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FROM M18, YOUR SIGS 052 OF 020030Z, PROGRESS REPORT 1-31 JAN 68,

ARDF.

ONE, FROM YOUR COMMENTS IN PARA 3 IT WOULD APPEAR THAT CERTAIN FACTS

ARE CURRENTLY MISUNDERSTOOD, WE ARE NOT DEVELOPING AN ARDF SYSTEM

FOR USE BY ARMY AND THEREFORE WE ARE NOT OUT TO PROVE THE

ACCURACY OF OUR SYSTEM TO PERSONNEL NOR ITS SUPERIORITY OVER

PRESENT SYSTEM, AMF AIM IS TO DEVELOP A SYSTEM FOR THE

OPERATIONAL SUPPORT OF COMD 1ATF WITH RESULTS BEING FED INTO

OVERALL EFFORT, RESULTING FROM OPERATIONAL TRIALS CMM AMF IS

SATISFIED WITH ACCURACY OF AUST SYSTEM BUT BELIEVE EVEN BETTER

RESULTS COULD BE OBTAINED IF A LARGER AIRCRAFT WITH NAVIGATIONAL

AIDS WAS USED, CURRENTLY WE ARE AWAITING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMD

AFV ON THE AVAILABILITY (LOANED CMM HIRED OR PURCHASED) OF SUITABLE

AIRCRAFT IN VIETNAM, TO DATE NO SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN

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TWO. ALTHOUGH IT SHOULD NOT BE CONNECTED WITH OUR REQUEST FOR
AIRCRAFT CMM WE HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO TRIALS BEING CONDUCTED
BETWEEN AUST AND ARDF AIRCRAFT AGAINST BEACON TRANSMISSIONS.
CAN SEE LITTLE POINT IN OPERATORS BEING DETACHED DUE TIME
REQUIRED FOR TRAINING PRIOR ACCURATE RESULTS BEING OBTAINED.
RESULTS OF TESTS BY BOTH SYSTEMS AGAINST BEACON TRANSMISSIONS
SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO JUDGE ACCURACY.

THREE. REQUEST CONFIRMATION ASP IF FACTS AS OUTLINED IN PARA ONE
ARE CORRECT AND IF SO IS THIS THE REASON FOR LACK OF ACTION
IN ANSWERING COMD AFV REQUEST FOR AIRCRAFT.

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