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RADIO CONTACTS.

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WISH TO BE ABLE TO CONTACT US AT REASONABLY SHORT NOTICE, BUT IN FACT THIS CAN BE DONE MOST EASILY VIA ABU DHABI. WE HAVE TESTED TODAY AND BELIEVE WE CAN CERTAINLY MAKE CONTACT EVEN IN THE EVENING, AT LEAST WELL ENOUGH FOR THEM TO TELL US THAT YOU WANT US TO OPEN UP IN THE MAIN RADIO.
- 2 WE THEREFORE PROPOSE TO TRY THIS TOMORROW, 4 SEPTEMBER. PLEASE LET US KNOW VIA ABU DHABI BY 1600Z AT THE LATEST IF YOU WANT US ON THE MAIN RADIO.
3. THE PROBLEM REALLY IS THAT IT TAKES AT LEAST ONE HOUR (TONIGHT IT WAS NEARER TWO) TO WARM UP THE RADIO AND ESTABLISH CONTACT. THIS IS IN PRACTISE EQUIVALENET TO FOUR HOURS USE OF THE HATZ (EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT CONSUMPTION IS BETTER THAN INDICATED BY HANSLOPE).
4. WHATEVER HAPPENS, WE ARE LIKELY TO RUN OUT OF FUEL WELL BEFORE WE RUN OUT OF FOOD (OR DRINKING WATER, WHICH IS LIKELY TO BE A PROBLEM BEFORE FOOD). BUT WE ARE DETERMINED TO HOLD OUT AT LEAST UNTIL 23 SEPTEMBER. EVEN THEN,, WE MAY WELL BE THE FIRST EC EMBASSY TO BE STARVED OUT (IN QUOTES). THE FRENCH ARE, AS YOU KNOW, THE ONLY OTHER ONES SO FAR REALLY SUFFERING, AND THEY HAVE FOUND A WAY OF GETTING IN LIMITED SUPPLIES QUANTITIES OF SUPPLIES, THROUGH THE (EMPTY) BUILDINGS ADJOINING THEM. WE ARE, OF COURSE, SURROUNDED BY WASTE GROUND AND THEREFORE HAVE NO CHANCE OF DOING LIKEWISE.

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