK. REFERENCE JOHN MONASH. HAVE SUFFICIENT ITEMS OF CAPTURED EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR SHIPMENT TO JUSTIFY CALL TO SAIGON. ITEMS WOULD INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE SAGGER MISSILE. THIRTY SAGGER MISSILES WITHOUT CONTROL BOXES RECOVERED IN MR4. TWENTY FIVE SENT TO US. PLEASE CONFIRM DATE OF ARRIVAL OF JOHN MONASH

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TO AUST GP VIETNAM

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Would you please
draft reply on this.
10 May 72.

HQ AAAGV REGISTRY
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11 MAY 1972

993) FOR AUST PROJECTOFFICER CMEC FROM WHYTE. YOUR INT Ø5Ø7 OF Ø6ØØ38Z MAY 72 AND Ø5Ø6 OF Ø8Ø315Z MAY 72 CONCERNING TYPE 59. HAVE CONFERRED WITH TECH INT ARMY UK AND HAVE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS CLN

ALPHA. WHAT ARE EXTERNAL RECOGNITION DIFFERENCES FROM T 54 A.

BRAVO. ARE BASIC DIMENSIONS IDENTICAL.

CHARLIE. ARMAMENT. ANY DIFFERENCES TO SOVIET D1Ø-T2S OR D1Ø-TG 1ØØ MM GN. IS HULL MG FITTED. DELTA. AMMO. CONFIRM STOWAGE DETAILS AND KATCO BETWEEN MAIN ARMAMENT NATURES. ARE NATURES CONFINED TO AP AND HE AS GRATICULE DETAILS IN YOUR SIG SUGGEST. ECHO. FCE. PLEASE SEND DIAGRAM OF GRATICULE SCALES. ANY INDICATION OF PROVISION OF FITTINGS TO TAKE GNRS IR KITAS A SUBSEQUENT MODIFICATION. GOLF. GCE. INDICATION OF FACILITIES TO ADAPT STABILISATION TO TWO PLANE ULTIMATELY. SUPRISED BETTER GCE FITTED WITHOUT STABILISATION

AZIMUTH. HOTEL. ANY INDICATION THAT ENGINE IS UP-RATED 58Ø HP V-55.

ITEMS WHICH WOULD CONFIRM V-55 AIR HYDRAULIC CLUTCH FOR GENGRATOR DRIVE CMM COOLANT HEATED CRANKCASE CMM 2 POSITION CLUTCH FOR WINTER AND SUMMER ON FUEL PUMP DRIVE AND CENTRIFUGAL OIL CLEANER. INDIA. TRACK PLATE DETAIL DIFFERENCES IF ANY

TWO. PRESENTATION WITH VUGRAPHS RECEIVED ALSO SIGNAL ON SA7. VERY MANY TTANKS. YOU MAY EXPECT FURTHER SIGNALS FROM LONDON AS INFO AND OPINION UNFOLDS.

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DATE-TIME GROUP: 020700Z JUN 72

FROM: AUSTGP VIETNAM

TO: ARMY CANBERRA

INFO:

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

TINT 0780

FOR DMI PLEASE PASS TO DSTI ARMY. REFERENCE NOUR 22049 dated 303335Z MAY 72. HAVE GIVEN COLONEL WHYTE UP TO DATE BRIEF ON ALL EQUIPMENT CAPTURED TOGETHER WITH PHOTOGRAPHS AND INITIAL REPORTS. A FURTHER COVERAGE ON SA 7 WILL FOLLOW WITHIN NEXT TWO DAYS. A REQUEST FOR AN SA-7 FOR AUSTRALIAN R+D WILL BE DEPENDENT ON NUMBER OF MISSILES CAPTURED. THERE HAVE BEEN BTR 50 IN COUNTRY SINCE INVASION STARTED. AS THE BTR 50 HAS BEEN IN SERVICE FOR SEVERAL YEARS IT HAS CREATED NO

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INTEREST HOWEVER AS INFORMATION JUST OBTAINED INDICATES THAT TWO CAPTURED NORTH OF HUE WERE MANUFACTURED IN SEPTEMBER 1971 BY SOVIETS. NO CONFIRMATION OF BTR 50 WITH SAGGERS ALTHOUGH VIETNAMESE PRESS HAVE MADE SUCH REPORTS. DETAILED IMPROVEMENTS OF T59 OVER T54 ARE NOT ALL KNOWN. INFORMATION ON T59 WAS FORWARDED TWO WEEKS AGO. NO CHARACTERISTICS OF PT63 YET AVAILABLE BUT ALL PHOTOGRAPHY FORWARDED. REGARDING INTERVIEW LESS THAN HALF OF TIME SPENT WITH ME BUT REPORT WRITTEN FOR AUSTRALIAN CONSUMPTION AS THOUGH ONLY MYSELF WAS INTERVIEWED. ALL INFORMATION GIVEN BY MYSELF AND OTHER MEMBERS OF CMEC WAS UNCLASSIFIED AS ON EACH NEW ITEM CAPTURED LOCAL AND OTHER PRESS HAVE BEEN PRESENT OR GIVEN DETAILS. COMMENT ON POSSIBILITY OF NEW CHICOM APC APPEARING IN VIETNAM WAS IN REPLY TO QUESTION. I THINK SUCH AN APC WILL APPEAR IN VIETNAM ALTHOUGH NO EVIDENCE IS YET AVAILABLE. I HOPE THAT NO FIRM INFORMATION PUBLISHED WAS NEW ALTHOUGH SOME SPECULATION MAY HAVE BEEN

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TO RAMARL/ AUST GP VIETNAM

INFO RAYWYY /DEFENCE CANBERRA

2 JUN 1972

RAYWPP /DEPAIR

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R E S T R I C T E D OPS 22418 REF YOUR SD 734 OF 27 MAY 72. LOW PER -
ORMANCE COUNTER MISSILE TACTICS. INFO OF THIS NATURE REQUIRED .

THANKYOU

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TO AUST GP VI ETNAM

BT

S E C R E T INT ∠∠049. FOR AUST PROJECT OFFICER CMEC FROM DMI ON BEHALF DSTI (ARMY).

ON E. YOUR TINT (UNNUMBERED) OF ∠31407Z MAY 7∠. CONGRATULATIONS ON A VERY FINE CATCH . COULD YOU BID FOR AN SA -7 FOR AUSTRALIAN R AND D QUERY . PLEASE OBTAIN DETAILED PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE (SHOWING SCALE) OF THE MISSILE AND LAUNCHER .

TWO. HAVE EXAMINED PRESS REL EASE OF ALLEGED INTERVIEW WITH YOURSELF YESTERDAYS SYDNEY MORNING NEWSPAPER CONTAINING SOME INFORMATION WHICH WE FEEL IS NEW . PLEASE SIGNAL ADVICE ON THE FOLLOWING.

ALFA. CONFIRMATION OF BTR-50 AND/ OR SOVIET APC 'S WITH AT -3 SAGGER MOUNTED BEING CAPTURED /SIGHTED IN SOUTH VIETNAM .

BRAVO. IMPROVEMENTS OF TYPE 59 OVER T-54 TANK .

CHARLIE. CHARACTERISTICS OF PT-63 TANK.

DELTA. WAS WEAPON REFER RED TO AS A SOVIET PD IN YOUR SIGNAL OF ∠31407 Z MAY 7∠ A PK AS STATED IN THE NEWSPAPER QUERY.

ECHO . THE PAPER STATES THAT YOU T INK THE CHICOM APC IS BEING PROVIDED FOR USE IN SOUTH VIETNAM . PLEASE COMMENT .

THREE. SOMEWHAT STARTLED TO OBTAIN SO MUCH NEW INFO FROM AN UNCLASSIFIED SOURCE.

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TO: AUST DEF CANBERRA

INFO: AA/GV

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DSC 91

FOR DEFENCE SCIENCE FROM SDSLO (.) SS II MISSILE (.) THIS SYSTEM HAS NOW BEEN TRANSFERRED TO MR I FROM MR 3 (.) THE ANTI AIRCRAFT ENVIROMENT AROUND AN LOC DID NOT PERMIT THE SYSTEM TO OPERATE SUCCESSFULLY THERE (.) THE SYSTEM HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN MR I IN KNOCKING OUT A NUMBER OF TANKS BUT IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY TO EXPEND SEVERAL MISSILES FOR EACH TANK KILL (.) IN ONE CASE SIX MISSILES WERE USED BEFORE THE SEVENTH MISSILE IMPACTED THE TANK AND DESTROYED IT (.) DIFFICULTY IN GUIDANCE AT LONG RANGE FROM THE MOVING PLATFORM OF THE HELICOPTER SEEMS TO BE THE MAIN CAUSE OF THE PROBLEM (.) BOTH SS II AND TOW ARE BEING OPERATED FROM THE 2000 TO 2500 FEET LEVEL

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TO RAYWAA/ARMY CANBERRA

INFO RAYWYY/DEFENCE CANBERRA

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BT

C O N F I D E N T I A L SD 0734

FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL INFO CONCERNING SA7 MISSILE

RECEIVED BY THIS HQ. SUBJECT IS LOW PERFORMANCE COUNTER

MISSILE TACTICS.

TEXT.

ONE. THE MINIMUM ENGAGEMENT RANGE OF THE SA7 IS ESTIMATED

TO BE 600 METERS: THIS IS APPROXIMATELY THE DISTANCE REQUIRED

FOR THE MISSILE TO OBTAIN TERMINAL VELOCITY AT WHICH TIME ITS

GUIDANCE CONTOL SYSTEM BECOMES EFFECTIVE

TWO. OPERATION OF AIRCRAFT AT LOW ALTITUDES SERIOUSLY DEGRADES

THE PERFORMANCE OF THE SA 7: THE MISSILE NEEDS A CLEARLY DEFINED

HEAT SIGNATURE TO PERMIT ITS GUIDANCE SYSTEM TO FUNCTION: AGAINST A

TERRAIN BACKGROUND OR A SKY FILLED WITH NUMEROUS WELL

DEFINED MIDDLE AND LOW LEVEL CLOUDS THIS WELL DEFINED HEAT

SIGNATURE IS DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN

END TEXT.

PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER INFO OF THIS NATURE IS REQUIRED IN FUTURE.

