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The Secretary,
Department of Supply.

██████████ has been appointed to deputise for ██████████, C.B., Head of Staff, U.K. Defence Research and Supply Staff, during the latter's continued absence on sick leave.

██████████ will assume his responsibilities as from the 27th of June, 1960.

SYME.

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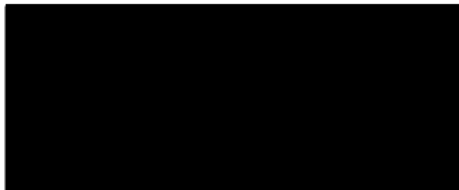
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The Chairman,
Board of Management - Atomic Weapons Tests,
Department of Supply.

I am enclosing a copy of a memorandum to the Director-General of Atomic Weapons in the Ministry of Supply, which sets out the latest proposals for the establishment of the Maralinga Range Support Unit for 1959 Trials, agreed upon at a recent meeting between the three Australian Services, Department of Supply, U.K. Joint Services Liaison Staff and ourselves, under the chairmanship of the Chief Executive Officer.

I believe these proposals can now be assumed to represent the final agreed Establishment for 1959, and I am circulating copies to the members of the Board of Management.

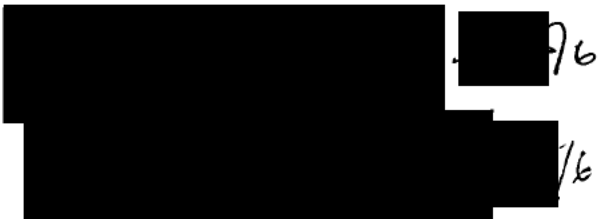


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30th May, 1958.

Director-General of Atomic Weapons,
Ministry of Supply,
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LONDON, W.C.2.

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Maralinga Range Support Unit - Establishment 1959

Following agreement by the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia that they would contribute 90, 50, 25 Servicemen in the Phases Basic, I and II respectively, to the Maralinga establishment for 1959, a meeting of the Board of Management Working Party under the Chairmanship of its Chief Executive Officer, [REDACTED], was held on 20th May, 1958. At this meeting, which was attended by representatives of the three Australian Services, agreement was reached as to the ranks and trades which they were willing to provide, within the overall totals referred to above.

2. This agreement was arrived at largely on the basis of the present basic (or interim) establishment which applies to the Range Support Unit during 1958, together with the original proposals submitted under cover of my SI.1321/24 dated 1st October, 1957. The latter was, of course qualified by the reduction from 100 to 90 which has subsequently been agreed for the Australian basic contribution.

3. As a result of the meeting revised schedules for the Australian and United Kingdom Elements have been produced of which 3 copies are enclosed. ²⁸

4. It will be noted that the recommended contributions are:-

	<u>Basic</u>	<u>Phase I</u>	<u>Phase II</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Australian</u>	90	+ 50	+ 25	165
<u>United Kingdom</u>	155	+179	+ 8	342
Total:-	245	+229	+ 33	507

The United Kingdom Element has been divided between Basic and Phase I as requested by D.A.W.(T).

	<u>Basic</u>	<u>Phase I</u>	<u>Phase II</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Australian</u>				
R.A.N.	20	+ 12	+ 4	36
A.R.A.	47	+ 22	+ 11	80
R.A.A.F.	23	+ 16	+ 10	49
	<u>90</u>	<u>+ 50</u>	<u>+ 25</u>	<u>165</u>
<u>United Kingdom</u>				
R.N.	37	+ 32	+ -	69
Army	72	+ 93	+ 3	168
R.A.F.	46	+ 54	+ 5	105
	<u>155</u>	<u>+179</u>	<u>+ 8</u>	<u>342</u>

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5. Differences between the present proposals and those submitted last September are explained as follows:-

(a) The Australian Element has had to be adjusted from 100 down to 90, and to the trades they are able to supply. The Australian Services also find it necessary to work to the same division in "Basic" between themselves as has been agreed for 1958, i.e. 20 - 47 - 23 respectively. To effect these adjustments, all electrical trades shown for R.A.N. have been transferred to R.N., and the whole of the Basic "Stores Group" shown for R.A.A.F. has been transferred to R.A.F. To compensate, R.A.N. have undertaken to provide (from R.N.) 1 - POM(E), 3 - LM(E), 1 leading writer, and A.R.A. are providing (from the U.K. Army) 3 - cooks and have advanced 3 (Catering Officer, Clerk and Typist) from Phase I. There have been other minor adjustments.

(b) The overall total is now 507 compared with 509. In the light of greater experience it has been thought possible to dispense with 3:-

Captain (QM) - whose functions are limited.

2 - Steel Erectors - who are only needed if weapon towers have to be built; which which does not seem probable.

Against these 3, it has been necessary to add 1 - Radar Mechanic (about which there has been separate correspondence with D.A.W.(T)), leaving a net reduction of 2 - both affecting Phase I (in the figures at Appendix (A) attached to D.A.W.(T)'s letter).

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6. I would recommend that these revised proposals for 1959 should now be submitted for formal acceptance and implementation by the various Services concerned. As far as the U.K. is concerned, the arguments in favour of the various increases from the 1957 Establishment remain, of course, as in my submission of 1st October, 1957.

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Head of Staff

Copies to -> Chairman, Board of Management, Atomic Weapons Tests.
[REDACTED] U.K.J.S.I.S.
[REDACTED], U.K. High Commissioner's Office.

MARALINGA RANGE SUPPORT UNIT

ESTABLISHMENT 1959.

APPENDIX A:- AUSTRALIAN ELEMENT

APPENDIX B:- UNITED KINGDOM ELEMENT

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MAY, 1958.

MARALINGA PROJECT OFFICE.

