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CATIONS SUBGROUP - OCT 7

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SUMMARY: SUBGROUP ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS MET
ON 7 OCT AND AGREED IN PRINCIPLE ON US PROPOSALS
REGARDING GREEK REQUEST FOR USAGE OF COMMUNICATIONS
EQUIPMENT AND FOR TRAINING AT NAVCOMMSTA, GREECE (NEA MAKRI).
END SUMMARY.

1. MEETING OPENED WITH REVIEW BY US SIDE OF WHAT WAS AGREED

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TO AT 30 SEPT MEETING. THERE FOLLOWED A POINT BY

POINT DISCUSSION OF THOSE AREAS WHERE AGREEMENT WAS LACKING, IN WHICH US SIDE DREW ON THE GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN REF B. GREEKS REACTED POSITIVELY TO US PROPOSALS, BUT CONTINUED TO EMPHASIZE THEIR PRIMARY INTEREST IN JOINT USAGE OF EXISTING USN FACILITIES RATHER THAN UPGRADE OF HN FACILITIES OR HN-FUNDED ADDITIONS TO FACILITIES AND SERVICES, PROFFERED BY USN. GREEK REPRESENTATIVES ACCEPTED THE US PROPOSALS FOR HN USE OF THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES:

A. THREE HF TRANSMITTERS (2-28 MHZ RANGE) REMOTELY-KEYED VIA LEASED OTE LINES, FOR WHICH USN WOULD PROVIDE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (O&M);

B. ONE REMOTELY-KEYED CHANNEL OF USN LF, MULTICHANNEL BROADCAST (148.5 KHZ) FOR SPECIFIED PERIOD OF EXERCISE-TIME, WITH PREEMPTION RIGHTS RETAINED AND O&M PROVIDED BY USN. FYI: GREEK SIDE ACKNOWLEDGED POSSIBLE PROBLEMS IN UTILIZING THIS CAPABILITY, BUT INTENDED TO EXPLORE ITS USEFULNESS AND TO CONDUCT OPERATIONAL TESTING. END FYI

C. ANTENNA CAPABILITY TO COVER 2 MHZ, 4 MHZ AND 6.5 MHZ (AND ABOVE) RANGES, WITH US MAINTAINING PREEMPTION RIGHTS ON 2 MHZ AND 4 MHZ RANGES. FYI: GREEK SIDE ACKNOWLEDGED RELIABILITY ADVANTAGE OF HN ANTENNA INSTALLATION IN 2-4 MHZ RANGE AND INDICATED THIS POSSIBILITY WOULD BE EXPLORED, BUT IMPLIED THAT FINANCIAL AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS WOULD RESULT IN SOME DELAY EVEN IF THIS COURSE OF ACTION ADOPTED. ALTHOUGH THE USN IS NOW COMMITTED TO PROVIDE THE REQUESTED CAPABILITY, THE GREEK SIDE UNDERTOOK TO EXPLORE USE OF VARIOUS FREQUENCY COMBINATIONS TO DETERMINE WHETHER RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS COULD BE MAINTAINED WITHOUT SIMULTANEOUS USE OF ALL THREE HF TRANSMITTERS. END FYI.

J. TRAINING IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

1. OJT ON HF AND LF (148.5 KHZ) TRANSMITTERS ONLY.

2. REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF RECEIVERS OUTSIDE
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WULLENWEBER CIRCULAR ANTENNAE COMPLEX.

3. OJT ON TELETYPEWRITER EQUIPMENT ORIGINATING FROM TELETYPE CORPORATION OF AMERICA.

4. OJT ON KW 7/37 AT LOCAL GREEK INSTALLATION OR CLASSROOM THEORY OF OPERATION ON NON-ENERGIZED RPT NON-ENERGIZED EQUIPMENT AT LOCATION OUTSIDE RECEIVER SITE.

GREEK SIDE WILL ASCERTAIN WHICH IS PREFERABLE AND INDICATE PREFERENCE IN TECHNICAL-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS.

2. IN RETURN FOR THE FACILITIES AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE USNAVY, THE HN AGREED TO:

A. ARRANGE, LEASE AND UNDO TELEPHONE LINES CONNECTED TO USN EQUIPMENT.

B. ENCRYPT ALL KEYSTREAMS TO BE TRANSMITTED FROM US FACILITIES.

C. NOMINATE TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED, ENGLISH-SPEAKING PERSONNEL FOR TRAINING.

D. SUPPORT, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS, THE USNAVY'S EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE FACILITIES AT NEA MAKRI AND KATO SOULI FROM ENCROACHMENT, ESPECIALLY ELECTROMAGNETIC. (GREEK SIDE MAINTAINED SYMPATHETIC BUT NON-COMMITTAL STANCE ON PHYSICAL ENCROACHMENT.)

3. IN CONCLUDING DISCUSSIONS, BOTH SIDES AGREED TO REPORT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE HIGHER AUTHORITIES THAT THE SUBGROUP HAD REACHED AGREEMENT, WITHIN ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE, ON THE JOINT USE OF USN FACILITIES AND SERVICES AT NAVCOMMSTA, GREECE. THE TWO SIDES AGREED THAT THE SUBGROUP NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT WERE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED.

4. COMMENT: KEEN INTEREST BY HN IN SECURING JOINT USAGE MAY PRESAGE EARLY APPROACHES BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HELLENIC NAVY TO NAVCOMMSTA, GREECE, TO INITIATE PLANING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF JOINT USE. WITH THIS POSSI-
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BILITY IN MIND, US SIDE HAS FORMULATED A DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) TO CONFIRM THE AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE, TO DEFINE THE JOINT USE OF EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES INCLUDING THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE HELLENIC NAVY, AND TO PROVIDE INTERIM AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT ITS PROVISIONS PENDING CONCLUSION OF A PERMANENT TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENT. THIS DRAFT MOU WILL BE FORWARDED SEPTEL FOR WASHINGTON APPROVAL. END COMMENT.
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