

**Friederich, Adam MR**

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**From:** Clutterham, Lisa MS 1  
**Sent:** Thursday, 6 May 2021 2:56 PM  
**To:** s33(a)(ii)  
**Cc:** Brazel, Hilary MS  
**Subject:** FW: Thank you - Safe arrival of the Kiribati crew [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Cheers,  
Lisa

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**From:** Clutterham, Lisa MS 1  
**Sent:** Thursday, 6 May 2021 12:13 PM  
**To:** s22  
**Cc:** Brazel, Hilary MS ; s22  
**Subject:** RE: Thank you - Safe arrival of the Kiribati crew [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear s22

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Have you seen this: [China plans to revive strategic Pacific airstrip, Kiribati lawmaker says | Reuters?](#)

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**From:** Clutterham, Lisa MS 1  
**Sent:** Friday, 7 May 2021 9:40 AM  
**To:** s22  
**Cc:** Brazel, Hilary MS; s22  
**Subject:** RE: Thank you - Safe arrival of the Kiribati crew [SEC - OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Thanks s22 s33(a)(iii) Looking forward to chatting Kiribati soon.

Cheers,  
Lisa

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**To:** Clutterham, Lisa MS 1 ; s22  
**Cc:** Brazel, Hilary MS ; s22  
**Subject:** Re: Thank you - Safe arrival of the Kiribati crew [SEC - OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Dear Lisa

s22  
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On the article - I've just put something in s33(a)(iii). The issue was worked on throughout the day here and in Canberra.

And yes, would be great to include that s33(a)(iii) as part of our deep dive, and of course welcome any thoughts in the meantime.

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**From:** "Clutterham, Lisa MS 1" <lisa.clutterham1@defence.gov.au>  
**Date:** Thursday, 6 May 2021 at 2:13:24 pm  
**To:** s22  
**Cc:** "Brazel, Hilary MS" <hilary.brazel@defence.gov.au>, s22  
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**From:** [Goldspring, Samuel FLTLT](#)  
**To:** [Brazel, Hilary Ms](#)  
**Cc:** [Clutterham, Lisa Ms 1](#)  
**Subject:** RE: s33(a)(iii) Kiribati China Potential infrastructure works on Kanton Islan [SEC=SECRET]  
**Date:** Tuesday, 11 May 2021 3:26:49 PM

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**SECRET**

Hi Hilary,

I'm not having much luck with your request sorry. My POC has reviewed it and now I've been passed to another person. I'll keep you posted.

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**From:** Brazel, Hilary Ms  
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**To:** Goldspring, Samuel FLTLT  
**Cc:** Clutterham, Lisa Ms 1  
**Subject:** RE: s33(a)(iii) Kiribati China Potential infrastructure works on Kanton Islan [SEC=SECRET]

**SECRET**

Excellent, thanks so much Sam!

Kind regards,

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**To:** Brazel, Hilary Ms  
**Subject:** RE: s33(a)(iii) Kiribati China Potential infrastructure works on Kanton Islan [SEC=SECRET]

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Hi,

The Airfield Survey SME can review it on Tuesday and I'll try and organise a catch up after that.

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**To:** Goldspring, Samuel FLTLT  
**Cc:** Clutterham, Lisa Ms 1  
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Hi Sam,

Thanks for your time this morning and for offering to put us in touch with the airfield engineering team.

As I flagged in our chat, s33(a)(iii) media reporting about China's involvement in planning for construction on Kanton Island, in what is being called a 'pre-feasibility study' for a runway on Kanton Island.

We are looking to get a better understanding of the technical elements of a potential airfield assessment, s33(a)(iii)

s33(a)(iii)

Would a half hour window early next week for an in person chat be possible? I can make meeting arrangements on the low side once we're in touch with the correct POC.

Kind regards,

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