MARALINGA RANGE SUPPORT UNIT

REVISED ESTABLISHMENT 1959.

AUSTRALIAN ELEMENT.

- Basic to be in position by Jan./Feb. 1959 and, in general, to be available without relief until at least Nov. 1959. Phase I in position by 1st Mar. 1959. Phase II in position by 1st Jul. 1959. Both latter until Nov. 1959.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

AUSTRALIAN REGULAR ARMY

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

<u>ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY</u>					<u>AUSTRALIAN REGULAR ARMY</u>					<u>ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE</u>				
	Basic	Phase I	Phase II	Total		Basic	Phase I	Phase II	Total		Basic	Phase I	Phase II	Total
<u>Quarters Group</u>					<u>Range Headquarters</u>					<u>Range Headquarters</u>				
Quarters Orderly (Cpl.)	1			1	Range Commander (Col)	1			1	Range Staff Officer (F/Lt.)	1			1
<u>Signalling Group</u>					<u>Headquarters Group</u>					<u>Headquarters Group</u>				
Signalling Pte		4		4	Adjutant (Capt.)	1			1	Nursing Orderly (Cpl)	1			1
Signalling Coxswain			1	1	R.S.M. (WO I)	1			1	Hygiene GD (AC)			2	2
<u>Medical Group</u>					<u>Stores Group</u>					<u>Stores Group</u>				
Medical Officer (Pte)					O.C./Asst. Adjutant (Lt.)	1			1	Stores hands (AC)		3		3
Medical Officer (Pte)					Clerk (Cpl)	1			1	<u>Catering Group</u>				
Medical Officer (Pte)					ARA Pay (Cpl)	1			1	Cook (Cpl)			1	1
Medical Officer (Pte)					Hygiene (Sjt)	1			1	Kitchen Asst. (AC)			5	5
Medical Officer (Pte)					GD N.C.O. (Cpl)	1			1	<u>Transport Group</u>				
Medical Officer (Pte)					GD Pte		3	1	4	Transport Officer (S/Ldr)	1			1
Medical Officer (Pte)					<u>Engineer Works Section</u>					<u>Transport Group</u>				
Medical Officer (Pte)					SORE III (Works) (Capt.)	1			1	Transport WO (WO)	1			1
Medical Officer (Pte)					Clerk Works (Const.) (S/Sjt)	1			1	Transport NCO (Sjt)	1			1
Medical Officer (Pte)					Concrete/Bricklayer (Cpl)	1			1	Driver (Cpl)	4	1		5
Medical Officer (Pte)					Field Engineer (Spr)	1			1	Clerk GD (Cpl)	1			1
Medical Officer (Pte)					<u>Field Troop</u>					<u>Transport Group</u>				
Medical Officer (Pte)					O.C. (Capt.)	1			1	Driver (LAC)		2		2
Medical Officer (Pte)					Field Engineer (Sjt)	1	1		2	Driver (AC)	4	4		8
Medical Officer (Pte)					Field Engineer (Cpl)	1			1	Clerk GD (AC)	1			1
Medical Officer (Pte)					Surveyor (Cpl)	1			1	Clerk Tech. M.T. (AC)	1			1
Medical Officer (Pte)					Field Engineer (Spr)	11	12		23	Crane Operator (AC)	2	3		5
Medical Officer (Pte)					Surveyor (Spr)	1			1	Fitter and Turner (AC)	5			5
Medical Officer (Pte)					Plant Operator (Spr)	2	3		5	GD (AC)		3		3
Medical Officer (Pte)					Electrician (Spr)	1			1	<u>TOTAL - ALL RANKS</u>				
Medical Officer (Pte)					Plumber and pipe fitter		1		1	23	16	10		49
Medical Officer (Pte)					Carpenter and joiner (Spr)		2		2	<u>GRAND TOTAL - RAN</u>				
Medical Officer (Pte)					Welder	1			1	20	12	4		36
Medical Officer (Pte)										ARA	47	22	11	80
Medical Officer (Pte)										RAAF	23	16	10	49
Medical Officer (Pte)										<u>TOTAL - ALL RANKS</u>				
Medical Officer (Pte)										90	50	25		165

<u>REME Worksh.</u>				
OC Worksh. (Capt.)	1		1	
Arm Art V. (WO I)	1		1	
Arm Art V. (S.Sjt)	1		1	
Veh. Mech. AI (Sjt)		2	2	
Toolmaker I (Sjt)		1	1	
Veh. Mech. AI (Cpl)	2	2	4	
Veh. Elec. AI (Cpl)	1		1	
Radar Mech. (Sjt/Cpl)	1		1	
Turner AI (Cpl)	1		1	
Fitter AI (Cpl)	1		1	
Storeman I (Cpl)	1		1	
Veh. Mech. III (L/Cpl)	2	2	4	
Veh. Mech. III (Cfn)	10	10	20	
Veh. Elec. III (Cfn)	1	1	2	
Sheet Met. Wkr. BII (Cfn)	1	1	2	
Welder BII (Cfn)	1	1	2	
Turner AII (Cfn)	1	1	2	
Fitter AII (Cfn)	1		1	
Storeman III (Cfn)		1	1	
Clerk BII (Cfn)	1		1	
GD Pte.		2	2	
Plant Mech. AI (RE) (Sjt)	1		1	
Plant Mech. AII (RE) (Cpl)	1	1	2	
Plant Mech. AII (RE) (Spr)	2	1	3	
<u>Field Troop</u>				
2 i/c (Leut.)		1	1	
Field Engineer (Sjt)		1	1	
Plant Operator (Sjt)	1		1	
Storeman tech. (Cpl)		1	1	
Plant Fitter (Cpl)		1	1	
Electrician (Cpl)		1	1	
Bricklayer (Cpl)		1	1	
Plant Operator (L/Cpl)	1	1	2	
Welder (L/Cpl)		1	1	
Bricklayer (L/Cpl)	1		1	
Draftsman GD (L/Cpl)		1	1	
Carpenter & Joiner (L/Cpl)	1		1	
Field Engineer (L/Cpl)	1	1	2	
Plumber & pipe fitter (L/Cpl)		1	1	
Vehicle Mech. (L/Cpl)		1	1	
Field Engineer (Spr)		8	8	
Plant Operator (Spr)		4	4	
Electrician (Spr)		1	1	
Plumber & pipe fitter (Spr)	1		1	
Storeman tech. (Spr)	1		1	
Bricklayer (Spr)	2		2	
Carpenter & joiner (Spr)	2		2	
Vehicle Mech. (Spr)		1	1	
Welder (Spr)		2	2	
Steel bender (Spr)		1	1	
Clerk GD (L/Cpl)		1	1	
<u>Transport Group</u>				
Driver Mech. (Sjt)	1		1	
Driver Mech. (Cpl)	1		1	
Driver Mech. (Pte)	8		8	
GD Pte.	4		4	
<u>TOTAL - ALL RANKS</u>				
	72	93	3	168

