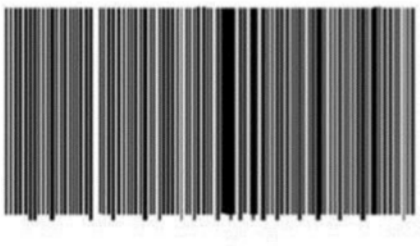
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To: Harvey, John Maj (SIB RMP-NORTHMOOR-HQ-GoldComd)
Subject: RE: 20190520_Op_Nm_Options_AH
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John,

Thanks. I'm in Campion Lines for a Grading and Command Conference tomorrow from first thing. Are you around to discuss?

Rob

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Col,
Meeting with Mark Ellison:

Executive summary, only minor questions, but content.

Ref recommendations: ambivalent wrt 1 or 3, but would not vote to agree to closure before APU LOE was exhausted.

Ref handling of person is content with IRT recommendation.
Regards JH

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From: Morris, Rob Col (NORTHMOOR TEAM-HQ-AH) <Contact details [redacted]
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John,

To confirm our conversation with PM(A) this afternoon. You will now socialise in person the following three options with JM, ME and DSP,(the latter probably through Steven Kell) over the next few weeks but ahead of the GG on 14 Jun:

- **Option 1**. **Suspend Op NM**. Rationale as per our discussion with the APU LoE continuing under SIB Regt but with the Op NM personnel. Only if the latter produces tangible evidence will the investigation be re-opened.
  - **Adv**.
    - Allows drawdown of personnel and materiel;
    - Allows LoE to be followed without time constraints.
  - **Disadv**.
    - Narrative might be: Op NM hasn't concluded;
    - Isn't quite a SPIS;
    - PM(A) could be accused of 'running for the door'.

- **Option 2**. **Discontinue Op NM at GG**. This will require a 'watertight' rationale as to why the APU LoE is not, now, being followed.
  - **Adv.**
    - Op NM is over!
  - **Disadv.**
    - Persuading the IAG not to follow a reasonable and proportionate LoE to its conclusion.

- **Option 3**. **Op NM Continues until APU LoE is reasonable and proportionately concluded**.
  - **Adv.**
    - LoE is followed to natural conclusion; whenever that may be.
  - **Disadv**.
    - It continues beyond HO of PM(A) and departure of AHNM.

Regards,

Rob

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