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TO: AUST DEF CANBERRA

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FOR DEFENCE SCIENCE FROM SDSLO (.) TOW MISSILE AND SSII (.) ONE (.) TOW (.) 20 VEHICLE-MOUNTED TOW SYSTEMS HAVE NOW BEEN DEPLOYED TO MR I ON LOAN TO VIETNAMESE RANGERS IN THE HUE AREA (.) ON 22 MAY TWO FIRINGS WERE MADE FROM THE GROUND MOUNTING (.) ONE WAS AGAINST A T54 TANK AT 600 METRES RANGE AND WAS SUCCESSFUL, EVEN THOUGH THE MISSILE HIT THE DEFENSIVE WIRE AND WAS BADLY DEFLECTED INITIALLY (.) THE OTHER WAS AT 2500 METRES RANGE AND SUCCESSFULLY DESTROYED A TANK WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN EITHER A PT 76 OR T 54 (.) TWO (.) SSII (.) THE PROBLEM ENCOUNTERED WITH THIS MISSILE WAS THE SUBJECT OF A DETAILED EXAMINATION AND WAS FINALLY IDENTIFIED

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AS AN ELECTRICAL FAULT IN THE MISSILE CONTROL SYSTEM IN THE AIRCRAFT (.) THIS FAULT HAS BEEN CORRECTED AND IN 21 TEST FIRINGS AGAINST IMMOBILE TARGETS 20 HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL (.) THE UNIT IS NOW HOPING TO ENGAGE LIVE TARGETS IN THE AN LOC AREA

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S E C R E T
SUBJ: LOW=PERFORMANCE COUNTER=MISSILE TACTICS (U)
1. (S) THE SOVIET SA=7 (STRELA) IS A HEAT SEEKING SURFACE TO AIR MISSILE OF THE REDEYE TYPE. IT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS:
A. LENGTH: 48"=52"
B. WEIGHT: 35=40 LBS
C. GUIDANCE: SPIN SCAN
D. IR FREQUENCY: 2=3 MICRONS
E. MAXIMUM ENGAGEMENT ALTITUDE: 9000 FEET
F. MAXIMUM HORIZONTAL RANGE: 3700 METERSN
G. TRACKING/LOCK ON TIME: 30=40 SECONDS
H. SPEED: .6 TO .9 MACH
2. (S) AH=1G AND UH=1 HELICOPTERS WERE RECENTLY TESTED AGAINST REDEYE MISSILES AT THE NAVAL WEAPONS CENTER. THE FOLLOWING TEST RESULTS MAY BE OF VALUE IN DEVELOPING LOW

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PERFORMANCE COUNTER MISSILE TACTICS:
A. MISSILE CAN LOCK=ON AH=1G AND UH=1 HELICOPTERS AT MAXIMUM ENGAGEMENT RANGES ANYTIME IT IS LOOKING WITHIN 45 DEGREE OF THE TAIL OF THE AIRCRAFT.
B. MISSILE CAN LOCK ON INBOUND AH=1G'S AT A MAXIMUM RANGE OF 1200 METERS BUT CANNOT LOCK ON UH=1'S UNLESS LOOKING WITHIN

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5 DEGREES OF THE TAIL OF THE AIRCRAFT.

C. TURNING AH-1G AND UH-1 HELICOPTERS TOWARD THE MISSLE CONSISTENTLY RESULTED IN BREAK LOCK. THIS WAS TRUE EVEN WHEN THE AH-1G WAS WITHIN 1200 METERS OF THE LAUNCH SITE. HOWEVER, WHEN AT THIS CLOSE RANGE THE GUNNER CAN REACQUIRE THE AH-1G IF FIELD OF VIEW AND TIME PERMIT.

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3. (S) IN ADDITION TO EVASIVE MANEUVERS, VERY PISTOL FLARES AND STAR CLUSTERS WERE FOUND TO BE CAPABLE OF BREAKING MISSILE LOCK-ON. THE MOST EFFECTIVE STAR CLUSTER WAS T E DOUBLE-STAR RED-GREEN. THE YELLOW-YELLOW WAS THE LEAST EFFECTIVE. WHEN MISSILE LAUNCH IS DETECTED, PYROTECHNIC DEVICES SHOULD BE FIRED TO PLACE THE HEAT SOURCE BETWEEN THE MISSILE AND THE AIRCRAFT. THIS WILL INSURE THAT THE DEVICE IS WITHIN THE MISSILE OF VIEW AND PERMIT IT TO FUNCTION AS A DECOY. HAND HELD FLARES AND STAR CLUSTERS

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ONE [redacted] THE SOVIET SA-7 (STRELA) IS A HEAT SEEKING SURFACE TO AIR MISSILE OF THE REDEYE TYPE, IT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS:

A. LENGTH: 48"-52"

B. WEIGHT: 35-40 LBS

C. GUIDANCE: SPIN SCAN

D. IR FREQUENCY: 2-3 MICRONS

E. MAXIMUM ENGAGEMENT ALTITUDE: 9000 FEET

F. MAXIMUM HORIZONTAL RANGE: 4700 METERSN

G. TRACKING/LOCK ON TIME: 30-40 SECONDS

H. SPEED: .8 TO .9 MACH

TWO [redacted] AH-1G AND UH-1 HELICOPTERS WERE RECENTLY TESTED AGAINST REDEYE MISSILES AT THE NAVAL WEAPONS CENTER, THE FOLLOWING TEST RESULTS MAY BE OF VALUE IN DEVELOPING LOW-

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ALPHA, MISSILE CAN LOCK-ON AH-1G AND UH-1 HELICOPTERS AT MAXIMUM ENGAGEMENT RANGES ANYTIME IT IS LOOKING WITHIN 45 DEGREE O THE TAIL OF THE AIRCRAFT.

BRAVO [redacted]: MISSILE CAN LOCK ON INBOUND AH-1G'S AT A MAXIMUM RANGE OF 1220 METERS BUT CANNOT LOCK ON UH-1'S UNLESS LOOKING WITHIN 45 DEGREES OF THE TAIL OF THE AIRCRAFT.

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998 AUST GP VIETNAM FOR A UST PROJECT OFFICER CMEC PD DEFENCE CANBERRA FOR DSTI (ARMY) FROM WHYTE

ALPHA PD FOLLOWING ITEMS RECEIVED PD QTY ONE EACH AKM OR PMK WITH COMPENSATOR AND CHICOM TYPE 68 RPKM

RPG-7V2 PD QTY ONE CHICOM VHF RADIO PD QTY ONE UI GAS MASK PD

VERY MANY THANKS PD ITEMS WILL BE RETURNED IN APPROX TEN DAYS BY SAME MEANS BY UK PD

BRAVO PD PRESENCE OF SA 4 NOT SURPRISING PD COPIES OF AI IR ON SAMS WILL BE FWD TO YOU THROUGH MA SAIGON PD

CHARLIE PD WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU IN SINGAPORE AM 1 JUN 72 PD

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C WA 68 QUERY CARBINE PD

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TO: MOD LONDON

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PREFIX: CR

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: TINT 0676

FOR DIGO COLONEL WHYTE · FROM CLARK · PLEASE ADVISE WHEN MATERIAL ARRIVES · NOT YET CONFIRMED BUT NVA MAY BE USING SA 4 IN NORTH VIETNAM · REQUIRE FOR REFERENCE COPIES OF ATIR DIGESTS TOGETHER WITH ANY SPARE COPIES OF ATIRS, HAVE PICKED UP FURTHER FRAGMENTS OF SAGGER AND STRELA. NOT YET ABLE TO GET PT85 BUT HOPE TO IN VERY NEAR FUTURE · DO YOU REQUIRE ME IN SINGAPORE FOR A BRIEF ON THE CONFERENCE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L DSE 134. FOR DEFENCE SCIENCE ATTACHE WASHINGTON CMN SDSLO AND PR P DUNN DSL FROM MADS . REFERENCES. ALFA. SDSLO REPORT 1/72 NOTAL

BRAVO. DSC 87 OF 170600Z MAY 1972 NOTAL.

ONE . ENQUIRIES THROUGH SDSLO TO ASCERTAIN DETAILS OF ARMOUR PLATE USED IN CONNECTION WITH QUOTE PAVE AEGIS UNQUOTE C130 GUNSHIP HAVE BEEN REFERRED BACK BY US AUTHORITIES IN SVN WITH REQUEST TO OBTAIN INFORMATION THROUGH NORMAL EMBASSY CHANNELS .

TWO. REQUEST YOU ENQUIRE THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS TO OBTAIN DETAILS OF ARMOUR PLATE USED INCLUDING DIMENSIONS CMN MATERIAL USED CMN RESULTS ACHIEVED AND POSSIBLE FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

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FROM: AUST CP VIENNAM

TO: DEFENCE CANBERRA

INFO: AAMCV

PREFIX: GR

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: DSC 88

FOR DEFENCE SCIENCE FROM SDSLO (.) YOUR DSE 125 OF 15 MAY 72 (.)

ONE (.) THANK YOU FOR SIGNAL WHICH ARRIVED JUST AS I WAS ABOUT TO SEND A SIGNAL ADVISING YOU THAT NEXT WEEKS CONFERENCE HAD BEEN SHELVED (.) REASONS ARE MAINLY BECAUSE OF CHANGEOVER OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COORDINATORS CMM WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR WEEK 28 MAY - 3 JUN CMM AND INABILITY OF MR ROBERT GIBSON OF CINCPAC TO ATTEND (.) MR DUVAL DEPARTS ON 3 JUN 72 AND HIS RELIEF IS TO BE MR BILL MARROLETTI (.)

TWO (.) REALISE YOUR NEED TO HAVE FIRMER PICTURE ON RVNAF R&D POTENTIAL AND ITS DEVELOPMENT AND HAD PLANNED TO PRESENT WHAT FACTS ARE AVAILABLE EARLY NEXT MONTH (.) PICTURE IS NOT GOOD AND I

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SINCERELY DOUBT THAT MUCH WILL BE DONE IN THIS AREA FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER SIX MONTHS (.) AT THIS STAGE I WOULD FAVOUR FOLLOW ON REPRESENTATION FROM BANGKOK BUT WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED AS MATTERS DEVELOP (.)

THREE (.) IN THE MEANTIME MY WORK IS ALREADY LESS THAN FULL TIME AND THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT IT WILL DECREASE (.) MUCH OF THIS IS DUE TO THE OPERATIONAL LOAD ON THE REDUCED US MACV AND OTHER HQ WHICH MAKES VISITS AND DISCUSSIONS DIFFICULT (.) THE TRANSITION INTO AN ADVISORY ROLE ON THE PART OF US FORCES CONTINUES AND AS THE OPERATIONAL LOAD REDUCES SO WILL THE HQ (.)

