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AVIS CALLING.....

1. 1430...call on SSB by Det 2. Boat coming Da Nang, with 13 Americans aboard...in VN clothes...believe some are Det 5 personnel in that they are Americans who were in the Radio and TV business in Hue. Have been on Coco Island...couldn't locate on maps...

2. 15 20...another call. No ETA on boat's arrival. Wanted names of any other Americans such as Niles, Miller...passed along John Langford a CORDS man that Frank Eckert knew was there. Will call Hqs as soon as anything is known of personnel in boat. OIC Det 2 to meet vessel. Working with CIB on this.

3. 1635...had a caller...Mr Ihara of SOG, MACV. Stated 3 VC were captured either last night, or today (19th) in GVN Radio station...and upon interrogation it was learned that AFVN was a "target for tonight"! (SECOND VERSE, SAME AS THE FIRST) Validated credentials of Ihara, an oriental, but USARMY in fact.

4. 1815...SSgt Williams, former AFVNER, now with JUSPAO was sent over by Peel to give us same data as supplied earlier by Ihara. Acknowledged.

5. Called MACOI--Kilbourne to run a J-2 check for me. Call back; no knowledge of info in para 3 and 4. Called HAC MP's...again...no knowledge.

6. Went with just four guards, as planned, but passed the word around about the info gained.

7. Ran out of food again for the evening meal. Who establishes the 35? Not enough for the AVIS team. 40 is more like it.

8. Flashlight batteries need replacing. Pauli is aware.

9. Three messages in from AFNB and IAF...on your desk.

10. Eaton should be a Captain...as of 15 February, but we still do not have the order

11. GySgt Dylewski arrived. Got his story. Sgt Duncan transcribed the notes about his HUE visit of the 12th and 13th.

12. Capt Eaton reports there is some tie-up in the paper work to enable the 87th Constr Eng's to begin today...he's checking it out.