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TO: OPDM SLINC INFO: OPIM DIR CITE: []

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RE: LINC 423† (IN 21377)

[] > THOROUGHLY DISGUSTED WITH CONDUCT OF OPERATION BOTH FROM PLANNING AND EXECUTION STAND POINTS. THIS IS NOT CASE OF SUDDENLY DEVELOPING FAINT HEART IN FACE OF APPARENT REVERSES BUT DATES FROM FIRST LEAFLET DROPS TO WHICH HE WAS OPPOSED AND WHICH RESULTED AS HE PREDICTED. HE IS BITTER BECAUSE F 47'S HAVE BEEN USED ONLY FOR WHAT HE CALLS EXHIBITION FLYING, YET COMING BACK SHOT UP THEMSELVES. [] > IS 100 PERCENT DEVOTED TO SUCCESS OF THE OPERATION, BUT IS FIRMLY CONVINCED IT WILL BE A FAILURE AS PRESENTLY BEING CONDUCTED. BELIEVES ALL FORCES SHOULD BE CONSOLIDATED IN OPEN AREAS FORCING REBEL TROOPS INTO OPEN WHERE THEY MUST FACE FULL EFFECT OF FIRE POWER OF F 47'S AND IS CONVINCED THIS IS ONLY METHOD FOR CAUSING ARMY DEFECTION. HE BELIEVES SITUATION CAN STILL BE SAVED BUT INSISTENT THAT HE BE ABLE TO HAVE CONFERENCE WITH INDIVIDUAL DIRECTING GROUP BOTH TO EXPLAIN HIS OWN VIEWS AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER INDIVIDUAL DIRECTING GROUP WARRANTS HIS

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CONFIDENCE TO EXTENT THAT HE WILL PARTICIPATE FURTHER. DOES NOT INSIST THAT HIS VIEWS AND PLANS BE ACCEPTED, ONLY THAT THEY BE DISCUSSED WITH HIM BY INDIVIDUAL IN CHARGE. EXPRESSED TO MAGOFFIN HOPE THAT GILLRAY DIRECTING AS HE IS SURE TWO OF THEM COULD SEE EYE TO EYE. MAGOFFIN CONSIDERS IT OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE THAT HIGH LEVEL INDIVIDUAL CONFER WITH [] SOONEST, BUT SHOULD COME PREPARED TO DEFEND SELF AGAINST ACCUSATION BY [] THAT WHOEVER DIRECTING APPARENTLY BELIEVES WARS CAN BE WON WITH WORDS. 232121.

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* CABLE SECRETARIAT COMMENT:

A RUN-OFF COPY OF THE ABOVE MESSAGE WAS ISSUED TO MR. ESTERLINE AT 2040 HOURS, 23 JUNE 54.

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