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LETTER DATED 10 SEPTEMBER 1964 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF MALAYSIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In his statement during the 1144th meeting of the Security Council on 9 September, 1964, on the Malaysian complaint of Indonesian aggression, the Representative of Malaysia requested the circulation to all members of the Council of:

- (a) A statement of Tony Aban, one of the captured Indonesian personnel, to which is attached a list of code words with which he had been supplied, and
- (b) a set of photographs, each of them bearing a description of the picture on the back.*

I have the honour to request that the statement and the set of photographs together with this letter be published as a Security Council document.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Dato' Ong Yoke Lin
Permanent Representative of
Malaysia to the United Nations

* The photographs are available for consultation by delegations in the Secretariat, SS room 3519.

VOLUNTARY STATEMENT OF TOBY ABAN s/o
ABAN SUMITA RECORDED BY INSPECTOR LCKMAN
HAKIM AT LABIS, JOHORE, ON 2 SEPTEMBER '64
AT 2000 HOURS FROM MALAY INTO ENGLISH

I, TOBY ABAN s/o ABAN SUMITA, give the following statement voluntarily.

I am Private Second Class No. 490140 of the PASCKAN GERAK TJEPAT, ANGKATAN UDARA REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA. I was born in 1942 in BIDARA CHINA TIGA, DJAKARTA, of Muslim Javanese parents. I received my education in the Sekolah Raayat Satu, BIDARA CHINA TIGA, DJAKARTA. I am a bachelor.

In 1961 and 1963 I was employed as a telephone operator in the PERUSAHAAN FILEM NEGARA, DJAKARTA.

In JAN '63 I enlisted in the ANGKATAN UDARA REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA, and after the usual basic training of three months in DJAKARTA was selected for paratrooper and commando training of nine months in BANDUNG on completion of which I was posted to the Second Company, Second Battalion PASCKAN GERAK TJEPAT (P.G.T.) in HALIM PERDANA KESUMA (Military Airfield), DJAKARTA. The Commanding Officer of the battalion is Major RADEH SUDARSONO. My Company Commander is Lt. UDARA I, TUMBULAKI. My duties in the Airfield were mainly in providing security.

I have passed my parachute jumping courses individually by section, by platoon, by company and by battalion. I have been taught how to use all the small firearms, hand-grenades and mortars issued to the P.G.T.

On or about 15 AUG '64 the following personnel from the Battalion and myself were selected for a week sabotage training in HALIM commencing on 23 AUG '64:

- (a) Sgt. I SOPONO
- (b) Sgt. II SAMBAR
- (c) Pte. II IJAU JOHAN
- (d) Pte. II HERMES MAHAT
- (e) Pte. II DIRGO
- (f) Myself.

When the training commenced on 23 AUG '64 a Platoon of Third Battalion, P.G.T. from JATIWANGI, under Lt. SUKITNO, joined us in the sabotage training. Lt. SUKITNO was our Officer-in-Charge of the training. We were taught how to use explosives of various kinds. The following are those from the Platoon whose names I remember:

- (a) Lt. SUKITNO
- (b) Sgt. Major ACHENG
- (c) Pte. II SAGIO RUKMANAH
- (d) Cpl. II TARGA
- (e) Cpl. I TABRI
- (f) Pte. II DAYAT

At 0900 hours on 1 SEP '64, Lt. SUKITNO ordered us to be ready for a parachute jumping exercise in company strength and that take off would be in the afternoon. We were ordered to take two or three changes of civilian clothing as we would be away for about a week. For purpose of the exercise we were ordered to memorise certain codes of recognition of each other when the drop was affected.

At about 1630 hours 1 SEP '64, I boarded a Herculer transport aircraft of the A.U.R.I. at HALIM Airfield. All the others with me in the sabotage training, including Lt. SUKITNO, also boarded the aircraft. We were in our full battle dress. I carried my Belgium F.N. rifle and 200 rounds of its ammunition. A group of about 15 Malayan Chinese, two of whom were females, also boarded the aircraft. They were in jungle green and carried assorted arms. Apart from the crew of the aircraft and the Malayan Chinese we were the only persons in the aircraft. I saw that the aircraft was also loaded with crates of supplies ready to be air-dropped. I did not know the contents of the crates. I was not surprised to see the crates as in the past when we had our exercises similar crates were also air-dropped.

While airborne for about an hour, Lt. SUKITNO briefed us that we would be air-dropped in MALAYA. No place names were mentioned as the Malayan Chinese would guide us. We were to sabotage important Military objectives, conduct guerilla warfare on British Imperialist troops stationed in MALAYA and help in the armed revolution of Malaysians against the British. We were to change into civilian clothing on reaching the ground and regrouped immediately in the general area where the supplies would be dropped. Further briefing would be given when we had regrouped. For purpose of the drops we were divided into three groups. I was put into the third group. Four or five of the Malayan Chinese were attached to each group.

After being briefed by Lt. SUKITNO the Captain of the aircraft handed each P.G.T. rank and file a sum of \$300 in Malayan currency notes. We were told to use the money sparingly.

