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Dear Howlett,

... I am most grateful for the information you were able to give me over the telephone on Tuesday and I now enclose a copy of the letter I have sent to Jones dealing with the points you raised. I think you will not find anything in my reply to disagree with.

You will notice that I have not, after all, volunteered any information about the future of the Mercury computer at Harwell. It struck me after our conversation that it might be dangerous for me to say anything about our intentions at the moment, and subsequent reference to Sir William Penney's paper to the Authority (A.E.A.(60)113, para. 25) confirms me in this view. The Ministry for Science and the Treasury are however aware I think of the presence of this computer, and I should not be surprised if they follow up this correspondence with a question about our intentions regarding it.

Yours sincerely,

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