FOUR (.) WILL ENDEAVOUR TO GIVE A MORE COMPREHENSIVE PICTURE IN MY MAY REPORT AND BELIEVE THAT FROM THIS YOU WILL SEE THAT MOST POTENTIAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION ARE DRYING UP ON THE US SIDE AND ARE VERY SLOWLY DEVELOPING ON THE RVNAF SIDE (.)

FIVE (.) THE MONITORING OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF RVNAF R&D COULD BE FOLLOWED UP BY OTHER MEANS CMN WOULD BE A VERY MUCH PART TIME JOB AND IN MY OPINION CMN NOT WARRANT THE RETENTION OF THE SDSLO FOR THAT PURPOSE ALONE (.)

SIX (.) REALISE THE LENGTH OF TIME IT TAKES TO RESOLVE POLICY ISSUES FROM MY PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS AT AHQ AND HAVE THEREFORE TRIED TO GIVE YOU AS MUCH ADVANCED WARNING ON TRENDS THAT I CAN (.)

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PERHAPS THE EVENTS OF LATE MAY AND EARLY JUN WILL HELP TO CLARIFY THE ISSUES

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FROM: AUST GP VIETNAM

TO: AUST DEF CANBERRA

INFO: AA/MACV

PREFIX: GR

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: UNCLAS

ORIGINATORS NUMBER: DSC 86

FOR DEFENCE SCIENCE FROM SDSLO (.) CHANGE OF TITLE MACSA (.) FOR YOUR INFORMATION WEF 15 MAY 72 THE SCIENCE ADVISOR HAS BECOME THE MACV TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

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ROUTINE		150330Z	MAY 72

PREFIX: CMR

FROM: AUST CP VIETNAM

TO: AUST DEF CANBERRA

INFO: AA/GV

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

ORIGINATORS NUMBER: DEC 85

FOR DEFENCE SCIENCE FROM SDSLO (.) TOW MISSILE AMP SSII (.) REF AAAGV DSC 84 OF 13 MAY 72 (.)

ONE (.) TOW (.) 12 MAY 72 (.) IN ADDITION TO TANK MENTIONED IN REFERENCE SIGNAL AN ENEMY APC WAS ALSO DESTROYED (.) 14 MAY 72 (.) TWO ENEMY T54 TANKS WERE DESTROYED BY TOW WHILST CROSSING A STREAM BED ABOUT 6 KM NW OF KONTUM CITY (.) THREE JEEP MOUNTED TOW HAVE NOW ALSO BEEN DEPLOYED TO KONTUM AND IF EVENTS GO AS EXPECTED THEIR CAPABILITY SHOULD BE TESTED SOON (.)

TWO (.) SSII (.). THE SIX SSII HELICOPTERS ARE BEING USED IN THE LAM KHE AREA IN MR III NEAR AN LOC (.) NO TARGETS HAVE YET

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BEEN ENGAGED BUT IN PRACTICE FIRINGS POOR RESULTS HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED (.) OUT OF TEN MISSILES FIRED ON 14 MAY SIXTEN WERE SAID TO HAVE BEEN DUDS (.) REASON IS BELIEVED TO BE BREAKING OF WIRE USED IN GUIDANCE

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PREFIX: C2

FROM: AUST CP VIETNAM

TO: AUST DEP CANBERRA

INFO: AA/GV

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: DSC 84

FOR DEFENCE SCIENCE FROM SDSLO (.) TOW MISSILE (.)

ONE (.) FIRST DESTRUCTION OF MOBILE ENEMY TARGET REPORTED 12 MAY (.) TARGET WAS A TANK BUT TYPE WAS NOT SPECIFIED (.) ONE MISSILE WAS FIRED BY HELICOPTER VERSION FOR THE ONE HIT ACHIEVED (.)

TWO (.) HAVE VISITED PLEIKU TO VIEW AND DISCUSS BOTH THE HELIBORNE AND JEEP MOUNTED VERSIONS (.) THE PROBLEMS WITH THE MISSILE SYSTEM REPORTED EARLIER WERE FAILURES TO CAPTURE THE MISSILE AFTER FIRING AND THERE SEEMS GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THIS WAS PROBABLY AN OPERATOR TRAINING PROBLEM RATHER THAN A MISSILE PROBLEM (.)

THREE (.) THE OPERATORS ARE CONFIDENT OF HITTING THE TARGET ONE IT IS

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ACQUIRED (.) THE PROBLEM FOR THE HELICOPTER VERSION IS TARGET ACQUISITION BECAUSE OF CANOPY COVER IN RELATION TO THE SLANT ANGLE NECESSARY FOR ENGAGEMENT (.) TARGETS HAVE BEEN VISIBLE ON TWO OCCASIONS DIRECTLY BELOW THE HELICOPTER BUT THESE BECAME INVISIBLE TO THE MISSILE FIRER WHEN THE HELICOPTER MOVED AWAY TO OBTAIN THE ANGLE OF ATTACK NECESSARY (.)

FOUR (.) USE OF JEEP MOUNTED SYSTEM (.) CMO IN CHARGE OF DETACHMENT HAD SOME DIFFICULTY INITIALLY IN ESTABLISHING A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE BEST METHOD OF USE OF HIS SYSTEM (.) SOME OFFICERS SEEMED KEEN TO SEND THE JEEPS OUT ON TANK HUNTING MISSIONS RATHER THAN USE THEM FOR THE DEFENSIVE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THEY ARE DESIGNED (.) ALSO THERE WAS AN INITIAL TENDENCY TO DESIRE TO DEPLOY THE VEHICLES TO SELECTED POSITIONS ON THE PERIMETER RATHER THAN KEEPING THEM CENTRALLY LOCATED AND CONTROLLED TO BE DEPLOYED TO PRE-PREPARED AND PRE-RECONNOITRED POSITIONS TO ENGAGE THE THREAT WHERE IT OCCURRED CMA THUS MAKING BEST USE OF THE MOBILITY OF THE SYSTEM (.) THESE PROBLEMS NOW SEEM TO HAVE BEEN OVERCOME AND THE DETACHMENT IS READY FOR ACTION WHEN THE THREAT DEVELOPS (.)

FIVE (.) AM OBTAINING DAILY REPORTS OF RESULTS ACHIEVED AND WILL REPORT SIGNIFICANT ENGAGEMENTS

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FROM: AUST CP VIETNAM

TO: ARMY CANBERRA

INFO: AUST DEF CANBERRA

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PREFIX: GR

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FOR COORG FROM SDSLO (.) SAS ACTIVITIES IN VIETNAM (.) SCIENCE ADVISOR MACV WAS REQUESTED ME TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE SIZE COM TYPE AND DURATION OF PATROLS DEPLOYED BY SAS IN VIETNAM AND TO DRAW COMPARISONS WITH SIMILAR TYPES OF PATROLS WHICH SAS MIGHT DEPLOY IN A COUNTER INSURGENCY SITUATION SAY IN NORTHERN MALAYA (.) HE HAS ALSO REQUESTED INFORMATION ON THE CONTENTS OF THE MEDICAL KIT WHICH SUCH A PATROL MAY CARRY (.) COULD YOU PLEASE CLARIFY THE SECURITY ASPECTS OF RELEASE TO US OF INFORMATION OF THIS TYPE AND ARRANGE FOR ME TO BE PROVIDED WITH THE NECESSARY DETAIL IF IT CAN BE RELEASED (.) SCIENCE ADVISOR MACV DESIRES INFORMATION FOR A PROJECT ON WHICH HE IS NOW WORKING (.) AUST DEF CANBERRA FOR DEFENCE SCIENCE

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FROM : AUST GP VIETNAM

TO : AUST DEP CANBERRA

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FOR DEFENCE SCIENCE FROM SDSLO (.) DEVICES TO LOCATE ENEMY (.)

SCIENCE ADVISOR MACV HAS ASKED IF AUSTRALIA IS CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING OR DEVELOPING A DEVICE WHICH COULD BEST BE DESCRIBED AS A BORE SIGHTING PEOPLE SNIFFER DESIGNED FOR USE BY PATROLS SUCH AS THOSE WHICH SAS WOULD DEPLOY (.) DEVICE WOULD THUS BE ASSOCIATED WITH SMALL ARMS WEAPONS AND PERSUMABLY WOULD BE DESIGNED TO INDICATE DIRECTION AND RANGE OF ENEMY BY BIOLOGICAL OR CHEMICAL MEANS (.) PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER ANY WORK IN THIS AREA IS IN HAND AND PROVIDE OUTLINE INFORMATION AND PROJECT REFERENCE IF RELEVANT INCLUDING WHETHER INFORMATION CAN BE RELEASED TO US

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TO AUST GP VIETNAM

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C O N F I D E FYT I A L INT18801. MOEMENT OF CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIAL FROM VIETNAM TO AUSTRALIA. REFERENCES. ALFA. AAGV SD0189 OF Z9 MAR 7Z. BRAVO. AHQ MOV 15Z43 OF 1Z APR 7Z. ONE. INTERSERVICE NEGOTIATIONS TO ARRANGE LONG TERM PROCEDURE FOR EVACUATION OF CAPTURED EXPLOSIVES TO AUSTRALIA HAVE RESULTED IN ARMY DECISION TO STAND BY REFERENCE BRAVO. TWO. MATTER ARE IN HANDS DEFENCE BUT UNLIKELY TO BE RESOLVED QUICKLY. THREE. SUGGEST YOU IMPLEMENT REFERENCE BRAVO FOR PRESENT HOLDINGS AND ADVISE DETAILS

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FROM: AUST GP VIETNAM

TO: AUST ARM LONDON

INFO:

PLEASE PASS TO COL WHYTE DSTI ARMY (.) WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR OBTAINING A LIST OF INFORMATION REQUIRED FROM THE INVESTIGATION OF THE CHICOM T.59 TANK (.) SUGGEST COL OFFORD OF ARMOUR SCHOOL CMM BOVINGTON CAMP WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL (.) OFFICER CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION HAS NORMAL STAFF APPT WHICH TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER TECH INVESTICATION (.) IF [redacted] INFO WIST AVAL CMM IT IS A POSSIBLE [redacted] MANY QUESTIONS ANSWERED A. BEFORE LONDON

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CONFERENCE (-) INVESTIGATING OFFICER IS TANK TECH TRAINER

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NEEDS TO MESSAGE: ROLLINSON

DEPARTMENT'S NAME: S503

OFFICE: 382X

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ROUTINE		060038ZMAY72	

FROM: AUST GP VIETNAM

TO: ARMY CANBERRA

INFO: AUST ARM LONDON

PRIME: C2

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: TINT 0507

FOR DMI PLEASE PASS TO DSTI(ARMY) FROM CLARK.
ARS LONDON PLEASE PASS TO COLONEL WHYTE.
CHINESE TYPE 59 TANK. HAVE TANK TECHNOLOGY
QUALIFIED OFFICER (CAPTAIN ROLLINSON) PREPARING
DETAILED REPORT. INITIAL COMMENTS AS FOLLOWS.
ONE: RUNNING GEAR NO APPARENT DIFFERENCES.
TWO. ARMOUR ON GLACIS PLATES SAME THICKNESS.
ANGLES SIMILAR. CHICOM ARMOUR BETTER WELDING.
T-54 ARMOUR DOVETAILED ON GLACIS PLATE. THREE.
TYPE 59 STABILISED IN ELEVATION ONLY.