Storeman (AC)	1		1	
Motor Supervisor (Sjt)	1		1	
<u>Transport Group</u>				
Driver (Cpl)		2	2	
Driver (Pte)		5	5	
GD (Pte)		1	1	
<u>TOTAL - ALL RANKS</u>				
	46	54	5	105

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	Basic	Phase I	Phase II	Total
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u> - RN	37	32	-	69
ARMY	72	93	3	168
RAF	46	54	5	105
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	155	179	8	342

ADD CIVILIANS -

Hygiene, OR status	4			4
Sewerage Operator (Sjt status)	1			1
Civilian Staff & Reception Officer	1			1
Barman (OR status)	2		2	4
Waiter (OR status)	2			2
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MARALINGA RANGE SUPPORT UNIT

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UNITED KINGDOM ELEMENT.

N.B. - Basic 12 months tour from Jan./Feb. 1959. Phase I in by 1st Mar. 1959 until Nov. 1959. Phase II in by 1st Jul. 1959 until Nov. 1959.

<u>ROYAL NAVY</u>				<u>ARMY</u>				<u>ROYAL AIR FORCE</u>						
	Basic	Phase I	Phase II	Total		Basic	Phase I	Phase II	Total		Basic	Phase I	Phase II	Total
<u>D & M Group</u>					<u>Range Headquarters</u>					<u>Range Headquarters</u>				
Lt. (L)	1			1	Range Chief Engineer and Deputy Range Comd. (Lt.Col)	1			1	Airfield Controller (WO)		1		1
Supply Sub/Lieut. Chief Engine Room Artificer, (CERA)	1	1		1	Range Medical Officer (Capt.)	1			1	Headquarters Group				
Engine Room Artificer or Mechanician	1	3		4	SOPE II/U.k. Adjt. (Major)	1			1	Chief Clerk (Sjt)	1			1
Engine Room Artificer, (Fitter & Turner) (ERA (FT))	2			2	Headquarters Group					Clerk GD (Cpl)	1			1
Engine Room Artificer, (Boiler Laker) (ERA (BM))	1			1	Clerk (Pte)	1			1	Hygiene GD (AC)		7		7
Chief Elect. Artificer (CEA)	1			1	Clerk RASC (Staff Sjt.)	1			1	GD (AC)		4		4
Chief Elect. (Power) (Ch.Elec. (P))	1			1	Nursing Orderly (Sjt)		1		1	NCO i/c Fire Section (WO or Staff Sjt)	1			1
Electrical Artificer, 2nd class (EA II)	1	1		2	Nursing Orderly (Cpl)		1		1	Fireman (Cpl)	1			1
Petty Officer Engineering Mech. (POEM (E))	2	2		4	Sewerage Plant Operator (Pte) GD Pte	4	1		5	Fireman (AC)	3			3
Loading Engineering Mech. (LM (E))	3			3	Projectionist (Cpl)	1			1	Teleg. I (WO)		1		1
Leading Electrician's Mate (LEM)	3			3	Projectionist (L/Cpl)	1			1	Teleg. II (Sjt)	1	1		2
Engineering Mech. (M (E) 1)	10	17		27	Batman (Pte)	1	2		3	Teleprint Supervisor (Cpl)	1			1
Electrician's Mate, 1st class (EM 1)	10	8		18	Stores Group					Telephonist (AC)	2	1		3
					Stores Sergeant	1			1	Teletype Operator (AC)	2			2
					Storesman, non-tech. (Pte)	3			3	Wireless Fitter (Maint.) (Cpl)	1			1
					Stores accounting clerk (Cpl)	1			1	Batman	1			1
					Stores accounting clerk (Pte)	1			1					1
					GD Pte	3			3	Stores Group				
					Storeman tech. (Pte)	1			1	Chief Equip. Officer (S/Ldr)	1			1
TOTAL - ALL RANKS	37	32	-	69	Catering Group					Stores Mov. Officer (F/Lt.)	1			1
					Cook (Sjt)	1			1	COQS (P/Sjt)		1		1
					Cook (Pte)	3			3	Stores Mov. NCO (Sjt. (Mov))	1			1
					Kitchen Asst. (L/Cpl)	1			1	Stores Sjt.	1			1
					Kitchen Asst. (Pte)	2	6	2	10	Storesman, non-tech. (Cpl)	1	3		4
					Mess Supervisor (Sjt)			1	1	Storesman, non-tech. (L/Cpl)	1	1		2
					Baker (Pte)	1			1	Storesman, non-tech. (AC)	4	9		13
					Engineer Works Section					Stores Accounting Clerk (Cpl)	1	1		2
					Clerk (L/Cpl)	1			1	Stores Accounting " (AC)	3			4
					Draftsman (Arch.) (L/Cpl)	1			1	Clerk Mov. (Cpl)	1			2
					Carpenter & Joiner (Cpl)	1			1	Storesman, tech. (AC)	2	3		5
					Carpenter & Joiner (Spr)	5			5	GD (Cpl)		1		1
					Painter (Spr)	1			1	GD (AC)		3		3
					Sign Writer (Spr)	1			1	Catering Group				
					Field Engineers (Spr)	1			1	Cook (Cpl)		1		1
					REME Workshop					Cook (C)		6		6
					OC Workshop (Capt.)	1			1	Kitchen Asst. (L/Cpl)	1			1
					Arm Art Wk. (WO I)	1			1	Kitchen Asst. (AC)	13	2	5	20
					Arm Art Wk. (S.Sjt)	1			1	Stores (AC)	1			1
					Veh. Mech. AI (Sjt)		2		2	Mess Supervisor (Sjt)	1			1
					Toymaker (Sjt)		1		1	Transport Group				
										Driver (Cpl)				2

