

From :- Headquarters, British Forces, ADEN.

To :- Resident Naval Officer, ADEN.

Date :- 22nd March, 1949.

Ref. :- ADEN/8060/3/1/SIGS.

R.N. TRANSMITTING STATION - ISTHMUS.

Further to this Headquarters letter of even reference dated 17th July, 1948 in connection with the maintenance of the R.N. Transmitting Station at Isthmus, the enclosed report as Appendix 'A' is forwarded for information and any action you consider necessary.

2. It is regretted that the shortage of R.A.F. wireless personnel at ADEN will not allow for any regular maintenance work to be undertaken.

3. It is obvious that unless precautions are taken the equipment will deteriorate under the local climatic conditions and in any case it is most undesirable to have a site containing equipment of such high monetary and technical value lying idle.

4. The situation was explained to Lt. Cdr. WALSH Admiralty who visited the station with the C.S.O., H.Q., British Forces on the visit to Aden of H.M.S. Sussex on 30th January, 1949. This officer stated that he would take action in London but to date no correspondence on the subject has been received at H.Q., British Forces.

5. It would also appear that no one in Aden is in possession of :-

(a) A list showing the items which are held.

(b) A list showing the items which should be held.

6. It is strongly recommended that the Admiralty are made fully aware of the present position in order that a properly organised R.N. Maintenance Party is provided to relieve the R.A.F. of a task which it is impossible to perform efficiently under the present circumstances.

7. It is requested that this Headquarters be kept informed of any developments.

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