At about 2300 hours 1 SEP '64, the aircraft landed in MEDAN to refuel. I knew that it was MEDAN because I heard of it from the bustle and activities prevailing in the airfield. The aircraft took off again about 1 hour later. Nobody was allowed off the aircraft except Lt. SUKITNO and the crew. Nobody entered the aircraft. /...

At about 0130 hours 2 SEP '64 orders were issued in readiness for the jumps. Shortly later the supplies were dropped preceded by two flares then the three groups at intervals of 2 or 3 minutes. There was no moon and weather was fine with no wind. There were no lights on the D.Z.

I landed safely in a clear patch of cultivation with my weapon, two hand-grenades and haversack. I was in my full battle dress. I then quickly changed into civilian clothing and joined a male Malayan Chinese who dropped very close to me. I did not know where the others had landed. There were no recognition signals given. I dared not give any. For the next two hours the Malayan Chinese and I did not move. We then decided to come out into the open and shortly later came on to a road. A timber lorry approached and we decided to stop it in order to get a lift in order to go to the house of the Malayan Chinese in SINGAPORE. I decided to accompany the Malayan Chinese because he told me that there was nothing to fear. A few minutes later the lorry was stopped by Police and we were captured.

Our weapons, ammunition and hand-grenades were in the lorry when we were captured. Our other clothing were hidden in the blukar and these were recovered later by Police when we led them to the blukar.

I was completely lost and if not for the Malayan Chinese I would not have come out at all. I do not know the name of the Chinese but he was one of those that boarded the aircraft at HALIM, DJAKARTA.

When taken to the Police Station later I saw the dead body of a fully uniformed Indonesian P.G.T. paratrooper. I identified him to be Pte. II DAYAT of 3 Battalion P.G.T. I also saw another captured Indonesian paratrooper of 3 Battalion and three Malayan Chinese who were in the same aircraft with me.

Read over to TOBY ABAN s/o ABAN SUMINTO who admitted it to be correct.

Recorded by me,

(Signed) (LOKMAN HAKIM)

2 SEP '64.

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COPY OF SIGNAL CODE INSTRUCTIONS FOUND IN POSSESSION OF TOBY ABAN,
PGT PRIVATE, CAPTURED AT TENANG ON 2 SEP 64.

SANGAT RAHSIA

HARAP DIHAFALKAN DAN SETELAH
SELESAI KEMBALIKAN.

TANDA - PERKENALAN

1. SANDI SUARA:

Banteng : d jawab : Nelson.

2. FLASLIGHT:

a. o - o d jawab 0 0 -
b. Melingkar 2 x = Saja menunggu saudara

3. TEMPAKAN:

a. Djumlah 4.
b. Digunakan dalam keadaan memksa dan kesmanan mengi-
djinkan.

4. PISTOL ISJARAT:

a. 1 x merah = Den Kis./Dan Team 1.
1 x merah 1 x putih = Support team I.
b. 1 x Hidjau = Dan Team II.
1 x Hidjau 1 x putih = Support team II.
c. 1 x Putih = Dan Ton III
1 x merah 1 x hidjau = Support team III.
d. Diberikan kebalikan berarti Klompak Ko. telah ber-
kumpul di Support Area, harap segera menjusul.

5. PELUIT:

a. o o o o 5 hitungan o o o o = mintak pertolongan
b. o - 5 hitungan o - = saja akan menolong sdr.
c. - - 5 hitungan - - = saja tersesat.
d. - - - 3 hitungan - - - = Komandan mentjari
anak buah.
Djawab 5. c (- - 5 hitungan - -).

6. PAKAIAN:

a. Pada malam hari lengan kiri di gulung.
b. Pada siang hari lengan kanan di gulung.

7. a. Tanda pengenalan keseluruhanaja tak berlaku setelah
seluruh pasukan berkumpul.
b. Sein Pistol digunakan pada djam : (X - 30).

8. SELESAI.

SANGAT RAHSIA

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Translation

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To be memorised and returned

1. Password

"Banteng"

Answer: "Nelson"

2. Flashlight

a. dot, dash, dot

Answer: dot, dot, dash

b. Two circular motions

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I am waiting for you.

3. Shots

a. Four shots

b. to be fired when in emergency and

4. Verey pistol

a. One Red

: Team No. 1

One Red and one White

: support me

b. One Green

: Team No. 2

One Green and one White

: support me

c. One White

: Team No. 3

One Red and one Green

: support me

d. If the above is fired in reverse it indicates that the supporting team has assembled.

NB. This instruction is not fully comprehensible and hence the translation may not be correct.

5. Whistle

a. Four short blasts
count five,
four short blasts

Help required.

b. One short and one long blast,
count five,
One short and one long blast

Help is forthcoming.

c. Two long blasts
count five,
two long blasts

I am lost.

d. Three long blasts,
count three,
three long blasts

Officer commanding
requires you to assemble.

Answer: As per 5 c.

6. Dress

a. At night, left sleeve rolled up.

b. During the day, right sleeve rolled up.

7. a. All the above signs will not be used after teams have assembled.

b. The pistol signals will be used at (X-30)

8. END.

TOP SECRET

