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GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS HEADQUARTERS,

OAKLEY, CHELTENHAM, GLOS.

DGC/6507

27th February, 1956.

Tel.: CHELTENHAM 55321.

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Director,
D.S.B.

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COLOROB.

Reference your letter of the 25th January and attached minutes.

2. We note your standard form of address for communications on this subject and we will adopt similar procedure. Other points in your letter are covered by the following detailed comment on the minutes.
3. Paragraph 2. It is our present view that if we have Singleton here for twelve months it will not be necessary either for Robinson to come here or for a G.C.H.Q. engineer to go to Australia to assist with the installation. We intend to review the position after about the first three months of Singleton's attachment and if either of the other visits then seems after all to be necessary we shall let you know.
4. Paragraph 3. It is unfortunately not possible for us to send Morgan at present. We hope very much to see Warmington here; he should be able to cover many of the points that might have been taken during Morgan's visit, especially if he is briefed as widely as possible in all aspects of MH work.
5. Paragraph 5. The plugboard is not part of the original fixed price quotation. X has undertaken to prepare a paper summing up what has been said to date here, with a view to helping Robinson and Bradley with their "desirability assessment".
6. Paragraph 6. We shall not be able to formalise our ideas on test equipment until we have actually had some experience with our own Colorob. We shall, of course, make all our information available to T Group, and would like to give them the benefit of our experience by, say, the end of this year so that they could make their own test equipment in the first half of 1957.
7. Paragraph 7. (a) The shipping of Romulus, six weeks dock to dock, suggests that we should reckon three months for transit from G.C.H.Q. to D.S.B.
- (b) Glass of X Division is preparing a reply to the detailed letter that he has received from Robinson about delivery dates. We suggest that Glass render a general progress report every two months thereafter.
- (c) (i) Refrigeration that is adequate at Cheltenham would not do in the climate of Melbourne, and we recommend that you design your own cooling system, with advice as required from Australian firms (who probably know more about the subject than we do in England).
- (ii) We hear through Eastway that there is a serious possibility that D.S.B. may move to Canberra by mid-1958, into permanent air-conditioned buildings. If this move is decided upon, would it not be a good thing to set up INFUSE straightaway in Canberra? (We had several of our new machines installed at Cheltenham well before the move of the main party from Eastcote.)

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Director,
D.S.B.

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COLOROP.

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8. Paragraph 9. (a) It is of course a pity that Morgan will not be able to discuss with you the question of recruitment of a mathematician and/or "MHR". His present view is that you need not regard this post as an absolute "must"; he will go into the matter in due course with Warmington, Eastway and others and if he has second thoughts he will let you know.

(b) The Professional Engineer should, we think, correspond in status with the U.K. Civil Service "Main Grade Engineer" and should be either A.M.I.E.E. or an Honours graduate. On the point of G.C.H.Q. assistance in recruitment of staff in U.K. for the Australian Public Service, Somerville has, I understand, already written to Burrough.

Handwritten signature: J. H. ...

Assistant Director.

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