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MORGAN AND ALEXANDER FROM RENDLE. REFERENCE YOUR LETTER X/569/3309 OF 5TH MAY AND HG/44/021 OF 27TH MAY TO RICKETTS. I HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING WITH BROWN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY THE POINTS RAISED IN MORGAN'S LETTER, AND AM HOPEFUL THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR PROPOSALS 1, 2 AND 4 THEREIN TO BE AGREED WITHOUT PUTTING YOU TO THE TROUBLE OF FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE. SHALL REPORT BY LETTER WHEN DISCUSSIONS COMPLETED.

2. MEANWHILE I FEEL I SHOULD CLARIFY DSB'S POSITION. THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT HERE THAT COLOROB IS NEEDED AS AN INSURANCE AGAINST A CHANGED SITUATION IN TIME OF WAR, AND POSSIBLE ALSO IN TIME OF PEACE. HOWEVER SINCE OUR INITIAL FEELERS WERE PUT OUT IN 1951 THE FINANCIAL BAROMETER HAS DROPPED VERY SHARPLY AND PROPOSALS FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS ON EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR WAR TIME USE ARE SCRUTINISED BY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE WITH CONSIDERABLE CAUTION. HENCE OUR REQUEST (THROUGH RICKETTS) TO RECEIVE LATEST BRIEFING ON YOUR VIEWS REGARDING POSSIBLE APPLICATION OF COLOROB TO DSB'S EXISTING EFFORT (WE HAVE ALL FELT A TRIFLE HAZY ON THIS POINT BOTH AS REGARDS THE PERFORMANCE OF THE MACHINE ITSELF AND THE REPERCUSSIONS ON MH STAFFING REQUIREMENTS). IF WE CAN MAKE THE CASE THAT EARLY PROVISION OF COLOROB WILL IMPROVE DSB'S EFFECTIVENESS NOW, OHR CHANCES OF OBTAINING APPROVAL ARE SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED. IN SHORT, THE FIRST PROBLEM IS: CAN DSB

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3. THE QUESTION AS TO WHERE COLOROB SHOULD BE BUILT IS THEREFORE NECESSARILY SECONDARY, AS A RESULT OF THE CHANGED SITUATION SINCE THE ATTACHMENT TO YOU OF SUPPLY OFFICERS. EVEN IF DSB SHOULD BE COMPELLED TO DEFER PLANS FOR COLOROB, WE FEEL THAT ATTACHMENT OF SUPPLY OFFICERS WILL STILL HAVE BEEN VERY USEFUL IN THAT THERE WILL BE A NUCLEUS OF EXPERIENCED PERSONNEL WHEN THE DECISION TO CONSTRUCT IS ULTIMATELY TAKEN.

4. SHALL EXPAND THESE POINTS IN LETTER REFERRED TO ABOVE. AM AWARE THAT TIME FACTOR IS OF IMPORTANCE AND SHALL DO MY BEST TO GE EARLY DECISIONS. MEANWHILE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD CONVEY GIST OF ABOVE TO DIRECTORATE.

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