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FOUR. TYPE 59 GUN CONTROL EQUIPMENT MUCH BETTER THAN IN T54 CMM SIMILAR TO LEOPARD GUNNERS CONTROL BOX. TYPE 59 SIGHT GRATICULE HAS FOUR SCALES IN IT. TELESCOPE ~~HAS~~ HAS DUAL MAGNIFICATION. FIVE. BOTH TANKS HAVE FIVE INCH HULL I R LIGHTS FOR DRIVING

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REFERS TO MESSAGE: No

CLASSIFIED: ☒ YES ☐ NO

DRAFTER'S NAME: CLARK OFFICE: CMEC TEL. NO: 9243735

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PRIORITY		280015Z APR 72	

PREFIX: CG

FROM: AUSTCAP VIETNAM

TO: ARMY CANBERRA

INFO:

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: TINT 0431

FOR DMI PLEASE PASS TO DSTI (ARMY) FROM CLARK. REFERENCE YOUR SIGNAL ON MISSILE. TODAY VISITED FOURTH CORPS AND OBTAINED FROM CAO LANH [redacted] PARTS OF MISSILE(S) WHICH WERE FIRED AT RF PF POST ON 22 APR 72. AT LEAST THREE MISSILES WERE FIRED. IT WAS REPORTED FROM OBSERVER THAT MISSILES DID NOT EXPLODE BUT BURNT ON HITTING TARGET. MISSILES WERE POORLY CONTROLED AND MOVED SLOWLY. FROM PARTS OBTAINED AM ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT MISSILES USED ARE SAGGER.

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HOWEVER DOUBT EXISTS ON THE MODEL AS NO WARHEAD WAS RECOVERED AND THE TYPE OF PROPELLENT IS NOT KNOWN. WILL BRIEF DMI DURING HIS VISIT AND WILL FORWARD PHOTOS AND VUGRAPHS TO LONDON FOR COLONEL WHYTE USE OF MISSILES HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN ONE AND TWO CORPS. UNABLE TO GIVE FURTHER DETAIL AT THIS DATE. REF YOUR INT 16832. THANK YOU FOR ADISE WHICH WE WILL TRY AND FOLLOW. REF YOUR INT 17024. LONDON PRESENTATION MATERIAL SENT TODAY. ADDRESS LT COL WHITE CARE OF AAS LONDON MARKED TO BE HELD FOR YOU. PRESENT SITUATION MAKES IT PARAMOUNT TO VISIT UNITS TO IDENTIFY NEW EQUIPMENT BEING USED BY ENEMY AS SUCH IDENTIFICATIONS HAVE IMMEDIATE TACTICAL VALUE. GENERAL ABRAHMS IS TAKING GREAT INTEREST IN ENEMY EQUIPMENT AND IS BRIEFED ON EACH DEVELOPMENT. AS I AM ONLY OFFICER WITH TECH INT BACKGROUND AND PENDING DEPARTURE OF BETKE AM KEPT ON THE MOVE.

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ROUTINE		270155Z	APR 72

PREFIX: GR

FROM: AUST CP VIETNAM

TO: ANZUKFOR SINGAPORE

INFO: AAMGV

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

CODE/GROUP NUMBER: DSC 72

FOR TSO 2 FORS FROM SDSLO (.) FUTURE VISITS TO VIETNAM (.)
AS YOU WILL APPRECIATE PRESENT SITUATION HERE IS NOT CONDUCIVE TO
VISITS AND UNTIL MATTERS SETTLE DOWN IT IS DIFFICULT TO FORESEE
WHEN A VISIT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE (.) IT IS NOW APPARENT THAT
MAY WILL NOT BE A GOOD TIME BECAUSE OF OTHER PROBABLE VISITS (.)
LATE JUNE MAY NOW BE EARLIEST SUITABLE TIME

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ROUTINE		270150 Z	APR 72

PREFIX: CR

FROM: AUST CP VIETNAM

TO: AUST DEP CANBERRA

INFO: AA/GV

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: DSC 70

FOR DEFENCE SCIENCE FROM SDSLO (.) REF SDSLO/6/70 OF 12 APR 72 (.) FUTURE OF RDTE IN VIETNAM (.) IN PARAGRAPH 14 OF REFERENCE LETTER SUGGESTION WAS MADE THAT SENIOR DEFENCE SCIENCE REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD VISIT VIETNAM IN LATE MAY (.) MORE RECENT INFORMATION SUGGESTS THAT BEST DATE WOULD BE IN WEEK BEGINNING 22 MAY 72 WHEN CINCPAC RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING REPRESENTATIVE IS EXPECTED TO BE IN SAIGON

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ROUTINE		27 0145 Z	APR 72

PREFIX: CSR

FROM: AUST CP VIETNAM

TO: AUST DEF CANBERRA

INFO: AAMCV

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

ORIGINATORS NUMBER: DSC 69

FOR PRS T DSE FROM SDSLO (.) TRAINING OF ARVN OFFICERS IN TRIALS AND EVALUATION (.) FOR YOUR INFORMATION HAD INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH FRONG AND THEN ON 26 APR 72 ABOUT THEIR TRAINING IN AUSTRALIA (.) BOTH STATED THAT THEY BELIEVED THAT THEIR SEVEN WEEK TRAINING PERIOD WAS TOO LONG COM PARTICULARLY THE ELEMENT AT THE CMC EMERSAIL (.) THEY SUGGESTED THAT FUTURE SIMILAR TRAINING SHOULD BE SHORTER AND SHOULD BE FOR MORE STUDENTS (.) BOTH AGREE THAT THE TRAINING WAS VERY WORTHWHILE AND THEY WERE MORE THAN SATISFIED WITH ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS ETC

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ROUTINE		29 0130 Z	APR 72

PREFIX: GR

FROM: AUST GP VIETNAM

TO: ARMY MELBOURNE

INFO: AUST DEF CANBERRA

AA/GV

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: RESTRICTED

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: DSC 68

FROM SDSLO FOR DD MIL DEVELOPMENT (.) EQUIPMENT DEVELOPMENT (.) ONE (.) AS A RESULT OF THE TRAINING AT ADE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF CDTC-V CMM HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY COMMANDER CDTC-V TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ITEMS UNDER DEVELOPMENT AS FOLLOWS ALPHA (.) T50 TURRET (.) DETAILS OF MODIFICATIONS TO AMMUNITIONS FEEDING SYSTEM INCLUDING RELATED DRAWINGS (.) PRESUMABLY THIS IS PART OF PROJECT A 427 (.) BRAVO (.) M113 (.) DETAILS OF FIRE SUPRESSION SYSTEM (.) TWO (.) PLEASE VERIFY THAT THIS INFORMATION CAN BE RELEASED TO RVNAF AND TO CDTC-V IN PARTICULAR (.) THREE (.) AUST DEF CANBERRA FOR PRS I DSE

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TO AUSTGP VIETNAM

BT

C O N F I D E N T I A L INT17024 FOR AUST PROJECT OFFICER CMM FROM DMI ON BEHALF DSTI(ARMY). YOUR INT 0403 OF 2400127 APR72. ONE. LONDON PRESENTATION. MANY THANKS YOUR EFFORT. AM CONCERNED HOWEVER THAT SENDING MIQCQJL DIRECT TO LONDON MIGHT TAKE LONGER . CAN YOU REASSURE ME ON THIS AND ALSO INFORM ME OF ACTUAL ADDRESS OF PARCEL TO LONDON.

TWO. NEWS THIS MORNING FROM MA SAIGON TO EFFECT THAT ENEMY USED WIRE GUIDED ANTITANK MISILES IN TANUCANH ATTACK. ASSUME THESE WOULD BE MAN PORTABLE SAGGERS OR LESS LIKELY SAPPER. WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE OF ANY CHICOM MANUFACTURED OF SUCH MISSILES. CAN YOU PROVIDE ANY FURTHER INFO INCL DAMAGE QUERY.

THREE. WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO KNOW CMM AS WE ARE CONCERNED CMM GENERALLY HOW YOU ARE GOING IN LIGHT OF PRESENT SITUATION. REGARDS

BT

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PRIORITY		260210Z APR 72	

FROM: AUST GP VIETNAM

TO: ARMY CANBERRA

INFO:

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: TINT

FOR DMI PLEASE PASS TO DSTI (ARMY) FROM CLARK. WILL FORWARD WED 26 APR 72 ORIGINAL AND VU GRAPHS TO LONDON OF NEW ENEMY ITEMS CAPTURED. SECOND COPY LESS VUGRAPHS WILL BE SENT TO DMI. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE COVERED. ONE. CHICOM RPG-7. TWO. CHICOM 82 MM RCL. THREE. COMPENSATOR ON AKN. FOUR. CHICOM 100 MM HE AMMO. FIVE. NVA MANUFACTURED RPK. SIX. FLOATATION VEST. SEVEN. NEW PROTECTIVE MASK. EIGHT. PEP PILLS. NINE. CHICOM TYPE 68 CARBINE.

