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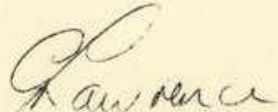
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COMSEC MONITORING REPORT - JUL 67

1. Attached is the Jul 67 comsec monitoring report.
2. Distribution of these reports has been restricted to units involved and superior HQ. There is a much larger distribution of this report. It is hoped that this will develop a greater awareness of comsec throughout 1 ATF.
3. Radio Relay is used for all telephone circuits out of the Nui Dat area. Many users seem to be unaware that their conversations are being carried by radio and so liable to intercept. These trunk circuits are unclassified because:
 - a. Some switchboards are manned by Vietnamese civilians.
 - b. There is danger of cross connection or induction between two circuits so that conversations can be heard by persons for whom they are not intended.
 - c. A lot of remote control radio lines are carried in the same cables as telephone lines and crossed connections, parallel connections and induction are again possible. Although it is rare, telephone conversations have been transmitted over VHF radios.
 - d. The radio waves which carry the telephone conversations can easily travel many hundreds of miles beyond the point for which they are intended. This makes them liable to enemy intercept by high grade, fixed station equipment.
4. Please ensure that all ranks who use telephones are aware that all circuits are unclassified. The Comsec Det will be monitoring telephone circuits more frequently in future.


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MONITORING ACTIVITIES JULY 67

1. The following circuits were monitored during July:
 - a. RR Cuits 1-7 Jul, 24-31 Jul.
 - b. 1 ATF Comd Net 1 Jul
7-13 Jul (OP PADDINGTON)
 - c. 1 ATF AQ Net 10 Jul " "
 - d. 2 RAR Comd Net 10 Jul " "
12 Jul " "
22 Jul
29-31 Jul (OP CAIRNS)
 - e. 7 RAR Comd Net 10-13 Jul (OP PADDINGTON)
 - f. D Coy Comd Net (2 RAR) 25 Jul
 - g. V Coy Comd Net (2RAR) 25 Jul
2. A forward monitoring team was deployed with HQ 1 ATF (Fwd) during Operation Paddington with the intention of monitoring Battalion Company nets. Due to range and location, this task proved unseccessful and alternate nets were selected. The detachment was also employed on frequency checking tasks as required.
3. Further efforts to monitor Company nets during Operation CAIRNS again proved unsuccessful except for occasional periods when the received signals were strong enough to record. Because of the negative results obtained when monitoring Company nets from base areas, it is suggested that a monitoring team be deployed with Battalion HQ during future operations.
4. An appraisal of the transmissions monitored during July indicates a commendable standard of security on Battalion nets. On several occasions users were promptly reprimanded for insecure transmissions and only minor departures were recorded. Examples are shown in Annex A.
5. Veiled references to classified information over Radio Relay channels continue to provide a potential hazard to security. The following references were recorded:

"This big thing coming up in a couple of days".

"I used to live in PADDINGTON".

I wouldn't plan on seeing him then (13 JULY), it will depend on a talk coming up this morning".

Together these conversations suggested a pending operation, possibly between 7-13 July and probably with Codename PADDINGTON. This information would be sufficient to alert enemy intercepting agencies and result in a concentrated monitoring effort on all circuits.

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6. Several instances of indecent language were recorded over Radio Relay channels. See Annex "B".

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Annex A to
Comsec Report

Jul 67

DATE/TIME	CALLS TO FROM	TRANSMISSION	COMMENTS
		<u>7 RAR Comd Net</u>	
101356	92 9A 92 92 9A	How far are you from us? <u>You are just about right on us.</u> We will throw smoke. I see <u>green</u> smoke. <u>Your locstat</u> is Disease right, 0.1 up 0.4.	Compromises Disease reveals position of both call signs.
111624	4 OA	From your Sunray. Warning order for Sunray <u>C/S 43</u> for <u>patrol</u> tonight with <u>C/S 4</u> .	Intentions
130854	2 P9 P9 2	Your Sunray speaking. Warn 21, 22 and 23 for a patrol. Patrol order and they will be back by tonight. You broke about 3 security rules. (At 130906 all stations were ordered to be more careful in all transmissions)	Intentions
291041	92 43	<u>2 RAR Comd Net</u> Affirmative <u>Sir</u> . Think that would be a good one.	Indicates a senior station
251245	42 4	<u>D Coy Comd Net (2RAR)</u> We are <u>moving back through the area we came through yesterday</u> . If you are near that area keep your eyes peeled.	Intentions

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1 ATF Command Net

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Comsec report
Jul 67 (Cont)

121853	43	63	Are you prepared to copy tomorrow's activities ----- C/S 4 will operate in area SWAN as designated by you, C/S 2 will investigate tunnel --(missed)--- C/S 3 will continue activity in area that he is operating in today. That is BUTCHER BIRD. C/S 5 and V Coy will remain at this location. Time in Q+28	Instructions. Should be sent by secure means.
111456	55	43	There is an <u>aircraft over your location</u> with stores, trying to contact you.	Observation reveals location callsign 55.
091612		43	Area we were originally allotted to the North West has been scrubbed. We are now redeployed and will be <u>remaining there</u> . It is over to the South East.	Location

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Annex B to Comsec Report
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RADIO RELAY

DATE/TIME	<u>TRANSMISSION</u>	Comments
040956 071105	(PX EBONY to PX EMU PETER from DES) "Listen Des I asked him a <u>Fuckin</u> week ago ---- and I get a bloody Hercules Aircraft sitting on the <u>bloody</u> airfield ----- do you know what bloody happened ---- he has got our <u>fuckin</u> names plastered all over it and we cant <u>fuckin</u> use it -- etc-- (EMU - EVERGREEN) Who's that? Shevally? you <u>fuckin</u> mug	Obscene language
311323	(EBONY from EMU) "Have you got a RAIDER or a RELIABLE switchboard there?" "No! We did have RELIABLE when the Op was on. Haven't had them since. <u>Only goes on when operations are working</u> ".	This info could be used in the future to indicate pending operations.
051123	(Maj Kentwell 33 Dental Unit to Adjt 2 RAR) "Ill be up in the TF Area tomorrow week". "That'll be <u>13th</u> -----I <u>wouldn't plan on seeing him at that time</u> Sir, he may or may not. Will depend on a <u>talk thats going on this morning</u> ."	Linked with other conversations, this was significant info concerning Op PADDINGTON.

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