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ANNEX N ENCLOSURE 4
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COMSEC MONITORING REPORT - AUG 67

1. Attached is the Aug 67 comsec monitoring report.
2. The report draws attention to HQ 1 ATF Troops Information Sheet No 58. A paper giving more details of the VC/NVA radio intercept capability has now been distributed by 104 Sig Sqn. Please ensure all users of radio read this paper.


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COMSEC MONITORING REPORT AUGUST 1967

1. The following circuits were monitored during the reporting period:
 - a. RR Channels 1 - 5 Aug
 11 - 15 Aug
 18 - 21 Aug
 29 - 31 Aug
 - b. 1 ATF Command Net 5 Aug
 23 - 26 Aug
 - c. 2 RAR Command Net 1 Aug
 - d. 7 RAR Command Net 6-7 Aug (Op BALLARAT)
 - e. 7 RAR Company Nets 6-12Aug " "
 - f. CA Unit (Line) 30-31Aug
2. A monitoring detachment was deployed with 7 RAR during Operation BALLARAT with the aim of assessing company nets. Due to range, terrain and the use of short antennae by the companies this task was unsuccessful and very little information was recorded. Two security breaches detected are shown in Annex A.
3. 7 RAR Comd Net One minor breach detected. See Annex A.
4. 2 RAR Comd Net No significant information recorded. However on two occasions helicopter inter-communication conversations were transmitted over this net by callsign 99.
5. Radio Relay Channels This system continues to be a security hazard. Both operations BALLARAT and AINSLIE were compromised several days before they commenced. See Annex A.
6. CA Unit Telephone calls to and from this unit were monitored during the period 30 - 31 August. From the information recorded it was obvious that a major operation (AINSIE) was pending and involved the construction of housing facilities and probably resettlement of a large number of civilians. See Annex A.
7. The use of indecent language is still prevalent on RR channels. No examples are given in this report. Circuit time is being used for unnecessary or unauthorised purposes such as idle chatter or the placing of race bets. Many conversations are for too long. These practices tend to deny the use of these circuits to legitimate users and in some instances reveal information of a confidential nature such as results of courts martial or medical disabilities.

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8. Attention is directed to section three of the HQ 1 ATF Troops Information Sheet No 58. The information given in this document is sufficient to emphasize the importance of communication security during radio and telephone conversations.

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ANNEX A TO
COMSEC REPORT
DATED SEP 67

DATE/TIME	CALLS		TRANSMISSION	COMMENTS
	TO	FM		
			<u>D COY 7 RAR</u>	
121559	OA	42	Say again <u>direction</u> of <u>recce patrol</u>	Could be useful to enemy
		OA	<u>South East</u>	
121618	43	OA	Give us a call when you get to your <u>ambush position</u>	Could be useful to enemy OA could have said "----- to your position".
			<u>7 RAR COMD NET</u>	
071135	1	OA	Are all your <u>callsigns</u> in one location or are they spread slightly	May be of some use to the enemy to know all platoons of A Coy are concentrated
		1	No. They are all <u>concentrated</u>	
			<u>RR CHANNELS</u>	
031144			(Det 5 Coy - 25 Supply) <u>7 RAR</u> are picking up some ration packs for an <u>operation</u> they're getting-----picking them up this afternoon.	Indicates operation about to start
151435			(Maj BROWN - Cpl WHEELER) Is Capt BROWN there? No. I'm afraid he is not. Well find him then! OK wait - He's with <u>General WESTMORELAND</u>	VIP locations
30 Aug			-----I think that the reason is that half the witnesses have to go <u>out on operation</u>	This info is significant when linked with other conversations
30 Aug			I say that because of my own <u>planning conference</u> ----- I'll make a point of <u>popping down</u> to see you to tie up a few loose ends on <u>this business</u> you know <u>in</u> <u>the next few days.</u>	

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31 Aug

(CA HQ 1 ALSG - CA 1 ATF)

Got parcels up here for your people at HQ ALSG. They consist of clothing, medicine, napkins and all other stuff. Could you get a vehicle down today or tomorrow to pick this stuff up----- etc -----

I have spoken to Colonel McDONNA. We have a conference on at 1400 to discuss movement of building material.

- have problem preparing stores for air movement. All these marquees of ours ----- thought he would have finished today with his timber

Have a conference on with the Brigadier at 1400 hours today on the method of census that we're going to go on with --- to put me in the portrait as to what the Task Force requirement will be over and above what we will do from the point of view of locals --etc---

----- we got caught up in this bloody tentage for this operation

--- he was going to ring me back about some poles upright tops and bottoms. Are they coming? ---yes they're going up this afternoon. We ordered four trucks but it was not enough to get it all on ---- etc ----

- - - I wasn't worried about that but there's an operation coming up and I've gotta get the stuff packed and ready by tomorrow afternoon.

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These conversations clearly indicate the type of operation about to start.

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