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TEN. CHICOM VHF RADIO. ELEVEN. TYPE 59 TANK.
AS FURTHER INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE
IT WILL BE FORWARDED TO LONDON. SUGGEST
THESE ITEMS MAY BE USED IN RESERVE
PRESENTATION PERIOD. FURTHER SUGGEST THAT
AT START OF CONFERENCE HEADS CONSIDER
BRINGING MEMBER OF CMEC TOGETHER WITH
CERTAIN ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT TO LONDON. IN
VIEW OF # TECH INT IMPORTANCE OF EQUIPMENT
CAPTURED SUCH A MOVE SHOULD BE STRONGLY
SUPPORTED. IF AGREED THEN BEST TIME FOR
CMEC REP TO GIVE PRESENTATION WOULD BE
ON FINAL DAY. THIS WOULD ENSURE THAT ALL
COUNTRIES HAVE THE LATEST ON CAPTURED
EQUIPMENT AS THERE MUST BE MANY QUESTIONS
WHICH COULD ONLY BE ANSWERED BY A CMEC
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PRIORITY		2402402 APR 72	PZERK

FROM: AUST GP VIETNAM

TO: ARMY CANBERRA

INFO:

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

ORIGINATORS NUMBER: TINT 0408

FOR DMI PLEASE PASS TO DSTI (ARMY) FROM CLARK. DURING PAST WEEK HAVE OBTAINED THE FOLLOWING ENEMY EQUIPMENT IN MR1. ONE. CHICOM 82 MM RCL. TWO. PRK LMG BASED ON AK47 MANUFACTURED IN NORTH VIETNAM. THREE. NEW SOLID STATE CHICOM SQUAD RADIO. FOUR. POLISH AKM 1971 MANUFACTURE WITH COMPENSATOR. FIVE. THREE NEW MORTAR GUN SIGHTS. SIX. ~~B40 T~~ A VARIETY OF ~~WITH CARRYING~~ OLD SOVIET RADIOS CMN 10 5 CMN 10 5 M CMN 702 D. ~~HANDLE MANUFACTURE NOT KNOWN~~ SEVEN. CHICOM TANK PREVIOSLY MENTIONED IS 1970 MANUFACTURE. HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TANK TO BE IN SAIGON FOR DMI

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TO SEE. SUGGEST MODUK SHOULD BE INFORMED ABOUT TANK AS THEY MAY WISH TO SEND OUT AFV DESK OFFICER. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT VC WILL ATTEMPT TO DESTROY TANK AS TANKS LOST IN BATTLE ARE BEING DESTROYED OR RECOVERED BY NVA. EIGHT. ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO RECOVER FIRST AVAILABLE PT63. NINE. AUSTRALIA HAS STRONG CLAIM FOR ANY EQUIPMENT LISTED IN THIS SIGNAL AND TINT 0338 AS ALL HAVE BEEN ACQUIRED BY PROJECT OFFICER. TEN. DOES DSTI (ARMY) WANT ANY ITEMS SENT TO LONDON FOR CONFERENCE. ELEVEN. DURING NEXT WEEK PROJECT OFFICER WILL COVER OTHER MAJOR OPERATIONS RETURNING TO MRI AROUND 30 APR 72. TWELVE. A LARGE AMOUNT OF EQUIPMENT CAPTURED IN MRI IS OF 1970 1971 SOVIET BLOC AND CHICOM MANUFACTURE.

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FROM: AUSTGP VIETNAM

TO: ARMY CANBERRA

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: TINT 0403

FOR DMI PLEASE PASS TO DSTI (ARMY) FROM CLARK.
TECH INT PRESENTATION AT LONDON CONFERENCE
DRAFT PRESENTATION STILL NOT RECIEVED. WILL
WRITE PRESENTATION ON NEW ENEMY EQUIPMENT
CAPTURED DURING CURRENT OPERATIONS. WILL
FORWARD COPY OF PRESENTATION TOGETHER WITH
VU-GRAPHS TO AAS LONDON. SECOND COPY
OF PRESENTATION WILL BE FORWARDED TO DSTI.
HOPE THIS IS NOT INCONVENIENT BUT PRESENT SITUATION
DOES NOT ALLOW TIME FOR COLOUR SLIDES

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RANK: Major

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PRIORITY		230350Z	APR 72

FROM: AUST GP VIETNAM

TO: ARMY CANBERRA

INFO:

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: TINT 0402

FOR DNI PLEASE PASS TO DST (ARMY) FROM CMEC PROJECT OFFICER. REF YOUR INT16 50 OF 190405Z APR 72: REPORTS OF SHOULDER FIRED SAM NOT CONFIRMED. ALTHOUGH THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A WEAPON APPEARING EXISTS THE REPORTS TO DATE HAVE BEEN OF RPG-7. PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AND QUESTIONING OF PILOTS LEADS NO DOUBT THAT FIRINGS WERE FROM RPG-7. WILL NOTIFY ANY DEVELOPMENTS.

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TO AUSTGP VIETNAM

BT

C O N F I D E N T I A L INT16347 FOR PROJECT OFFICER CMEC FROM DMI ON BEHALF DSTI ARMY. GRATEFUL YOUR HELP ON FOLLOWING REQUEST. LT COL CAMERON AREA 2 JIO IS SEEKING APPROVAL FROM OVC TO VISIT SAIGON DURING PERIOD 27-31 MAY UPON CONCLUSION OF SEATO MEETING BANGKOK. CAN MAJ CLARKE ARRANGE ACCOMMODATION AT HIS BOQ AND A VISIT TO CMEC QUES. ALL OTHER VISITS WILL BE ARRANGED THROUGH ASA SAIGON

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TO AUST GP VIETNAM

BT

C O N F I D E N T I A L INT16150 FOR PROJECT OFFICER CMEC FROM DMI ON BEHALF OF DSTI(ARMY). PRESS REPORT OF 17APR QUOTES CORRESPONDENT KELLERMAN AT PHU BAI REPORTING CONVERSATION WITH US HELICOPTER PILOTS TO THE EFFECT THAT SHOULDER FIRED SURFACE TO AIR MISSILE ALLEGEDLY SOVIET FIRED AT US HELICOPTERS. BELIEVE THIS QUITE POSSIBLE AND LOGICAL THAT NVA WOULD HAVE SUCH A WEAPON IN VIEW SOVIET DEVELOPMENT OF S7 NOT TO SAY MY PREVIOUS PREDICTION. GRATEFUL ANY ~~CON~~

CONFIRMATION OF THIS.

TWO. DATA AND PHOTOGRAPHY OF FRAGMENTING SLEEVES FOR RPG2 AND RPG7 WARHEADS RECEIVED TODAY. MANY THANKS

BT

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TO AUSTGP VIETNAM

BT

C O N F I D E N T I A L INT16140 FOR PROJECT OFFICER CMEC FROM DMI ON BEHALF DSTI(ARMY). YOUR INT 0338 OF 170325Z APRIL NOT MAY 72 IS SIGNIFICANT FOR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE. GOOD WORK. HOPE THAT ANY PHOTOGRAPHY AND REPORTS WILL ARRIVE IN TIME FOR LONDON CONFERENCE. AS TIME IS RUNNING OUT IS THERE ANY HOPE OF SENDING 35MM SLIDES AS WELL QUERY. HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED PHOTOGRAPHY OF ANTI PER WARHEADS FOR PG2 AND PG7 GRENADES.

TWO. AM INFORMED THAT INTERPRETER WILL BE AVAILABLE 8 MAY 72

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TO: AUST DEF CANBERRA

INFO: AAAGV

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CODE/CIPHER TYPE/KEY: SDSLO 0343

FOR PRS | FROM SDSLO @ YOUR DSE 84 of 14 APR 72 AND OUR DSC66 OF 14 APR 72 @ PRESS REPORT QUERY BY BRUCE WILSON @ ONE @ FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF US MACV J4 REPLY @ QUOTE @ ALPHA @ THIS OFFICE HAS NO INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE ALLEGED USE OF NERVE GAS CITED IN ABOVE MESSAGE @ THERE ARE NO NERVE AGENT MUNITIONS LOCATED IN RVN @ FURTHER COMMENT THESE TYPE MUNITIONS HAVE NEVER BEEN INTRODUCED INTO RVN @

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BRAVO (C) LAW MACV DIRECTIVES 525-1 (C) AND 525-13 (C) RIOT CONTROL AGENT CS IS AUTHORISED FOR USE IN COMBAT AND SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS (C) CHARLIE (C) MACOI IS AWARE OF THE NEWS RELEASE CONCERNING ALLEGED USE OF NERVE AGENTS BY US FORCES (C) MACOI HAS ALREADY RESPONDED TO OTHER INQUIRIES BY NEWS AGENCIES (C)

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TWO (C) CAN ATTACH NO PARTICULAR SIGNIFIGANCE TO DATES MENTIONED DESPITE INQUIRIES WITH J2 J3 AND J4 (C) HOWEVER BELIEVE IT MOST LIKELY THAT THEY RELATE TO SAR OPERATIONS (C)

THREE (C) AUST EMBASSY HAD SIMILAR QUERY AND SZSLO HAS PROVIDED SIMILAR ANSWER (C) SUGGEST JIO MAY BE INTERESTED ALSO

FOUR (C) TRUST THIS INFO SUFFICIENT

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FOR [illegible]ROJECT [illegible]FICER CMEC FROM DMI ON BEHALF DSTI(ARMY). YOUR INT

13 9 OF 12 43[illegible]Z A.R 72. MOST UNFORTUNATE DRAFT OF CONFERENCE

RESENTATION NOT RECEIVED BUT BELIEVE IT WOULD HAVE ARRIVED 13

OR 14 APR 72. AM PREPARED TO RECEIVE SIGNALLED COMMENTS U. TO 2[illegible]

AR 72 BUT YOU SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT I WILL BE DRASTICALLY RE-

VISING DRAFT IN VIEW RECENT OCCURRENCES. YOUR COMMENTS THEREFORE

NEED NOT BE DETAILED ON EXISTING DRAFT BUT RATHER SUGGESTIONS OR

NEW INFO THAT MIGHT BE INCLUDED AS A RESULT OF RECENT OFFENSIVE.

TWO. SINCERELY REGRET IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO CALL IN

AT SAIGON ON WAY BUT YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE MANNETI. WOULD

HOWEVER BE DELIGHTED TO SEE YOU IN SINGAPORE AFTER CONFERENCE ON

MORNING 1 JUN 72. HOPE ALL IS WELL WITH YOU AND EXPECT SOME NEWS

ON INTERPRETER SHORTLY.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L DSE84 FOR SDSLO FROM PRS1. PRESS REPORTS FILED BY BRUCE WILSON OF SAIGON ALLEGE THE USE BY US FORCES OF QUOTE IMMOBILISING NERVE GAS ON FEBRUARY 29 AND APRIL 7 1972.