19th February, 1958

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Maralinga - Australian Component of Basic Force
 for Standby Period 1958

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Upon receipt of advice that the Minister for Defence had redetermined the Services contribution to the basic force during the 1958 standby period in the order of Navy 20, Army 47 and Air 30, a second meeting of the Working Party was called and held on 18th February. Members of the Working Party were :-



- (UKMOSS(A)) - Chairman
- (Navy)
- (Navy)
- (Army)
- (Air)
- (Air)
- (UKJLS)
- (UKJLS)
- (UKJLS)
- (Supply)
- (UKMOSS(A))
- (Supply)

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The Services representatives informed the meeting:-

Navy: Quota of 20 could be provided but this number would be restricted to 8 Categories in lieu of 13 categories as shown in their original quota of 27 personnel listed in the manning schedule. (A copy of the schedule was attached to the Agenda for the Seventh Meeting of the Board).

Army: Quota of 47 in the desired categories could be met.

Air: Quota of 30 could be provided. However in meeting this revised quota (23 to 30) the R.A.A.F. was unable to provide the additional men in the categories needed in the E and M Group, but could supply them from the Stores and/or Catering Sections.

Decision:

- (a) A signal in the following terms be despatched by UKMOSS(A) to Ministry of Supply:-

"This morning a further meeting was held with the Australian Services about their contribution to the Maralinga Support Unit. As you know from my Exmar.1068 it had been decided that the Australian contingent would be made up of 20 R.A.N., 47 Army and 30 R.A.A.F., and the purpose of the meeting was to determine the categories of servicemen to be provided within these totals.



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The R.A.N. stated that their contribution of 20 would be in accordance with the interim establishment with the following exceptions :

- 1 - Chief Engine Room Artificer
- 1 - Engine Room Artificer (Fitter and Turner)
- 3 - Electricians' Mates (First Class)
- 1 - Chief Electrical Artificer
- 1 - Chief Electrician (Power)

The meeting, at which UKJSLs were also represented, agreed that the R.A.A.F. who were being called on to provide an additional 7 personnel for the Australian contingent to make good the reduction in the R.A.N. contribution had not suitable men available for these jobs. As the only possible source of supply is the Royal Navy it was left that the U.K. would see whether the R.N. could fill the gap. The R.A.N. are in a very difficult manpower situation and would like to reduce their numbers as soon as possible and in any event not later than June.

While the R.A.A.F. are unable to provide the tradesmen required in the E and H Group, they are prepared to post another seven men to Maralinga to maintain the total Australian contribution at the figure of 97. They would prefer to provide low grade catering staff and/or storemen.

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This offer to relieve the R.A.F. or the British Army to compensate for the additional 7 R.N. personnel required may present some difficulties in that the U.K. element of the support unit is now arriving at Maralinga. However, the U.K. services may wish to post 7 of their people from Maralinga to Far East forces or alternatively the R.A.F. might like to transfer 7 people from Maralinga to Edinburgh to make up deficiencies on the R.A.A.F./R.A.F. integrated force engaged on guided weapon activities. Suggest you consult D.G.W.T. who is aware of present position at Edinburgh.

One final point. It was emphasised that Australian services are going to find it difficult to provide any more men required when the support unit builds up for the next trial. They have asked to be given as much notice as possible of future needs. Can you say yet when a formal approach will be made to the Australian Government?

U.K.J.S.L.S. are sending a separate signal to the Admiralty to inform them of the outcome of this morning's discussions."

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- (b) That no approach be made to the Board of Management for Atomic Weapons Tests until reply to (a) received from U.K.

~~TOP SECRET~~
Secretary,
Board of Management - Atomic Weapons
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THIS MORNING A FURTHER MEETING WAS HELD WITH THE AUSTRALIAN SERVICES ABOUT THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE MARALINGA SUPPORT UNIT. AS YOU KNOW FROM MY EXMAR.1068 IT HAD BEEN DECIDED THAT THE AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT WOULD BE MADE UP OF 20 R.A.N., 47 ARMY AND 30 R.A.A.F. AND THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO DETERMINE THE CATEGORIES OF SERVICEMEN TO BE PROVIDED WITHIN THESE TOTALS.

