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MORGAN FROM RENDLE. D.S.B. IS EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR X/569/3444 OF 13TH AUGUST. AS MATTERS STAND THE FUNDS ALLOCATED ARE UNFORTUNATELY INSUFFICIENT TO MEET THE LIKELY COST BUT ARMED WITH THE AMMUNITION PROVIDED BY YOUR PAPER, TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND TALKS WITH ALEXANDER WE ARE MAKING A FURTHER DETERMINED EFFORT TO SECURE APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF COLOROB FOR US AT G.C.H.Q.

- IN ORDER TO HAVE ANY CHANCE OF SUCCESS WE MUST PUT FORWARD EXTREMELY DETAILED FINANCIAL PROPOSALS, EVEN THOUGH WE FULLY APPRECIATE THE DIFFICULTIES FROM YOUR POINT OF VIEW OF ESTIMATING WITH PRECISION SO FAR IN ADVANCE. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL THEREFORE IF YOU COULD PROVIDE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING POSSIBLY VEXATIOUS QUESTIONS.
 - (A) COULD YOU GIVE MAXIMUM PROBABLE COST OF PURCHASING COMPONENTS AND MANUFACTURING AT G.C.H.Q. SET OF COLLOROB ON SCALE SUGGESTED IN YOUR PARAGRAPH 44?

 WE ARE NOT QUITE CLEAR FROM YOUR PARAGRAPH 48

 WHETHER YOU EXPECT ANY REDUCTION IN COST TO RESULT FROM CONSTRUCTION AT G.C.H.Q.. PRESUME THE £10,000 'ADDITIONAL COST' REFERRED TO IN THIS PARAGRAPH IS IDENTICAL WITH SIMILAR SUM MENTIONED

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IN PARAGRAPH 44 (B).

- (B) CAN YOU GIVE LATEST COSTS (ITEMISED) OF INDIVIDUAL ITEMS IN YOUR PARAGRAPH 46?
- (C) COST OF MOBILE TEST EQUIPMENT (PARAGRAPH 43).
- (D) WHAT IS YOUR ESTIMATE OF LIKELY TOTAL POWER DRAIN?
- IN CONFIRMING THESE FIGURES WOULD YOU PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT, WHILE WE WOULD NOT WISH TO PRESENT INFLATED ESTIMATES, WE MUST ENDEAVOUR TO AVOID HAVING SUBSEQUENTLY TO SEEK FURTHER FUNDS AS A RESULT OF QUOTE UNEXPECTED RISE IN COSTS UNQUOTE. APPRECIATE THIS IS A VERY DIFFICULT ONE.
- 4. THE QUESTION OF ACTUAL PAYMENT ALSO HAS ITS PROBLEMS. WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO PAY IN TWO INSTALMENTS, PART NOT LATER THAN JUNE 1955, REMAINDER BY JUNE 1956. IF YOU MADE UP CHARGE FOR FIRST YEAR ON BASIS OF COMPONENTS PURCHASED, WOULD PROVISION OF, SAY, £20,000 BE ABOUT RIGHT?



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