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C/o Defence Registry,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne, S.C.1.

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Head of X Division,
G.C.H.Q.

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COLOROB.

We have recently had fairly detailed discussions at D.S.B. with MT and his staff on the subject of COLOROB. We shall be writing shortly about this to G.C.H.Q. and enclosing a copy of the Minutes for your background information. In the meantime there is one point on which I should like your advice as soon as you can give it; it arises from paragraph 3 (a) of Sachse's letter to Burrough, X/5225 of 22nd July, 1955.

2. Sachse recommended us to select an engineer "of at least experimental officer level", and to attach him to G.C.H.Q. from January 1956 to gain direct experience of COLOROB, before returning to D.S.B. in time to receive the equipment and assist in its installation. He thought that such an officer could then become the key maintenance man on COLOROB.

3. Although we have I am afraid missed the date of January 1956, we have now selected somebody for this duty and with a bit of luck might get him to you approximately in May, for a period of twelve months only. The officer selected is Mr. J.D. Singleton (Senior Technician, £A938 - £A978, but shortly being placed on Higher Duties as a Supervising Technician Grade 3, £A1178). Singleton is already well known in G.C.H.Q., having been with T Department from June 1946 to June 1953, finishing up, I believe, as a TWE3 at Wincombe. Although we feel from this end that Singleton is eminently suitable for the job, we should like to hear any views you may have on that.

4. A short resume of his career at D.S.B. is as follows. He joined us in December 1954, as a Senior Technician. He has been employed throughout as an electronic maintenance technician and among other things has been in complete charge of the high-speed checker and Donald Ducks.

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