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WE ALL AGREE THAT ESSENTIAL POINT TO BE DERIVED FROM DISCUSSION AT FINAL SESSION J CONFERENCE AND SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS OUTSIDE OF CONFERENCE IS THAT BRITISH A-E GOING TO SET UP THEIR J SECTIONS SO THAT IF NECESSARY THEY CAN DO BIG SCALE JOB AND ASSUME LEADERSHIP. (TO STRONG FOR CORDERMAN FROM FREEDMAN) IN OPENING THE MEETING THEY SAID THEY BELIEVED THAT, WHILE TACTICAL MATERIAL WOULD HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH IN THEATERS, THERE SHOULD BE ONE CENTER INTO WHICH EVERYTHING WOULD FLOW AND AT WHICH COORDINATION OF ALL WORK AT EVERY EXPLOITATION CENTER WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED; THAT WASHINGTON WAS THE RIGHT PLACE TO HAVE THE COORDINATING CENTER; AND THAT THEY HOPED THAT ARLINGTON COULD ASSUME FUNCTION OF LEADERSHIP, NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF OUR POSITION IN PACIFIC BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF THEIR OWN MANPOWER PROBLEMS. WE ARE ALL CONVINCED THEY MEAN WHAT THEY SAY IN THESE RESPECTS BUT THAT THEY ARE NOT GOING TO TAKE ANY CHANCES ON POSSIBILITY OF ARLINGTONS BEING UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO DO JOB ON SCALE THAT PEOPLE HERE CONCEIVE OF OR THAT IT MAY BE LATE IN GETTING UNDER WAY. THEY HAVE NOW SOME SIXTY PEOPLE WORKING ON SIG CRYPT SIDE AND ARE RECRUITING SECTION OF FIFTY TO DO WT/I SIDE AND INTELLIGENCE SIDE, ALONG LINES OF EASY OPERATION.

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MCCORMACK WILL DESCRIBE IN SEPARATE TELEGRAM THE SCHEME OR ORGANIZATION THAT THEY HAVE IN MIND. AS PREVIOUS TELEGRAMS HAVE INDICATED, BP HAS BUILT UP VERY EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION ON ALL PHASES OF E WT/I AND HAVE UNIQUE EXPERIENCE IN DERIVING INTELLIGENCE AIDS FROM WT/I AND COORDINATING WT/I WITH COLLATERAL SOURCES OF INTELLIGENCE FOR PURPOSE OF BOTH CRYPT AND INTELLIGENCE WORK. THEY SUGGEST THAT QUICKEST WAY FOR ARLINGTON TO GET STARTED ON MAJOR OPERATION WOULD BE TO SEND OVER HERE THEIR KEY PEOPLE TO GET THEIR TRAINING BY PARTICIPATING IN SETTING UP BRITISH ORGANIZATION, RETURNING AFTER PERIOD OF TRAINING ESTIMATED AT THREE MONTHS OR SLIGHTLY LESS TO BECOME NUCLEUS FOR SETTING UP AND TRAINING ARLINGTON ORGANIZATION AND PERSONNEL TO BE SENT OUT TO AUSTRALIA, POSSIBLY INDIA AND OTHER ADVANCED POINTS. TRAINING HERE WOULD CONSIST OF OBSERVING EASY OPERATION IN ALL PHASES AND PARTICIPATING IN WORK OF SETTING UP ORGANIZATION TO APPLY TECHNIQUES OF EASY TO J. THERE HAS BEEN SOME DISCUSSION OF NUMBER TO BE SENT. TWELVE SEEMS TO BE IDEAL NUMBER ALTHOUGH TILTMAN THINKS THAT THERE MIGHT BE DIFFICULTY IN GETTING PERMISSION FOR MORE THAN SIX TO SEE INITIAL DETAILS OF E OPERATION AND SIX APPEARS TO BE

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REGARDED HERE AS MINIMUM DESIRABLE. IT SEEMS TO ALL OF US THAT LOGICAL WAY TO BEGIN MAJOR OPERATION ON J MATERIAL IS TO TAKE FULLEST ADVANTAGE OF E EXPERIENCE AND THEREFORE BRITISH SUGGESTION SEEMS LOGICAL. IF YOU AGREE PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT THE BETTER TRAINED THEY ARE AND THE BETTER QUALIFIED MENTALLY THE FASTER THEY WILL ABSORB THE STUFF AND THE SOONER THEY CAN RETURN TO ARLINGTON. IF BROWNS PRESENT J SECTION CANNOT SPARE MORE THAN THREE OR FOUR CONDIDATES SUGGEST TAKING MEN FROM HIS GERMAN SECTION AS THEIR TRAINING HERE WILL YIELD US BIGGER DIVIDENDS THAN WILL CONTINUING THEIR PRESENT WORK, WHICH BECAUSE OF LACK OF TRAFFIC, IS CERTAINLY OF MINOR VALUE COMPARE D WITH WHAT BRITISH ARE GETTING IN SAME FIELD, AND IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO SEND THEM HERE FOR THIS JOB EVEN IF ULTIATELY, AFTER FUNCTIONING IN J FIELD, THEY WERE TO BE RETURNED TO FIELD IN WHICH THEY NOW WORK. IN SEPARATE TELEGRAM I WILL SUMMARIZE CONCLUSIONS REACHED AT J CONFERENCE AND WILL FORWARD MINUTES OF MEETINGS AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. AM STAYING ON AT PART^K FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD AT LEAST WEEK OR TWO LONGER UNTIL FEEL I HAVE GRASPED ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS. PLEASE INFORM PROPER PARTY AM WELL AND THAT WORK LEAVES NO TIME FOR LETTERS BUT XXXX HOPE THAT NOTE

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ON TWENTYFIRST IS DULY DELIVERED VIA CABLES. NOTE BY
MCCORMACK: AM SENDING THIS FOR FRIEDMAN BASED ON NOTES MADE
BY HIM LAST NIGHT. JUST BEFORE I LEFT TILTMAN SAID HE THOUGHT
 IT WOULD BE VERY GOOD IF BROWN COULD COME OVER TO LOOK AT NEW
 ME SHOW AND PARTICIPATE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE AND THAT
 THEY COULD GUARANTEE THAT BROWN WOULD BE SHOWN OPERATION IN
 EVERY DETAIL. NOTE ALSO THAT EVERYBODY IN AUTHORITY HERE HAS
 AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CORDERMAN WOULD
COME OVER FOR VISIT. NOTE FOR CLARKE: IF PARTY COMES OVER
 HERE YOU SHOULD CONSIDER SERIOUSLY THE DESIRABILITY OF SENDING
RANDOLPH OR SOME ONE ELSE AND EVEN POSSIBLY TWO PEOPLE TO
STUDY INTELLIGENCE SIDE OF THIS OPERATION. RANDOLPHS CIVILIAN
 STATUS WILL MAKE NO DIFFERENCE WHATEVER HERE. FINAL NOTE:
 PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT WHEN THESE PEOPLE HERE GET SOMETHING
 STARTED THEY WORK FAST AND IN HIGH GEAR AND THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE
 THEIR J OPERATION GOING VERY SOON. DE GREY TOLD ME THAT BY
END OF NINETEEN FORTYTHREE THEY EXPECT TO BE EMPLOYING SIX
THOUSAND PEOPLE IN PARK OPERATION AND THAT PERHAPS A THOUSAND
 OF THEM WOULD BE WORKING ON J SIDE OF THINGS, WHICH OF COURSE
 INCLUDES NAVAL AND WEATHER

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