

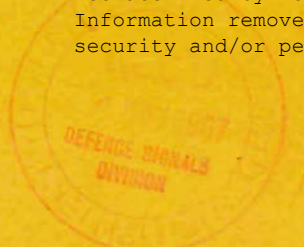
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From : Director,
Defence Signals Division,
Melbourne

Date : 4th May, 1967

To : Director of Military Intelligence,
Canberra (4 copies)

The following personal messages have been exchanged between
General Carter (Director, National Security Agency, Washington) and
Mr. Thompson (Director, DSD) :

From General Carter

1. On the occasion of the completion of the original ADSU complement's
tour in Vietnam, I wish to congratulate Captain Trevor J. Richards and
members of the 547 Signals Unit, 1 ATF, for their outstanding performance
of a difficult task in a complex environment.

2. Captain Richards and the men of the 547 SU have earned the highest
respect of the U.S. intelligence community in South Vietnam for their
truly professional approach, exceptional expertise, and outstanding
performance of a difficult task. The unit was a major contributor of
SIGINT information on enemy activities in southeastern Vietnam, and its
role in support of our cooperative SIGINT effort was a major factor in
the successful fulfilment of command SIGINT requirements in that area.

3. Colonel Aplington has informed me a large part of the credit for
the unit's success is directly attributed to Captain Richards' exceptional
performance as a commander and liaison officer and to his consistently
helpful and cooperative attitude. I would be grateful if you would extend
my heartiest personal commendation and appreciation to Captain Richards
and the men of the 547 SU.

From Mr. Thompson

1. Thank you for your message concerning the ADSU in Vietnam which
will give well-earned encouragement to Captain Richards and the members
of 547 Signals Troop. We in DSD have also been most impressed by the
performance of the original unit and are confident that incoming members
will maintain the high standards achieved.

2. I should like to acknowledge also that we have been greatly
assisted throughout by the cooperation and support so readily extended
by [redacted] in the theatre.

2. DSD very strongly endorses the remarks made by General Carter and
by Colonel Aplington.

3. The above signals were shown to Captain Richards on his visit to
DSD today. Additional copies of this letter are forwarded in case you wish
to forward a copy to 7 Signals Regiment and 547 Signals Troop.

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