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CSG

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FROM M18. YOUR OPS 0032/67. ADDITIONAL MANPOWER.

1. POSITION NOW BEING INVESTIGATED BY DSD/M18
2. NOT WITH STANDING ANY FINDINGS MADE BY DSD/M18 BELIEVE VERY LITTLE CHANCE THAT ANY INCREASE WOULD BE AGREED IF SUBMISSION MADE BY AUST AUTHORITY. ANY REQUEST FOR INCREASED MANPOWER MUST BE MADE BY COMD IATF AND SHOULD BE MADE KNOWN DURING CURRENT VISIT BY CGS
3. PROVISION ALREADY EXISTS FOR ONE ADDITIONAL OP SIG AS FIRST REINFORCEMENT TO BE HELD IN THEATRE GIVING 547 SIG TP A STRENGTH OF 31 WHICH WOULD INCLUDE 3 SNCO , 5 CPL AND 11 SIG OP SIGS.

4. VERY DIFFICULT TO ASSESS FROM RECORDS HELD HERE HOW YOU INTEND TASKING EACH OF THE EIGHT SUGGESTED POSITIONS AND INDEED IF SUCH AN INCREASE WOULD IN FACT PROVIDE ANY INCREASED INTELLIGENCE COMPONENT FOR COMD IATF. REQUEST YOU PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ABOVE TO ASSIST OUR INVESTIGATION.

5. DUE MANY REASONS DIRECT REPLACEMENTS FROM SINGAPORE NOT POSSIBLE IN ALL CASES NOR WILL IT BE CONSIDERED THE NORMAL METHOD. ESSENTIAL THAT HOLDS MAXIMUM TRAINING AIDS FROM YOU IN ORDER BEST PRE TRAINING POSSIBLE. EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO PROVIDE SINGAPORE TRAINED OPERATORS BUT THIS WILL NOT ALWAYS BE POSSIBLE DUE AMF HEAVY OVERSEAS COMMITMENTS WHICH ARE ALL PRIORITY TASKS

6. NEW ARDF SYSTEM WILL INCLUDE LIGHTWEIGHT TAPE RECORDER

7. ANY ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT WILL BE DECIDED AFTER INVESTIGATION INTO MANPOWER INCREASE