IN VIEW OF PUBLIC SENSITIVITY TO THESE MATTERS, WOULD APPRECIATE ANY DETAILS YOU CAN GVE OF MATERIALS USED AND CIRCUMSTANCES.

MAJOR GALVIN DMOP SUGGESTS J4 MACV AS LIKELY SOURCE OF INFORMATION

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Col Norris in J4 requested to provide any info possible, particularly whether dates have any relevance.

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Other Contact — Capt Mc Donald. J4.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L R MOV 15243 MOV OF

CAPTURED ENAMY EQPT FROM VIETNAM TO AUSTRALIA. REF YOUR SD0189

FO 290700 MAR 72 NOTAL

ONE. NON EXPLOSIVE ITEMS. TO BE SHIPPED BY SVC AIR WITH FULL DETAILS

ADVISED TO MOV AGENCIES TO ENABLE CUSTOMS TO BE ADVISED PR

TO ARRIVAL

TWO. EXPLOSIVE ITEMS. NOT REPEAT NOT TO BE SHIPPDD BY AIR.

ALTERNATIVE AVAL IS DMR ITEMS TO HAND EARLY JUN72 TO BE SH

USN AGENCY TO SUBIC BAY CNM REPUBLIC OF PHILIPPINES. AS JU

MONASH DUE THAT LOC LATE JUN. AFTER JUN72 NO AUST MOV CAPA

THREE. DEFENCE FOR JIO(DSTI)

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To ARMY CANBERRA

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Info

FOR DMI. PLEASE PASS TO DSTI ARMY . FROM CMEC PROJECT OFFICER . OBSERVATIONS ON PT63 TANKS .

ONE . HULL IS STANDARD PT-76 SHAPE BUT DRIVERS HATCH IS LOCATED TO LEFT OF CENTRE LINE OF HULL WHILE HATCH ON PT-76 IS CENTRED .

TWO . PT-76 TURRET IS ROUND ROLLED STEEL WHILE TURRET ON PT-63 APPEARS ELLIPTICAL IN SHAPE SIMILAR TO EARLY T-54 TURRET AND APPEARS CAST .

THREE . MAIN HATCH DOES NOT EXTEND ACROSS ENTIRE TOP OF TURRET AS DOES THAT ON PT-76 .

FOUR . TANK COMMANDERS HATCH APPEARS ON LEFT WELL TO REAR WHILE THAT ON PT-76 IS ONLY SLIGHTLY TO THE REAR OF A CENTRE LINE THROUGH TURRET DRAWN PERPENDICULAR TO HULL CENTRE LINE .

FIVE . GUN APPEARS LONGER THAN PT-76 . WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS

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FOR DMI PLEASE PASS COPY TO DSTI (ARMY) FROM PROJECT OFFICER CMEC .

ONE . SITUATION IN MR1 AS OF 7 APR 72 . THESE REMARKS ARE BASED ON PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS AND AS SUCH MAY NOT AGREE WITH OFFICIAL RELEASE .

TWO . ENEMY FORCES CONSIST OF MINIMUM OF 3 DIVISIONS SUPPORTED BY ARTILLERY AND TANKS . NUMBERS OF GUNS AND TANKS NOT CONFIRMED AS BAD WEATHER HAS PREVENTED GOOD VISUAL RECCE . ALL NVA EQUIPMENT EXTREMELY WELL CAMOUFLAGED BUT THE FOLLOWING WERE IDENTIFIED . TANKS T54 CMM PT 76 CMM PT 63 CMM M48 AND A LARGE TANK OF THE SIZE OF T10 . ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY IDENTIFIED AS ZSU-57-2 CMM ZPUI CMM ZPU2 CMM ZPU4 CMM ZSU23-2 XMM 37MM M1939 CMM 57MM S60 . ARTY 122MM CMM 130MM CMM M AND 152MM . ASSAULT GUNS OF UNKNOWN CALIBER .

THREE . SPECULATION BUT NO CONFIRMATION ON PRESENCE OF ZSU-23-4 . EQUIPMENT CAPTURES DURING INITIAL ENGAGEMENTS IS THE BEST AVAILABLE TO NVA .

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CAPTURED EQUIPMENT INCLUDES RPK CMM RPG-7 CHICOM TYPE 56 FOLDING STOCK .

OF INTEREST NO RPD CMM RPG-2 CMM OR SKS YET CAPTURED .

FOUR . PWS STATE THAT THIS BATTLE TO BE LAST OF WAR AIMED AT CAPTURING TOP

TWO PROVINCES IN ORDER TO HAVE FAVOURABLE GROUNDS FOR SETTLEMENT .

PWS ALSO STATE THE OFFENSIVE IS TO BE PHASE ONE TANKS AND INFANTRY

ATTACKS ALONG COAST CMM PHASE TWO TANK INFANTRY AND AIR THRUST TO CAPTURE

HUE . SENIOR ARVN COMMANDERS SAY THAT THE PW INFORMATION IS ACCURATE

AND ARE PREPARING TO DEFEND HUE REGARDLESS OF COST . NVA SAPPERS

BEING KILLED AND CAPTURES ARE AGED AROUND 16 YEARS .

FIVE . COMMENTS SEMI COLUMN IT IS THOUGHT THE MAJOR NVA THRUST FOR HUE WILL BE

THROUGH BA LONG VALLEY BY PASSING MAJOR ARVN POSITIONS . THE AIM

BEING TO GET INTO THE POPULATION CENTRE OF HUE WHERE AIR WILL BE

DIFFICULT TO USE AGAINST THEM . THE NVA RAPID MOVE TO DONG HA HAS

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STOPPED DUE TO LACK OF LOGISTICAL BACK UP AS PW INDICATED SURPRISE AT HOW QUICKLY THEY WERE ALLOWED TO MOVE FORWARD . ALTHOUGH THE ARVN HAVE COMMITTED THREE DIVISIONS IN QUANG TRI AREA I AM OF THE OPINION THAT NO MAJOR THRUST WILL COME FROM THE NORTH TO QUANG TRI . IT IS THOUGHT THE AIM OF NVA BY THRUSTING AT QUANG TRI WAS TO GET ARVN TO TIE DOWN LARGE NUMBERS OF TROOPS WHICH WOULD THEN ALLOW THEM TO STRIKE AT HUE . IT IS THOUGHT THAT ARVN WILL SUFFER FURTHER LOSSES DUE TO THE DEFENCE PLANS BUT THE OVERALL OUTCOME OF THE BATTLE WILL BE A COMPLETE VICTORY FOR ARVN IN MR1 . THE UNANSWERED QUESTION OF THE MXXXMXXX MOMENT IS WHY THE VC THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY HAVE NOT STARTED TERRORIST TYPE ACTIVITIES .

SIX . CMEC OPERATIONS WILL CONCENTRATE ON MR 1 WHERE IT IS EXPECTED TO OBTAIN A LARGE VARIETY OF ENEMY EQUIPMENT

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C O N F I D E N T I A L INT13928 FOR AUST PROJECT OFFICER CMEC FROM DMI ON BEHALF DSTI (ARMY). TYPE 62 CHINESE RADIO SET NO 65-3856 COMPLETE WITH ANTENNA AND HAND SET AND ONE NVA KT 69 MASK RECEIVED 4APR72. MANY THANKS. WILL SEND TYP 62 TO UK AND USE AS DISPLAY AT CONFERENCE. HAVE ASKED DSL TO EVALUATE KT69 MASK AND WILL SEND YOU COPY OF RESULT

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SP 0204

Info

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To ARMY CANBERRA

Info

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TO RAMARL/AUST GP VIETNAM

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C O N F I D E N T I A L INT 13429 FOR AUST PROJECT OFFICER C MEC FROM DMI ON BEHALF DSTI (ARMY). WE HAVE DESPATCHED TO YOU SAFE HAND TODAY COPY OF PRESENTATION PREPARED BY DSTI (ARMY) FOR 23RD AATIC IN LONDON MAY 72. GRATEFUL MIUR COMMENTS AND ANY ADDITIONAL INFOMATION EARLIST BUT NOT LATER THAN 14 APR 72

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ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: SD 0189

FROM: AUST GP VIETNAM

TO: ARMY CANBERRA

INFO: ATAAS HQ SINGAPORE

FOR D.I AND D.M.V(.) MOVEMENT OF CAPTURED ENEMY EQUIPMENT FROM VIETNAM TO AUSTRALIA(.) PROJECT OFFR ATT CMEC HAS OBTAINED A NUMBER OF ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR RETURN TO AUSTRALIA(.) WEAPONS INCLUDE EXPLOSIVE AND NON EXPLOSIVE ITEMS (.) REQUEST YOUR DIRECTION ON THE FOLLOWING(.)

ONE(.) SHIPPING OF NON EXPLOSIVE ITEMS(.)

TWO (.) SHIPPING OF EXPLOSIVE ITEMS (.)

THREE(.) RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CLEARANCE OF ITEMS ON ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA (.)

FOUR(.) PROVISION OF SAFETY CERTIFICATES FOR THE WEAPONS(.)

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THERE WILL BE EQUIPT/SPNS TO SHIP TO AUSTRALIA EACH MONTH SO PERHAPS THE MOV COULD BE ON A REGULAR SCHEDULE(.)

US MOD REPRESENTATIVES PREPARE SAFETY CERTIFICATES FOR US AGENCIES TO SHIP SIMILAR EQUIPT/SPNS TO US (.) PERHAPS THESE COULD BE USED FOR AUST PURPOSES(.)

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CURRENT WEAPONS HELD AWAITING SHIPMENT TO ARE AS FOLLOWS(.)

ONE (.) NON EXPLOSIVE ITEMS(.) LISTED(.)

ALPHA(.) CZECH VZ61 SKORPION MACHINE PISTOL (.) QTY ONE (.) WT 3½ LB(.)

BRAVO(.) HUNGARIAN ASSAULT RIFLE AKM (.) QTY ONE(.) WT 10 LB(.)

CHARLIE(.) M72 LAW ROCKET LAUNCHER RPG 2 (.) QTY 2(.) WT 10 LB EA(.)

DELTA(.) SOVIET TANK ROCKET LAUNCHER RPG 7 (.) QTY ONE(.) WT 10 LB(.)

ECHO(.) TOTAL WT N E EXPLOSIVE ITEMS IS 43½ LB(.)

