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BOMB DISPOSAL UNITS ORG

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SUBJECT: Bomb Disposal

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MIA)

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5 July 45

NO : AFM

Ref your G-5: 394.51, our G/97 of 30 June 45.

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APPENDIX "A"
 Att. to the letter 6/97 of
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	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>NCO's</u>	<u>QMS</u>	<u>Privs</u>	<u>2 wheelers</u>	<u>1 1/2 trucks</u>
Zone of Max Work (Terr. H's 1-5)	10	49	380	30	10	15
Zone of AV Work (6-10) *		16	60	16	4	8
Zone of Min Work (9 & 11)		6	18	6		6
TOTALS	10	67	396	52	14	29

* Plus 88 civilians already trained.

