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TO DIRECTOR
FROM [REDACTED] 25X1A

ACTION: OSAI-20

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TO PRIORITY [REDACTED] 25X1A INFO CITE [REDACTED] 0124 25X1A

25X1A [REDACTED]

25X1A 1. DUE TO POOR SINGLE ENGINE CAPABILITY OF SA-16 IN BOTH ALTITUDE AND RANGE IT IS VERY DOUBTFUL IF RESCUE AIRCRAFT COULD MAKE IT BACK TO [REDACTED] IN EVENT OF LOSS OF ENGINE IN BAY OF BENGAL. IF LOSS OF ENGINE OCCURRED AT THE OUTER EXTREMITY OF SA-16 ROUTE A LANDING BASE IN [REDACTED] WOULD PROVIDE BEST ALTERNATES.

25X1A 2. REQUEST HQ GUIDANCE IN BRIEFING CREW AS TO BEST PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW IN SELECTING ALTERNATES IN CASE OF LOSS OF ONE ENGINE. IF NECESSARY SA-16 COULD MAKE A WATER LANDING ON THE LEAWARD SIDE OF AN ISLAND, HOWEVER, THE CHANCES OF LOSING THE AIRCRAFT WOULD BE INCREASED WHEN COMPARED TO LANDING ON HARD SURFACE RUNWAY.

25X6 3. IF PERMISSABLE SUGGEST SA-16 BE PERMITTED TO SELECT LANDING BASES IN [REDACTED] PLEASE ADVISE.

25X1A 4. FYI SA-16 CURRENTLY SUPPORTING [REDACTED] OPERATION HAS ONLY ENOUGH TIME REMAINING TO SUPPORT ONE MORE SORTIE. A REPLACEMENT HAS BEEN REQUESTED AND IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE 8 OCT.

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