

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9914  
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
AMEMBASSY JAKARTA  
AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR  
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CINCPAC HONOLULU IMMEDIATE  
CINCPACAF HICKAM AFB IMMEDIATE  
13AF CLARK AB RP IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY CANBERRA IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 1340

CINCPACAF & 13AF FOR CC

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, MMOL, IO, SN  
SUBJECT: REPORTS ON U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT USE OF SINGAPORE  
FACILITIES

REFS: (A) SINGAPORE 1306, (B) SINGAPORE 1304

1. ENQUIRIES CONTINUE ON BBC STORY CONCERNING US AIR FORCE FLIGHTS  
USING SINGAPORE FACILITIES. RICHARD GILL OF MELBOURNE HERALD  
CALLED AND ASKED IF WE WERE SPECIFICALLY DENYING THAT MAC  
C 141 FLIGHTS USE SINGAPORE'S TENGAH AND SELETAR AIR FIELDS ON  
TRIPS TO AND FROM DIEGO GARCIA. EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAID  
HE WOULD CHECK AND CALL BACK. GILL RESPONDED THAT WAS NO NEED  
SINCE HE ALREADY HAD INFORMATION FROM OTHER EMBASSY PERSONNEL  
AND UNIDENTIFIED GOS OFFICIALS, BOTH OF WHICH WE DOUBT. SINCE GILL IS  
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AUSTRALIAN WE SUSPECT HE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM RAAF PERSONNEL  
AT TENGAH.

2. WE HAVE PRESS GUIDANCE ON MAC FLIGHTS WHICH WAS CLEARED BY  
SINGAPORE MFA, WHICH STATES, QUOTE:

MAC SUPPLY FLIGHTS

MAC SUPPLY FLIGHTS TRANSITING SINGAPORE MAY BE NOTICED BY GROUND OBSERVERS AND MUST BE PROMPTLY CONFIRMED IN RESPONSE TO MEDIA QUERY. YOU MAY CONFIRM THAT THESE FLIGHTS ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE U.S. FACILITIES AT DIEGO GARCIA. YOU MAY ALSO STATE THAT U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT HAVE ROUTINELY TRANSITED SINGAPORE FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO AND FROM A NUMBER OF PLACES, DIEGO GARCIA ON A FEW OCCASIONS BEING AMONG THEM. AVOID SPECIFICS ON FREQUENCY OF THE FLIGHTS AND USE ONLY GENERAL TERMS IN DESCRIBING CARGO DESTINED FOR THE ISLAND. UNQUOTE

3. FOR CANBERRA: ADVISE IF GILL STORY PUBLISHED.

4. FOR DEPT: REQUEST CONCURRENCE WITH QUOTED STATEMENT PARA 2 ABOVE. WE WILL OF COURSE INFORM GOS BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION.  
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