THE R.A.N. STATED THAT THEIR CONTRIBUTION OF 20 WOULD BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERIM ESTABLISHMENT WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

- 1 - CHIEF ENGINE ROOM ARTIFICER
- 1 - ENGINE ROOM ARTIFICER (FITTER AND TURNER)
- 3 - ELECTRICIANS' MATES (FIRST CLASS) 20
- 1 - CHIEF ELECTRICAL ARTIFICER
- 1 - CHIEF ELECTRICIAN (POWER)

THE MEETING, AT WHICH U.K.J.S.L.S. WERE ALSO REPRESENTED, AGREED THAT THE R.A.A.F. WHO WERE BEING CALLED ON TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 7 PERSONNEL FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT TO MAKE GOOD THE REDUCTION IN THE R.A.N. CONTRIBUTION HAD NOT SUITABLE MEN AVAILABLE FOR THESE JOBS. AS THE ONLY POSSIBLE SOURCE OF SUPPLY IS THE ROYAL NAVY IT WAS LEFT THAT THE U.K.

P.C.—S.S.I. (SEPT. 1956)
(J.R.B.—7074)

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Signature of Sender: [REDACTED] Date: 18.2.58. Branch or Section: UKMOSS(A) Tel Extn: [REDACTED]

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WOULD SEE WHETHER THE R.N. COULD FILL THE GAP. THE R.A.N. ARE IN A VERY DIFFICULT MANPOWER SITUATION AND WOULD LIKE TO REDUCE THEIR NUMBERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND IN ANY EVENT NOT LATER THAN JUNE.

WHILE THE R.A.A.F. ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE THE TRADESMEN REQUIRED IN THE E. & M. GROUP, THEY ARE PREPARED TO POST ANOTHER SEVEN MEN TO MARALINGA TO MAINTAIN THE TOTAL AUSTRALIAN CONTRIBUTION AT THE FIGURE OF 97. THEY WOULD PREFER TO PROVIDE LOW GRADE CATERING STAFF AND/OR STOREMEN.

THIS OFFER TO RELIEVE THE R.A.F. OR THE BRITISH ARMY TO COMPENSATE FOR THE ADDITIONAL 7 R.N. PERSONNEL REQUIRED MAY PRESENT SOME DIFFICULTIES IN THAT THE U.K. ELEMENT OF THE SUPPORT UNIT IS NOW ARRIVING AT MARALINGA. HOWEVER, THE U.K. SERVICES MAY WISH TO POST 7 OF THEIR PEOPLE FROM MARALINGA TO FAR EAST FORCES OR ALTERNATIVELY THE R.A.F. MIGHT LIKE TO TRANSFER 7 PEOPLE FROM MARALINGA TO EDINBURGH TO MAKE UP DEFICIENCIES ON THE R.A.A.F./R.A.F. INTEGRATED FORCE ENGAGED ON GUIDED WEAPON ACTIVITIES. SUGGEST YOU CONSULT D.G.W.T. WHO IS AWARE OF PRESENT POSITION AT EDINBURGH.

ONE FINAL POINT. IT WAS EMPHASISED THAT AUSTRALIAN SERVICES ARE GOING TO FIND IT DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE ANY MORE MEN REQUIRED WHEN THE SUPPORT UNIT BUILDS UP FOR THE NEXT TRIAL. THEY HAVE ASKED TO BE GIVEN AS MUCH NOTICE AS POSSIBLE OF FUTURE NEEDS. CAN YOU YET SAY WHEN A FORMAL APPROACH WILL BE MADE TO THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT?

U.K.J.S.L.S. ARE SENDING A SEPARATE SIGNAL TO THE ADMIRALTY TO INFORM THEM OF THE OUTCOME OF THIS MORNING'S DISCUSSIONS. //

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4th February, 1958

The Secretaries,
Departments of Army, Air and Navy,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE

BR/20/16

Subject: Maralinga - Requirement for Blood Counts
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At the Sixth Meeting of the Board of Management - Atomic Weapons Tests, held on 18th October, 1957, [REDACTED] Director of the Antler series of atomic trials at Maralinga, brought forward the question of blood counts for all entrants to the Range. After some discussion, the matter was deferred to enable [REDACTED] to raise it from a medico legal aspect upon his return to the U.K.

Recently [REDACTED] advised in the following terms :-

" After consultation with our Medical and Health Physics Divisions I now wish to continue to press for blood counts. The reasons are substantially those I gave at the Board meeting. The U.K. has a responsibility under the Agreement with Australia for radiological safety at the Range. In the first instance we wish to exclude people with existing pathological conditions from the Range. In the second, we wish to be able to demonstrate that this has been done in any case in which a claim for damage is made. In order to reduce the amount of work to a minimum I withdraw my previous suggestion of classification of personnel based on time spent at the Range by the following :-

(a) Blood counts required before arrival on site:-

All members of Services
All scientific staff
All other civilians who will be required to work in active areas.

(b) Blood counts not required before arrival on site :-

Civilians whose duties do not require them to enter active areas.

In the case of civilians who enter the range under (b) but are subsequently found to have a need to enter an active area a blood count would be required. Facilities should preferably exist for such examinations at Maralinga. In addition to blood counts, etc. badges

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[REDACTED]

shall include a suitable paragraph in the
Maralinga Safety Regulations."

The above communication was tabled and considered
at the Seventh Meeting of the Board held on 21st January, 1958,
whereat it was decided to adopt [REDACTED] proposal in its
entirety.

Referred for information.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Secretary

TELEGRAMS: SPLYMIN.
MELBOURNE
TELEPHONE: LX146. EXTN.....

From: [REDACTED]
UNITED KINGDOM MINISTRY OF SUPPLY S.
MARALINGA PROJECT OFFICE
BOX 1424 H. G.P.O.,
ADELAIDE,
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Our Ref. 7005.
ur Ref. [REDACTED]

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13 January, 1958.