TWO(.) EXPLOSIVE ITEMS(.)

ALPHA(.) ROCKET 122 mm COMPLETE (.) QTY 5 (.) WT 110 LB EACH(.)

BRAVO(.) ROCKET FOR RPG 2 HEAT (.) QTY 10 (.) WT 5 LB EA (.)

CHARLIE(.) ROCKET FOR RPG 7 HEAT (.) QTY 20 (.) WT 5 LB EA (.)

DELTA (.) FUZE 82 mm MOR (.) QTY 6 (.) WT 10 LB TOTAL(.)

ECHO (.) TOTAL WT EXPLOSIVE ITEMS (.) 710 LB (.)

THREE(.) TOTAL WT OF ITEMS FOR SHIPPING (.) 753½ LBS(.)

YOUR ADVICE IS AWAITED

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UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96222

Combined Materiel Exploitation
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22 Mar 72

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CAPTURED ENEMY EQUIPMENT FOR AUSTRALIA

About every month a requirement will exist to ship to Australia captured enemy equipment. The following is a list of material at present held by CMEC for Australia.

ITEM	QUANTITY	REMARKS
A. Non explosive		
Czech VZ61 Skorpion Machine Pistol	1	3½ lbs
Hungarian Assault Rifle AKM	1	10 lbs
Anti Tank Rocket Launcher RPG-7	1	10 lbs
Anti Tank Rocket Launcher RPG-2	2	10 lbs
b. Explosive Items		
Rocket 122mm complete	5	110 lbs each
Rocket HEAT For RPG-2	10	5 lbs each
Rocket HEAT for RPG-7	20	5 lbs each
Fuze 82mm mortar	6	10 lbs

It would be appreciated if an agreed method of dispatching explosive and non-explosive items could be established. American EOD representatives prepare certificates indicating that explosives are safe for shipment to the United States. Will such certifications be acceptable by Australia?

(R. CLARK)
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R E S T R I C T E D INT12178 FOR PROJECT OFFICER CMEC FROM DMI ON BEHALF DSTI(ARMY). YOUR SD0072 OF 130700Z MAR 72 AND SD0071 OF 130700Z MAR 72. ONE. CANNOT TRACE KT69 MASK AND WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD SEND ONE URGENTLY BY SAFE HAND ADDRESSED DSTI(ARMY) CARE DMI AHQ. PLEASE VNWTATE LOAN TIME. TWO. CAPTURED EXPLOSIVE ITEMS APPARENTLY HELD BY CAD IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS INCLUDING BOND STORES. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT THESE ITEMS ARE AND AN INVESTIGATION WITH CAD WILL NEED TO BE MADE. THREE. DOCUMENTS LEFT WITH WOC EARY WERE DISPATCHED BY HIM TO AFV ON 8 MAR 72 TOGETHER WITH COPY OF BRITISH TECH INT REVIEW. FOUR. GRATEFUL IF IN FUTURE SIGNALS YOU BEGIN TEXT WITH WORDS QUOTE

FOR DMI PLS PASS DSTI(ARMY) FROM AUST PROJ OFFR CMEC UNQUOTE

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To MAJ CLARK

Subject MOVEMENT OF CMEC ITEMS TO AUSTRALIA

C.D.O.9880

1. Before any further action can be taken on the movement of the CMEC items to Australia, we require a list of the items including weights that are currently awaiting shipment.

2. I would appreciate a rough list of these items at your earliest convenience.

21 March 72

(P.J. ROLLINSON)
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For DMI. Ref your INT 10459 of 100115Z Mar 72. NVA KT 69 mask was though to have been part of the Vietnam display at War Memorial. Other possible locations are SME or Infantry Corps Museums. Tests were carried out by CMEC on the effectiveness of the mask. These were field tests which comprised of a member of CMEC wearing the mask being subjected to a heavy concentration of CS in a confined space. Member was able to stay in confined space for in excess of five minutes. If mask cannot be located CMEC could loan one whilst another is being obtained.

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From CMEC for DSTI (Army). ALPHA. Please confirm details of any captured explosive items received by 2 OAD Moorebank since 17 Nov 71. CMEC confirm that RPG-2 and RPG-7 rounds with boosters were given to Australians for shipment in Nov 71. BRAVO. Documents left for forwarding by DSTI (Army) KEARY not yet received.

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Director of Military Intelligence
Army Headquarters
Canberra ACT

Report on Portion of SA-2 Missile

Enclosed is a report together with photographs on the Soviet SA-2 SAM sustainer section.

(R. CLARK)
MAJOR
Deputy Director Operations and Liaison

Sent 13/3/72

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Report on Soviet 122mm Frag HE Round

Enclosed is a report on the above mentioned round.

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Deputy Director Operations and Liaison

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C O N F I D E N T I A L INT1Ø459 FOR AUST PROJECT OFFICER CMEC FROM DMI ON BEHALF DSTI(ARMY). HAVE ENQUIRY ARISING FROM LWOWV JIO ARMY TECH INT REPORT ON NVA KTWFO GAS MASK YOU BROUGHT BACK FROM VIETNAM ON LAST TRIP. ALFA. PRESUME STATEMENT THAT MAKS WILL GIVE PROTECTION FOR FIVE MINUTES AGAINST CS IS RESULT OF CMEC TEST. WOULD YOU PLEASE CONFIRM AND GIVE DETAILS. BRAVO. WISH TO SEND

MASK TO DSL FOR EVALUATION. IT WAS PART OF MATERIAL LOANED TO WAR MEMORIAL FOR DISPLAY BUT THEY NOW CANNOT LOCATE IT. DO YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS QUERY. IF NOT CAN YOU OBTAIN FURTHER KT69 XTSK AND SEND IT TO ME SAFE HAND

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ROUTINE 09 2300 Z MAR 72

FROM AUST GP VIETNAM CONFIDENTIAL

TO ARMY CANBERRA INT 0044

FOR DMI AND DSTI (ARMY) FROM AUST PROJECT OFFICER CMEC .

ALPHA . TOOK UP APPOINTMENT 7 MAR 72 AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OPERATIONS AND LIAISON .

BRAVO . PLEASE CONFIRM MOVEMENT DETAILS ON NCO LINGUIST AS CMEC HAVE URGENT NEED FOR LINGUIST .

CHARLIE . IN REPLY TO YOUR PRIORITY STI/404 TANKS IN LAOS . FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS FROM MACV/CMEC .

ONE . THE NOMENCLATURE PT-63 WAS PROVIDED BY AN NVA RALLIER IN LAOS IN EARLY FEB 72 . HE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING BACKGROUND CMM CHARACTERISTICS AND PERFORMANCE DATA FOR THE PT-63 .

TWO . THE PT-63 WAS ONE OF TWO CHICOM PRODUCED ARMORED VEHICLES PROVIDED BY COMMUNIST CHINA TO NVN IN JANUARY 1968 . THE PT-63 WAS AN AMPHIBIOUS TANK WHILE THE T-59 WAS A MEDIUM TANK . THE PT-63 WAS DESIGNATED TANK TYPE K3B BY THE NVA . APPROXIMATELY 30 PT-63 WERE INITIALLY PROVIDED NVN . THE PT-63 VEHICLES WERE NUMBERED IN THE 700 SERIES STARTING WITH TANK 700. THE HIGHEST NUMBERED TANK SOURCE SAW AS OF OCT 1968 WAS NR 724 .

THREE . THE PT-63 WAS WELL LIKED BY NVA ARMOR OFFICERS BECAUSE OF ITS SPEED CMM LIGHT WEIGHT CMM HEAVY FIRE POWER AND ABILITY TO CLIMB STEEP GRADES . THE PT-63 WAS BASICALLY A REMODELED PT-76 .

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FOR DMI AND DSTI (Army) from Aust Project Officer CMEC. ALPHA. Took up appointment 7 March 72 as Deputy Director Operations and Liason. BRAVO. Please confirm movement details on NCO linguist as CMEC have urgent need for linguist. CHARLIE. In reply to your Priority STI/404 Tanks in Laos. Following are comments from MACV/CMEC.

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~~REF YOUR SITREP TANKS IN LAOS.~~

~~A. FOLLOWING COMMENTS OBTAINED FROM [redacted] (CONTACT).~~

ONE.

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TO AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

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C O N F I D E N T I A L DJIO JIM 57/72 FOR GS INT FROM DSTI (ARMY).

QUOTE IN REPLY STI/404. TANKS IN LAOS.

ONE. MACV DISUM 45/72 OF 14 FEB 72 REPORTS ON AN NVA SGT RALLIER WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN TANKS IN THE SARAVANE/PAKSONG AREA AT VARIOUS TIMES. HE IDENTIFIED THE TANKS AS T18 AND T34. MACV COMMENT ULSO MENTIONS PT63 WHICH WE HAVE NOT HEARD OF BEFORE.

TWO. WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS TO IDENTIFY THE SO CALLED T18 TANK AND OUR THOUGHTS ON THIS ARE AS FOLLOWS.

ALFA. WE HAVE HEARD THE TERM T21 BEFORE, POSSIBLY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CHICOM TYPE 62 LIGHT TANK WHICH WEIGHS 21 TONS. IT MAY BE THAT T18 THEREFORE REFERS TO THE WEIGHT OF THE TANK (18 TONS) AND AS

A LOCAL NAME RATHER THAN AN OFFICIAL NAME. IF THIS BE SO.

BRAVO. A POSSIBLE CANDIDATE FOR THE T18 IS THE CHICOM T60 OR TYPE60 (PLACARDED ASSUCH) OBSERVED ON A HANOI PARADE IN 1970. WE HAVE PHOTOGRAPHY OF THIS TANK AND ASSESS IT TO CONSIST OF A LIGHTENED T54 TURRET MOUNTING AN 85 MM GUN AND COAXMG AND 12.7 MM AAMG ATOP

THE TURRET PLACED ON AN ENLARGED PT76 TYPE HULL AND CHASSIS. THE TURRET AND GUN CONFIGURATIONS APPEAR IDENTICAL TO THAT ON THE CHICOM TYPE 62 LIGHTS TANK, LEADING TO THE BELIEF THE T60 IS OF CHINESE ORIGIN. THE TYPE 60 IS AMPHIBIOUS AND ITS WEIGHT COULD BE 18 TONS BUT WE CANNOT CONFIRM THIS.

