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OVERSEAS VISIT BY AN SAAF ELECTRONIC WARFARE TEAM TO CHILI :  
12 - 20 MARCH 1988

Appendix A : Recommendation by CSL

1. The Chief of the Chilean Air Force (FACH) extended an invitation to the SAAF to start co-ordination projects between the two Air Forces in the field of electronic reconnaissance. The FACH has developed an electronic reconnaissance system with the aid of highly sophisticated American components but does not have access to a sophisticated Russian threat with which to evaluate the system. The SAAF on the other hand has this access in the form of various captured radars as well as the actual threat of equipment being deployed near the RSA borders. The FACH has proposed that the entire reconnaissance system be brought to the RSA, installed in a SAAF aircraft and used during evaluation as well as operational flights.
2. With the continuing isolation of the RSA iro high technology military equipment and intelligence, this will be a golden opportunity to expose the SAAF to the best American technology currently available outside America. An additional bonus will be the knowledge gleaned by SAAF EW specialists iro techniques, tactics and logistics of this type of equipment.
3. It is essential for a team of EW specialists to visit the FACH in order to carry out the following tasks:
  - a. Discussions of the SAAF standpoint iro the program.
  - b. Drawing up of working procedures iro target dates, personnel, finances etc.
  - c. Inspection of the equipment to establish possible technical and computer preparations in the RSA.
  - d. Explanation of threat scenarios to ensure full evaluation of the equipment.

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e. Drawing up of command and control guidelines and comparison of command and control structures between the two Air Forces.

4. The SAAF has nominated the following personnel to visit the FACH over the period 12-20 Mar 88:

- a. Col J.G. Radloff, SSO EW AFHQ. He is the command and control specialist and will be the team leader.
- b. Cmdt J.H. Basson, SSO TECH EVAL AFHQ. He is the enemy systems and threat specialist.
- c. Cmdt C. Campbell, SO EW AFHQ. He will be project officer of the co-ordination project.
- d. Capt S. Germishuys, Electronic Engineer 5 AD.

5. The cost will be R31 332,00 calculated as follows:

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| a. Return air tickets<br>(Item 151203 Serial 2001452090)                                    | R15 072,00 |
| b. S & T for 4 officers for 8 days<br>at R450 per person (Item 152015<br>Serial 2001452160) | R14 400,00 |
| c. Clothing allowance<br>Item 151001 Serial<br>1454270                                      | R 1 860,00 |

Total R31 332,00

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6. Lt genl D.J. Earp signed for the SAAF. CSL recommended the visit as per attached memorandum and noted "CSL is not in a position to make any recommendation regarding the desirability of this approach". CSI (DFI) has full knowledge of this venture and recommends it as well as the fact that a team consisting of specialists and engineers will be able to cover a wide field of EW interests. A one or two man team will not be able to achieve the desired results.

7. This is not a planned scheduled visit. The team will operate officially with FACH and a cover story is not required. A security plan to cover other EW-sources as well as restrictions as to what may be discussed has been drawn up by the SAAF.

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