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Dear [REDACTED]

You asked me to let you know what I am proposing to say at the next meeting of the Board of Management about future Works proposals at Maralinga. It will be somewhat as follows:-

"The original Works Programme for 1958, which was based on a Trials series in September/October of that year, was reduced, on revision, to approximately £A900,000. As a result of the more recent information that there would be no Trials series until 1959, proposals for a reduced programme totalling about £A400,000 for completion during 1958 have been forwarded to the U.K. In addition, £A150,000 have been asked for for maintenance and minor new works.

The figure of £A400,000 is intended to cover certain essential new construction, and the overhaul of the evaporator plant, all of which should be completed before the Range Support Unit starts building up for a future Trials series.

No information has yet been received from U.K. about the extent of the money which will be made available this year."

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Yours

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED],
Secretary,
Board of Management, Atomic Weapons Tests,
Department of Supply,
Swanston Street,
MELBOURNE.

[REDACTED]

(C O P Y)

UNITED KINGDOM ATOMIC ENERGY AUTHORITY.

ATOMIC WEAPONS RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT,
ALDERMASTON,
BERKSHIRE.

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A8/233/CAA

27th November, 1957.

Dear [REDACTED],

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Blood counts at Maralinga

At the meeting of the Maralinga Board of Management held on 18.10.57, I raised the question of blood counts. At the Chairman's request a decision was deferred to allow the matter to be discussed between [REDACTED] and me. We held a discussion by telephone as a result of which I agreed to raise the matter again in U.K. from the medico legal aspect. After consultation with our Medical and Health Physics Divisions I now wish to continue to press for blood counts. The reasons are substantially those I gave at the Board meeting. U.K. has a responsibility under the Agreement with Australia for radiological safety at the Range. In the first instance we wish to exclude people with existing pathological conditions from the Range. In the second we wish to be able to demonstrate that this has been done in any case in which a claim for damage is made.

In order to reduce the amount of work to the minimum I withdraw my previous suggestion of classification of personnel based on time spent at the range by the following:-

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In my conversation with [REDACTED] he agreed that he would not oppose the request even though he thought it unnecessary from the Australian point of view. I believe, therefore, that he will agree with the above proposals, but I am in any case copying this letter to him.

In addition to blood counts, film badges would continue to be issued to all entrants to the Range.

I should be glad if you would raise this matter with the Board of Management. If it is agreed we shall include a suitable paragraph in the Maralinga Safety Regulations.

Hope you had a good visit here, and a better trip back than your outgoing journey.

All best wishes,

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED],
U.K.M.O.S.S.
339 Swanston Street,
MELBOURNE. AUSTRALIA.

Copies to:-

[REDACTED]

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TELEGRAMS: SPLYMIN.
MELBOURNE.

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TELEPHONE: FB 0261

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13th August, 1957.

[Redacted]

Secretary,
Maralinga Board of Management,
Department of Supply.

Copies to:- Official Secretary, United Kingdom High Commissioner's Office.
Assistant Secretary, Research and Development, Dept. of Supply.
Chief Security Officer.

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Board of Management

It is noted that these minutes are classified [Redacted] and it is understood that this classification was introduced primarily on account of item 23 - Operation Antler - Observers.

You are informed that Ministry of Supply Headquarters have now confirmed that the information originally sent to Australia in C.R.O. Telegram No. 668 can now be downgraded to "CONFIDENTIAL". You will recall that this was the original telegram on the subject of "Antler - Observers and Press" and it was on the basis of this telegram that the United Kingdom High Commissioner wrote to the Prime Minister's Department, Canberra, under the classification "TOP SECRET".

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]
for Head of Staff

15/8/57 or 16/8

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13th August, 1957.

Secretary,
Maralinga Board of Management,
Department of Supply.

Copy to: A.W.S.O., Salisbury.

Under Item 33 of minutes of the fourth meeting of the Board of Management, the question of medical examination of personnel proceeding to Maralinga was discussed. It was decided that [redacted] would have further discussions with [redacted] at the Range and inform the Board of the outcome.

A signal has now been received from [redacted], ^{in the effect (agrees with it) (handwritten)} ~~in which it is confirmed~~ that [redacted] agrees that medical examinations are not required for visitors to the Range.

[redacted] points out, however, that visitors who are to stay on the site for more than twenty four hours during trials should have a blood count taken before leaving for the Range and that copies of the records of the blood count should be sent to [redacted] at Maralinga.

It is requested that you will advise all personnel visiting the Range to this effect.

[redacted]

[redacted]
for Head of Staff

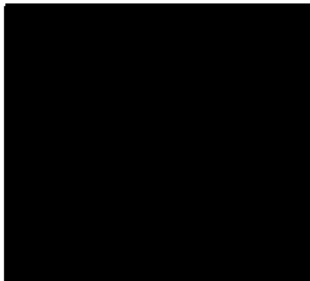
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ME 364
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FROM AWSTAFF
TO UKMOSS (A) MELBOURNE
BT

UK/ UNCLASS FOR [REDACTED] INFO [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] FROM DRAYCOTT.

ONE. [REDACTED] ARRIVES MELFOURNE EX TN 405 ON 4/8/57.

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TWO. HE WILL EITHER STAY IN MELBOURNE UNTIL 7/8/57 LEAVING FOR ADELAIDE BY TN512 OR HE WILL VISIT CANBERRA ON 5/8/57 RETURNING TO MELFOURNE ON 7/8/57 THENCE TO ADELAIDE BY TN512 ON 8/8/57.

[REDACTED] will advise Draycott that [REDACTED] will not need to go to Canberra on 6+7th as Prof Listeron will be in office on 5th + 6th August

THREE. PLEASE ARRANGE ARRANGE TRANSPORT AS REQUIRED AND BOOK ACCOMMODATION AS REQUIRED IN CATHEDRAL.

ALSO ADVISE DAWSONS MOVEMENTS AS SOON AS KNOWN.

