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DIRECTORATE FROM DIRECTOR.

REGRET DELAY IN FOLLOWING UP YOUR 131544 FEBRUARY
(BURROUGH FROM MORGAN) ON COLOROB FOR WHICH I WAS
MOST GRATEFUL.

I THINK YOU KNOW THERE HAVE BEEN TWO OBSTACLES -
(A) PROVISION OF ADEQUATE FUNDS OVER NEXT THREE YEARS
(B) SUPPLY DEPARTMENT MISGIVINGS

BOTH ARE NOW REMOVED. ADDITIONALLY, I UNDERSTAND
SUPPLY IS ARRANGING EXTENSION OF ROBINSON AND WATSON
WITH YOU UNTIL ABOUT JULY 1955.

2. AM NOW SEEKING FINAL APPROVAL TO ORDER COLOROB
FROM GCHQ AND EXPECT NO DIFFICULTY. CAN YOU CONFIRM
THAT YOUR 131544 FEBRUARY STILL HOLDS GOOD QUERY.
IF SO WOULD FOLLOWING BE A CORRECT STATEMENT QUOTE
GCHQ WILL PROVIDE SET OF COLOROB EQUIPMENT CONSIDERED
ADEQUATE FOR KNOWN DSB REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING POWER
SUPPLY, ANCILLARY GEAR (EXCEPTING HOLLERITH), ITEMS
OF STANDARD TEST EQUIPMENT, PACKING, FREIGHT, INSURANCE.
TOTAL COST POUNDS E 28,400 TO BE PAID ON DELIVERY TO
DSB IN FINANCIAL YEAR 1955/56 (JULY TO JUNE) UNQUOTE.

3. CAN YOU FORECAST MONTH (OR QUARTER) WHEN DELIVERY
MAY BE MADE IF ORDER IS PLACED WITHIN A FEW WEEKS
QUERY.

4. ONE POINT NOT PREVIOUSLY RAISED IS PROVISION OF
SPARE PARTS. AM NOT CLEAR WHETHER INITIAL STOCK WOULD
BE PROVIDED WITHIN THE POUNDS E 28,400. IF NOT COULD
YOU SUPPLY AND AT WHAT COST QUERY. CAN YOU FORECAST
ANNUAL COST OF MAINTANING SPARES STOCK QUERY.
APPRECIATE THESE MAY BE DIFFICULT TO ASSESS IN
ADVANCE AND ROUGH FIGURES WOULD DO.

5. GRATEFUL FOR ANY SUGGESTIONS ON OTHER POINTS WE
MUST PLAN FOR. AS SEEN HERE THESE ARE -

- (A) FUNDS FOR SALISBURY TO PRODUCE SPECIAL TEST GEAR
- (SAY) POUNDS E 2000 INITIALLY
- (B) HOLLERITH ANCILLARY
- (C) STATIONERY

(D) OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE STAFF
(E) WORKS SERVICES CONNECTED WITH ACCOMMODATION,
VENTILATION ETC.

(F) CONTINGENCY AMOUNT (SAY) POUNDS 500 FOR MINOR
EQUIPMENT, TOOLS ETC.

6. WOULD LIKE ALSO TO PROPOSE THAT EASTWAY SHOULD
VISIT YOU ABOUT APRIL 1955 FOR TRAINING IN METHODS
OF PLANNING WORK.

WOULD ONE YEAR SEEM APPROPRIATE OR WOULD SHORTER
PERIOD SUFFICE QUERY.

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