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The Hon. P.E.
Ramsbotham,
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Washington.

Miss A.M. Warburton,
Bonn.

D. Arkell, D.I.S.
(Metropole),

A.W. Redpath,
C.R.O.

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN.

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2. In view of the now ~~very~~ dubious authenticity of the original report I think that there would be little point in passing on the information to the French as Peter Ramsbotham proposed in his letter to Willie Morris 1247/16/64 of June 11 (not copied to you or Bonn).

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