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Defence Signals Branch,
C/o Defence Registry,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE, S.C.I.

Handwritten initials

17th February, 1956.

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Colerob. file
H.C.*

Director, G.C.H.Q.

Copies to: Head of X Division, GCHQ
Head of T Group, Salisbury

Thank you for your DIC/6416 of 1st February.*
We are all disappointed that Jerry cannot be spared, but
fully understand your reasons. Perhaps you will allow me
to raise it again with you in about a year, if it then seems
desirable in the light of other arrangements.

2. Your offer to have Warrington is much appreciated.
We had been thinking along the same lines ourselves, and would
very much like to send him to you next year. Detailed staff
moves to make this possible are likely to be :-

- Warrington to relieve Simonds as MP in Sept/October
- Payne to relieve Williams as AUSLO in November
- Williams to relieve Warrington as MP in January 1957

Warrington will then be free for "special duties", and could
perhaps go to GCHQ for 6 months in about March 1957, returning
to become MX. He certainly needs the experience and training
you have suggested.

3. It had also occurred to us that it might be valuable
for him to return via Washington and spend a few weeks with
the NSA machine organisation: do you agree that this would
be worth while?

4. You will be interested to know that ROMULUS has
been successfully installed upstairs (near 1511) and that
yesterday, 16th February, it unbuttoned its first message on
Australian soil! It is going to be a most useful asset to us.

5. The further information on Colerob planning which
I promised you was sent in my 3/6 of 25th January, to ADL.

M.H.

Handwritten signature
(R. W. THOMPSON)
DIRECTOR, D.S.B.

* Copy attached.

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