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Defence Signals Branch,
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Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE. S.C.I.

⑥ MH for file

30th September, 1955.

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Dear Kenneth,

Many thanks for your two letters, X/5225 of 22nd July and X/5349 of 7th September. The first of these (which crossed my 4/32 of 28th July) gave us a bit of a shock, especially paragraph 3(a); but your advice is clearly sound and we shall do our best to follow it.

2. Pending the arrival of Robinson and Watson, who will be available for discussions here during the last week of October, we have not been able to reach any firm conclusions with MT. However, our interim views are as follows.

3. The installation/maintenance engineer does not as yet exist. We feel in D.S.B. that this engineer should come from D.S.B's. new engineering structure, and that it would not be right to expect Supply to provide him. We are therefore trying to recruit a suitable person now, with a view to sending him to U.K. as early as possible in the New Year.

4. I still feel, however, that we may need some installation assistance from G.C.H.Q. as well, and at this stage would ask you to consider sending out an engineer for say 3 - 6 months at an appropriate period in 1956 or 1957 (probably the latter). This point has not yet been discussed fully with MT and we would confirm or withdraw it later this year.

5. John Strath has indicated informally to me that in principle he would support either Robinson or Watson returning to G.C.H.Q., as you propose, for a few months. We shall also confirm this in due course.

6. One of our biggest headaches is to decide how we are going to house Colorob plus refrigeration in our limited space. 46 ft. by 23 ft. and 10 ft. by 10 ft. is more than we had bargained for until receipt of your 180750 May. We are hoping for full information from Robinson on the type of refrigeration plant needed (to cope with Melbourne ambient temperatures), as it seems clear that we shall have to provide this ourselves. Or do you propose to supply us with the refrigeration? (It is not mentioned in the lists detailed in your 041120 January and other signals).

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7. Tony Eastway has suggested that we shall need plugboard facilities to enable programme-changing to be speeded up. Hugh Alexander in his 151358 July said that you were planning to incorporate plugboard facilities. Is this still the case?

8. Para. 6 of your X/5225. Noted. We intend to do our best to leave Eastway at G.C.H.Q. as long as possible, and not to recall him until shortly before we have an installed Colorob. His attachment at present ends in November 1956, but could probably be extended to June 1957 if Tony himself does not object.

9. Thank you for your assistance and interest. We are contemplating two other things:-

- (a) sending Don Bradley to G.C.H.Q. on a visit.
- (b) asking for Gerry Morgan to visit us in 1956, as offered by the Director before and during his visit in April/May 1954.

No firm news on either of these points yet.

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