FOUR. [REDACTED] ARRIVES MELBOURNE ON 21/8/57. TRAVELS TO ADELAIDE ADELAIDE ON 23/8/57. PLEASE MEET AND ACCOMMODATE IN CATHEDRAL. FLIGHT DETAILS NOT YET KNOWN.

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[REDACTED] AUG CAP MS
ORIGINATOR DRAYCOTT

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TELEPHONE: FB 0261

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30th July, 1957.

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Secretary,
Board of Management,
Atomic Weapons Tests.

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For the attention of [REDACTED]

With reference to item 23 of the minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Board of Management held on 1st July, 1957, it is pointed out that the wording in sub-paragraph (a) could be subject to misinterpretation. As the sub-paragraph now stands, it could be interpreted as suggesting that 12 representatives of the Australian Armed Services should be asked to attend the "Antler" trials, i.e. two observers from each Service to witness two separate tests.

In actual fact, the view of the U.K.M.O.S.S.(A) representatives is that accommodation at the Range will be so restricted as to permit of not more than six Australian Service representatives in all, i.e. two observers from each Service being present to witness any one of the tests being carried out during the "Antler" series.

You will note from sub-paragraph (c) of item 23 that the United Kingdom has been asked to concur in invitations being issued to a maximum of 13 Australian observers. This, in fact, confirms the United Kingdom view that the total observers from the Australian Armed Services should be limited to six.

I shall be glad if you will make the necessary amendment to the minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Board of Management.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
for Head of Staff

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DATE: [redacted]
BY: [redacted]

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PP 251100Z

FROM AVRE ALDERMASTON ENGLAND W K

TO AWCYAFF SALISBURY AUSTRALIA

INFO SUP DEP MELBOURNE

BT
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[redacted] FOR DEPARTURE FROM [redacted]

INFO [redacted] CARE OF [redacted]

1. REF XZ 1339 ITINERARIES PLANNED AS FOLLOWS.
2. [redacted] DEPARTS LONDON FLIGHT BA 700 ON JULY 31. DEPARTS SYDNEY TO MELBOURNE AUGUST 4. IF TITTERTON NOT IN MELBOURNE HE WILL GO TO CARLEENA AUGUST 6 AND RETURN TO MELBOURNE AUGUST 7. DEPARTS MELBOURNE FOR ADELAIDE AUGUST 7 ON 6.
3. [redacted] DEPARTS LONDON ON FLIGHT BA 704 ON AUGUST 17. STAYS ASTRA IN SYDNEY. DEPARTS SYDNEY FOR MELBOURNE AUGUST 21 AND STAYS AT CATHEDRAL. DEPARTS MELBOURNE TO ADELAIDE AUGUST 23. IF PRACTICAL DEPARTS ADELAIDE FOR RANGEL AUGUST 25.
4. [redacted] FLIGHT FROM LONDON IS THE ONLY CONFIRMED. [redacted] WILL INFORM YOU AS OTHER FLIGHTS ARE CONFIRMED.

BT
[redacted] CAP WE

Phoned to [redacted] WF 9848
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PRECEDENCE

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Time	
Operator	

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CME 344

PP 25 1150Z

FROM AMRE ALDERMASTON ENGLND UK
 TO AWSTAFF WELLSBURY AUSTRALIA
 INFO SUPDEP MELBOURNE

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[REDACTED] ZX 2376.

FOR-DRAYCOTT FROM [REDACTED] INFO [REDACTED] CASE OF
 [REDACTED] FURTHER TO ZX 2375 LOOKING [REDACTED] TO SYDNEY IF CONFIRMED.

BT
 26 1520IK JUL CAP MS

Phoned to

[REDACTED] F7848
 29/7
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MELBOURNE.
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9th July, 1957

Secretary,
Board of Management,
Atomic Weapons Tests,
339 Swanston St.
MELBOURNE, C.1.



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For the attention of [REDACTED]

You will remember that, at the third meeting of the Maralinga Board of Management, the Range Commander asked for an indication of the number of visitors who would be present at the forthcoming Antler trials.

We approached U.K. with a request for the early supply of information. We have been informed that, while the difficulties of the Range Commander are fully appreciated, the whole question of the attendance of observers is being considered and it is regretted that no information can yet be given on the likely number who will attend the trials.

We have an assurance that we shall receive the necessary details as soon as possible.

[REDACTED]

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Administrative Officer

[REDACTED]

Asst Sec R & D leg 10/7

Relates to Item 23 of the last Board minutes - Service & Civil Defence Observers.

OC 10/7

[REDACTED]

leg 10/7

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EXT.: 235

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VICTORIA BARRACKS
MELBOURNE

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9 July, 1957.



Secretary,
Board of Management,
Atomic Weapons Tests,
c/o Department of Supply,
339, Swanston Street,
Melbourne, C.1.

1st Lt. W. S. ...



Minutes of Third Meeting

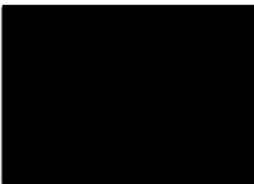
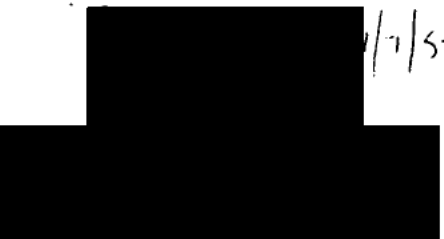
May the following please be added to the Minutes of the Third Meeting of the Board of Management - Atomic Weapons Tests, circulated under your letter 6044/1/205 of 5 July, 1957.

Under Item 21, Third Progress Report - Maralinga Range Support Unit.

