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15th August, 1941.



My Lord,

I have the honour to inform Your Lordship that Lord Hankey recently called a meeting of the Defence Services Panel, the War Cabinet Scientific Advisory Committee, the Directors of Scientific Research of the Supply Departments, the Central Register and the Ministry of Labour, at which it was agreed to approach the United States Government on the possibility of recruiting a limited number of young United States scientists to assist in the research establishments of the Supply Departments.

2. The requests of the Supply Departments are for:-

A. Ministry of Supply

- 6 - 8 Chemical Engineers
- 6 - 10 Physical Chemists
- 6 - 10 Organic Chemists
- 12 Physicists (50 per cent. General
50 " " Electrical).

B. Ministry of Aircraft Production

40 - 50 to be spread more or less evenly over branches dealing with:-

- Wind tunnel experiments,
- Flight testing,
- Performance calculation,
- Internal combustion engines,
- Aircraft instruments,
- Electrical accessories,
- Mechanical testing,
- Structural investigations,
- Aircraft armament problems.

C. Admiralty

Group "A" - Radio

Category I.

12 - highly skilled radio engineers age 30-40 with sound training in physics or electrical engineering and some years of practical experience in either research, experimental development or design.

Category II

His Excellency
The Right Honourable
Viscount Halifax, K.G., G.C.S.I.,
etc., etc., etc.,
Washington.

Mr. Royce Miller
Mr. Foster
Brigadier Hindle
It looks to me as if this might be taken up as part of the scheme described in file G 208.

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Category II

50 University graduates of a standard comparable to a 2nd Class honours degree in physics or electrical engineering who have specialised in radio during their course.

Group "B"

1 experienced man in each of the following subjects:-

Acoustics,
Light current electrical engineering,
Small Mechanical design.

3. With the exception of "A" (1) and "B" of the Admiralty requests, the work is appropriate for young graduates but is not necessarily fundamental research of the type which normally qualifies for a higher degree.

4. It is contemplated that the men should have civilian status. In order to avoid difficulties of salary and Civil Service regulations, it is suggested that they should be sent as employees of the United States Government, detailed for observation and training, to be available for return at the end of, say, twelve months in order to assist in the expansion of United States establishments.

5. Volunteers should be subjected to thorough scrutiny from the security point of view.

6. Unless you see any objection I shall be glad if you will approach the United States authorities in this matter. The Committee are notifying Mr. Hovde of the N.D.R.C. and Professor Darwin of the Central Scientific Office of the British Purchasing Commission of these proposals. The Committee also suggest that, in order to co-ordinate these proposals with the demands already in hand for uniformed personnel of technical officer grades, the Air Attaché, President Conant of Harvard University and Dr. Leonard Carmichael of the National Register should also be consulted.

I am, with great truth and respect,
My Lord,
Your Excellency's obedient Servant,
(For the Secretary of State)

T North Whitehead