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I am not sure what term has been set on your appointment as X, but assume you are still in the chair. I am writing mainly to clear one point which I have been discussing with John Strath - namely, the return to Australia of Robinson and Watson.

2. The feeling in T Group is that both officers have perhaps already spent too long overseas, though there is no suggestion that they have not been gaining good experience in X Division. But any proposal that they should further extend their tours would not be well received, and I thought you ought to know this. One reason is that Robinson is still an SRDO and ought to be interviewed for reclassification or promotion: Watson is a temporary E.O. and the same applies. We hope they will be released from G.C.H.Q. by September next at the latest. You might tell them that one reason for their recall is to get their affairs straightened out.

3. On return here they will no doubt spend a few months catching up on the developments in T group over the past 3 years. There will then be a considerable amount of planning and preparatory work for Colorob, which probably one of them will be put onto.

4. It would be helpful if you could let me know informally what the time-scale for our Colorob now seems to be. My guess is that we are unlikely to see the equipment out here, ready for installation, until mid-1957 at the earliest; but I may be wildly wrong.

5. We are taking up with pleasure your offer of Romulus (for £300) and I hope that by the time you read this we shall have informed you officially. John Strath would be glad if Robinson and/or Watson could study this machine before you ship it to us.

6. I hope Tony Eastway has settled in, and that you are able to cope with his training without too much interference with the normal work of X.

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