"(d) [redacted] informed the Board that, in accordance with their request (vide Item 13, Minutes of Second Meeting), the Head of UKSLS had personally taken up at a high level with the War Office, as co-ordinator of the UK Service Ministries concerned, the question of a "Maralinga Allowance" for the UK Contingent of the Maralinga Range Support Unit. ~~The reply he had received was most discouraging, but the problem was being re-examined with a view to making further representations.~~"

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Representations are still in progress.



Colonel,
S.A.L.O.
U.K.S.L.S.



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CME 261

RR 24 1430IK

FROM [Redacted]

TO [Redacted] SUPDEP

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[Redacted line]

REF ITEM 16 OF MINUTES. ~~PARAGRAPHS~~ PLEASE CHANGE TITLES
OF [Redacted] AND ~~512~~ [Redacted] TO READ COMD ANTLER TASK
FORCES AND AIR SUPPORT COMD RESPECTIVELY.

BT

~~2522~~ 24 1623IK JUNE CAP MS

ORIGINATOR [Redacted]

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Amendments notified 5

[Redacted]

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CME 152

RR 16 1415IK

FROM AWSTADD

TO SUP DEP MELBOURNE

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FOR [REDACTED] FROM [REDACTED] . WILL FOLLOWING ITEMS ~~BE~~ BE READY FOR INCLUSION IN AGENDA NEXT

BOARD MEETING . MARALINGA ~~PROHIBITED~~ PROHIBITED ZONE. *from 6/20/4*

LEGAL POWERS OF RANGE COMMANDER IN RESPECT OF CIVILIANS - [REDACTED]

1 RIGHT OF SEARCH ETC ~~FOR~~ FOR ~~OBVIOUS~~ OBVIOUS REASONS NO MENTION

2 *Speed limits & Section 12 of Defence (Special Undertakings Act)*
IN LIMITS OF [REDACTED] SUGGESTION FOR NEW ~~NAME~~ NAME FOR TASK

FORCE ~~NAME~~ BUT ACTION REQUIRED STILL TO SHOW THAT ~~NAME~~

IT IS JOINT UK/ AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE . SUGGEST ASK [REDACTED]

TO PRODUCE ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTION, IS MARA CIRCULAR NO 3

READY FOR DISTRIBUTION .

AT LEAST 20 COPIES REQUIREJ TO SEND TO UK.

BT

16 1545IK CAP MAY JML

ORIGINATOR [REDACTED]

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16th January, 1957.

Secretary,
Atomic Weapons Tests Committee,
Department of Supply.

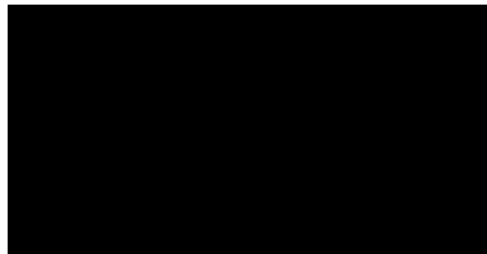
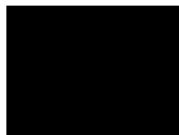
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Circulation of Agenda for Atomic Weapons Tests Committee Meetings

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It will be appreciated if in future you will arrange to send a copy of the Agenda for these meetings direct to the Official Secretary, Office of the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom, Canberra, A.C.T., as soon as the Agenda has been prepared. The same applies, of course, to any Board or other organisation which may be set up to take the place of the Atomic Weapons Tests Committee.

It is hoped that it will be possible to have future Agenda in the hands of the Official Secretary some days before the actual date of the meeting. *MM*



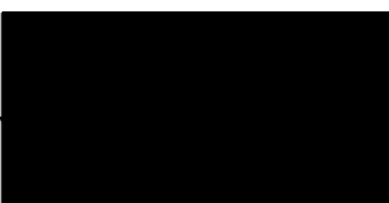
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for Head of Staff

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MELBOURNE


TELEPHONE: FB0261

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The Secretary,
Department of Supply.

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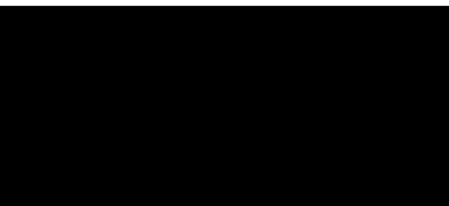
I am enclosing a copy of a tentative Organisation Chart for the section under the U.K.M.O.S.S.(A) Atomic Weapons Staff Officer, who is expected to function also as the Chief Executive Officer to the Board of Management for Atomic Tests in Australia.

The staffing proposals embodied in the chart involve several new posts, and have also tacitly assumed the continuation in post of certain existing staff on loan from the Weapons Research Establishment.

It is, therefore, first necessary for me to ask you whether, indeed, we may presume on your continuing help in this respect. Even further, to ask whether you could possibly lend a scientifically trained man of S.E.O. or S.S.O. status to work on what we have designated as "Department of Supply Liaison". The intended meaning will be better understood from the sub-headings (a), (b) and (c) under the heading on the chart.

The proposals in the chart were arrived at in discussion with , who will explain them in the United Kingdom and ask for formal confirmation of the increased complement they entail. He will also press the point that to be appropriate to the appointment, the Chief Executive Officer should have the rank of full Colonel. He will stress that this is necessary to match the natural pattern of the Board and its activities, and that it is important in the relationship between the C.E.O. and scientific staff, to whom a Lieutenant-Colonel is the equivalent of a Principal Scientific Officer, but a Colonel the equivalent of a Superintendent. He will be able to draw attention to the fact that in connection with previous operations, Emma and Buffalo, you have kindly provided the Chief Executive Officer; in the first case an Assistant Secretary and in the second case a Superintendent.

I should be very grateful for any comments you feel able to make regarding the proposed chart, and the possibility that you may be able to help us with staff on the lines I have indicated.



Head of Staff

