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AT J MEETING MONDAY THERE WAS DISCUSSION OF IMPROVING EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR POUCH DELIVERIES IN ORDER TO SPEED UP INTER-CHANGE OF RAW MATERIAL BETWEEN LONDON AND WASHINGTON, AUSTRALIA AND WASHINGTON, AND NEW DELHI AND LONDON. IT APPEARS THAT BY ACTION OF BRITISH JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF BP HAS OBTAINED NUMBER ONE PRIORITY OF FOURTEEN POUNDS ON EVERY BRITISH TRANSPORT PLANE THROUGHOUT WORLD, AND QUESTION IS RAISED WHETHER THROUGH AMERICAN CHIEFS OF STAFF OR OTHERWISE ARLINGTON MIGHT OBTAIN SIMILAR PRIORITY. BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF PROBABLY WOULD URGED THIS ON OUR PEOPLE IF REQUESTED. THEY SAY HOWEVER THAT, IN VIEW OF LARGE AMOUNT OF UNITED STATES AIR TRAFFIC ACROSS BOTH ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC, SUCH A PRIORITY WOULD SOLVE PROBLEM OF SENDING TRAFFIC FROM AUSTRALIA (APART FROM WHAT MIGHT GO BY RADIO CIRCUITS) AND WOULD BE GREAT HELP IN SOLVING PROBLEM AS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND LONDON. WE ALSO AGREED TO TAKE UP POSSIBILITY OF USING COURIER FACILITIES NOW EXISTING, SUCH AS DEBIRNY ROUTE, WHICH MAY NOT BE FULLY USED AT PRESENT. FRIEDMAN AT MEETING MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF USING, FOR RADIO LINKS, TWO TWENTY NIGHTS MANNED BY AMERICAN PERSONNEL AT BOTH ENDS, AND WHILE COMMENT ON THIS WAS EXTREMELY RESERVED, IT WAS OBVIOUSLY A VERY WELCOME

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SUGGESTION AND IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT IF BRITISH HAD ^{to}
 TO TYPE THIS SORT OF MATERIAL THE JOB WOULD BE PRETTY HOPELESS.
 AS PERHAPS YOU KNOW, (TO STRONG FOR CLARKE AND CORDERMAN
FROM MCCORMACK) BRITISH AIRFORCE ONE YEAR AGO UNDERTOOK TO
 SET UP FOR BP AND C ORGANIZATION NEW RADIO LINKS TO VARIOUS
 POINTS IN WORLD. I AM NOT CLEAR AS YET JUST WHAT THESE LINKS
 ARE OR WHETHER THOSE NOW EXISTING TO MEDITERRANEAN ARE PART
 OF THIS PROJECT BUT IT APPEARS THAT THEY HAVE COMPLETED
 CIRCUIT BETWEEN LONDON AND BOMBASAC AND ARE ABOUT TO PUT
 LINK TO INDIA INTO OPERATION. AT MEETING BRIGADIER HARRISS
 IN SPEAKING FAMILIARLY OF THIS PROJECT, AND THEREFORE NOT
 GIVING DETAILS, SAID THAT WHILE IT HAD BEEN STARTED APPROX-
 IMATELY A YEAR AGO THEY WERE JUST BEGINNING TO GET IT INTO
 OPERATION. WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD ASK MY WIFE TO GET
BY TELEPHONING DOCTOR BELCHER ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVEN BROADWAY
NEW YORK AND SEND BY FASTEST POSSIBLE FIRST MONTHS DOSES OF
RAGGED ANTIGEN WHICH HE GIVES ME EVERY YEAR

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