CHARLIE. WE HAVE NOT HEARD OF PT63 BEFORE ALTHOUGH THE TERM CONNOTATES AN AMPHIBIOUS TANK WHICH THE TYPE 60 CERTAINLY IS.

DELTA. PRESENCE OF THE T60 IN HANOI WOULD INDICATE THAT THE NVA HAVE THIS TANK AVAILABLE TO THEM FOR DEPLOYMENT IN ~~LAOS~~ LAOS OR ELSEWHERE IN INDO CHINA. THE CHICOM TYHO 6 MIGHT ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO THE NVA (NOTING THAT THESE HAVE BEEN EXPORTED TO TANZANIA).

THREE. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD CONTACT BOTH CMEC AND MACV AND PUT THIS THEORY TO THEM AND OBTAIN COMMENTS. IT MAY BE THAT A RE-LOOK AT SOME OF THE AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY OF ENEMY TANKS IN INDO CHINA WILL TURN SOMETHING UP.

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TO RAMARL/AUSTGP VIETNAM

INFO RAYWEE/AUSTEMBA SAIGON

BT

C O N F I D E N T I A L INT10229 FROM DMI. SECURITY CLEARANCES.

YOUR SD0012 OF 0802Z0Z MAR 72. SPECIAL CLEARANCES FOR MAJ CLARKE

ALREADY ADVISED TO J2 MACV THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS

BT

9 MAR 1972
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FOR DMI(1). PLEASE FORWARD SPECIAL SECURITY CLEARANCES FOR 242633 MAJ R CLARK(1) FOR AUSTEMBA ASST MA CMM REQUEST CLEARANCES BE ADVISED TO MACV J2 ON RECEIPT

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R E S T R I C T E D MOV922 DUTY PASSENGERS TO SVN PD

ONE PD INTEND EMPLANE ON RAAF COURIER BV500 CMM RICHMOND

X /SAIGON CMM FOLLOWING OFFICER CLN 242633 MAJOR R CLARK PD

TWO PD MAJOR CLARK IS ESCORT FOR SPECIAL ITEM PD

THREE PD MEMBER IS ACCOMODATED AT RAAF RICHMOND ON NIGHT OF 24 MAR72

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UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM
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Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence

MACJ2

18 FEB 1972

Major General D. B. Dunstan, CBE
Commander
Australian Force, Vietnam
12 Tran Quoc Toan
Saigon, Vietnam

This is to inform you that billeting arrangements have been made for the two members of the Australian Forces that will be attached to the Combined Materiel Exploitation Center.

Point of contact is Lieutenant Colonel Herman R. Betke, USA, telephone TSN (924) 2112 or TSN 3057.

When the names and grades of selected individuals are available please notify this office MACV 3928 or 4929.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, INTELLIGENCE:

Leland B Fair

LELAND B. FAIR
Colonel, USA
Director, Intelligence Production

1. ~~COMUSMACV (info)~~
2. GSO 2(SA)(info)
3. DAAG - Please advise name & MOS and NCO & ETAs.

3928 notified of Maj Clark's arrival. 1155 1/3.

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R E S T R I C T E D COORG06767 ESTB 0215-FC-1 CMM HQ AAAG.

AHQ OPS 02272 OF 180600Z JAN 72. YOUR COMD 18225 OF 240650Z JAN 72.

OUR 605/R1497/5 DATED 25 JAN 72.

ONE. APPROVAL IS GIVEN TO AMEND ABOVE ESTB TO INCLUDE THE FOL

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SGT LINGUIST INT (ARA) (CC48) ECN203 QTY ONE.

TWO. AN AMDT TO ESTB WILL BE ISSUED SEPARATELY

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COMD 18463

FOR DMO & P FROM COMAFV . TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE VIETNAM . MY COMD 18225 OF 240650 Z JAN 72 . HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY J2 MACV (COL FAIR) THAT INFORMAL ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN MADE WITH VIETNAMESE FOR AUST PARTICIPATION . MACV VIEW IS THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO KEEP IT ON THIS BASIS BETWEEN THREE PARTIES AND THAT AUST PERSONNEL SHOULD HAVE OBSERVER STATUS CMM ALTHOUGH THIS WILL NOT EFFECT THEIR EMPLOYMENT . APPARANTLY VIETNAMESE ARE SENSITIVE TO POSSIBILITY OF OTHER NATIONS SEEKING TO PARTICIPATE

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Ls Col BEDKE
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Do you wish me to follow this up?
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FROM: AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

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TO: ARMY CANBERRA

INFO:

COMD 18225.

FOR DMO AND P FROM COMAFV . TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE VIETNAM . YOUR OPS 02372 OF 190145 Z JAN 72 . DISCUSSED MATTER TODAY WITH MG POTTS J2 MACV . HE WELCOMES OFFER OF AUST REPRESENTATION IN CMEC AND WILL NOT SEEK ARVN AGREEMENT . WE SHOULD HAVE ANSWER IN A COUPLE OF DAYS

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TO RAMARL/AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

INFO RUEAKKE/AUSTARM WASHINGTON

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C O N F I D E N T I A L OPS0237 TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE VIETNAM.

FOR COMAFV FROM DMO AND P.

ONE. ASSUME YOU HAVE SIGHTED MY OPS 0227 OF 18 JAN (CMM) AND AUSTARM WASHINGTON WC117 OF 18 JAN IN REPLY.

TWO. SUSPECTED THIS MAY HAVE BEEN SO BUT MY LAST ADVISE WAS TO TRY IT ON.

THREE. NOW REQUEST YOU INITIATE ACTION AS PROPOSED BY WASHINGTON AND ADVISE ASP. DEFENCE (JIO) HAVE BEEN FULLY INFO.

FOUR. FOR WASHINGTON. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR PROMPT ACTION (CMM) AND REGARDS.

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COMAFV

I recommend that either you or I call on MG Potts at an early date to discuss with him proposal with him.

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Co/S, Can I discuss this with you at your convenience. Discussed. G Edwards Maj. G2/OPS)

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M AUSTARM WASHINGTON

TO RAYWAA/ARMY CANBERRA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L WC117 (attached)

FOR DMO AND P FROM AAR. TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE VIETNAM.

YOUR OPS 02272 OF 18JAN. ACTIVITIES OF CMEC AT PENTAGON LEVEL ARE RESPONSIBILITY OF DEFENCE RATHER THAN ARMY. INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH ARMY CONTACT (COL PFEIFFER KNOWN TO LT COL WHYTE) AND BY HIM WITH DIA LEADS TO SUGGESTION THAT PROPOSITION IS PROBABLY MORE READILY HANDLED IN THEATRE

BY APPROACH FROM COMAFV TO J2 MACV. APPARENTLY CONTROL OF CMEC AT PENTAGON IS RELATIVELY TENUOUS AND FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES IS EXERCISED BY MACV. RECOMMEND COMAFV INITIATE THE ACTION. SHOULD IT TRANSPIRE THAT MATTER CANNOT BE RESOLVED IN THEATRE OR (FOLLOWING CHAIN OF COMMAND) BY CINCPAC THEN IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR OUR DEFENCE ATTACHE TO TAKE UP WITH DIA

I suggest we await Army's reaction to this recomendation GE 19/1

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C O N F I D E NO T I A L OPS0227. TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE VIETNAM PD FOR AAR FROM DMO AND P PD ONE PD IN NOV 197. AN AUST OFFR FROM JIO VISITED THE COMBINED MATERIEL EXPLOITATION CENTRE (CMEC) VIETNAM AND HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE US AND ARVN DIRECTORS OF THAT ORG PD IT WAS PROPOSED THAT AUST PROVIDE REPRESENTATION IN THE CMEC WITH A SMALL ELEMENT CONSISTING OF A TRAINED INT OFFR CMM RANK LT COL OR MAJ AND VIETNAMESE LINGUIST OF SENION NCO RANK PD ALSO IT WAS PROPOSED THAT THE AUST CONTRIBUTION BE MADE ASP AS THIS COULD INFLUENCE THE FUTURE OF CMEC PD

TWO PD AUST SEES CONSIDERABLE BENEFIT ACCRUING BOTH TO JIO AND THE AUST INT COMMUNITY BY INCLUDING AN AUST ELEMENT IN THE CMEC OR ITS SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION PD IN ADDITION

IN THIS WOULD BE OF DIRECT BENEFIT TO THE ARMY AND IN THIS REGARD THE JIO DSTI (ARMY) REQUIREMENTS WILL IN FUTURE BE MET THROUGH DMI PD A FURTHER REASON FOR OUR CURRENT INTEREST IS THAT WE ARE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE

THE US PLACES IN THE CMEC WHICH THEY FEEL COULD NOT CONTINUE TO OPERATE AS A FULLY ARVN ORG PD AN AUST ELEMENT IN THIS ORG WOULD NOT ONLY HELP REPAY THE GREAT ASSISTANCE THAT CMEC HAS GIVEN THE AUST ARMY TECH INT CMM BUT WOULD GREATLY STRENGTHEN THE US EFFORTS TO KEEP THE CMEC FUNCTIONING PD WE ARE ALSO AWARE THAT THE PRESENT US AND ARVN DIRECTORS OF CMEC ARE NOT EXPERIENCED AND HAVE REQUESTED THAT A TRAINED OFFICER BE PROVIDED PD

THREE PD JIO AND DEPT OF DEFENCE HAVE AGREED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THESE AUST APPOINTMENTS TO CMEC AND HAVE REQUESTED THAT ARMY IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSAL ASP PD

FOUR PD ALPHA PD REQUEST YOU SEEK APPROVAL OF US DEPT OF ARMY AT AN EARLY DATE FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF AN AUST ARMY TECH INT ELEMENT IN CMEC OR SIMILAR SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION IN VIETNAM PD

BRAVO PD THE ELEMENT TO CONSIST OF ONE MAJOR TRAINED IN TECH INT SUPPORTED BY A SUITABLY QUALIFIED SENIOR NCO VIETNAMESE LINGUIST PD

CHARLIE PD PROPOSAL TO BE IMPLEMENTED AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE BUT NOT BEFORE MID FEB 7. PD

DELTA PD TOUR OF DUTY TO BE FOR 12 MONTHS WITH SUBSEQUENT REPLACEMENTS PROVIDED FROM AUST PD

FIVE PD APPRECIATE YOUR EARLIEST ADVICE OF US ARMY ACCEPTANCE OF THIS PROPOSAL TO PERMIT ADMIN CMM BRIEFING AND DESPATCH OF FIRST RELIEF

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