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I discussed with General McClure the question of use of Pye receivers for displaced persons and for the Liberated Territories, and told him that I had agreed with you, when I was in London, that we ought to send more Pye receivers to Holland and had suggested to Morley that we should stock-pile as many as we could in Brussels for delivery to Holland and elsewhere as soon as we could get them. I hope Morley has gotten in touch with you about this.

The General is very keen that we should use these receivers wherever they are urgently required, but I mentioned to him that from a Ministry of Information point of view they were originally allotted for France and the Liberated Territories, and were not to be used for any German operation. General McClure's view is that they should be used wherever the urgency is great, and that use by displaced persons and for communications inside Germany is a very legitimate work for these receivers. Provided you agree to this, all will be well, but if not will you definitely state on paper that the Ministry of Information does not wish them used for other than France and the Liberated Territories, in which case General McClure will take it up as a policy question? I do not know myself the terms under which these were issued to P.W.D., but I feel that presumably they were intended for P.W. work of any nature in any country in which P.W.D. was concerned. Would you kindly let me have an answer to this as soon as possible?

I got your letter this morning about the MOI ruling regarding personnel at Luxembourg, and have passed it to the sections concerned. It is a great pity, because it looks now as if Luxembourg, apart from the few British who are there already, will be mainly U.S. This the General was anxious to avoid, but owing to your ruling I see no other way out of it.

Yours

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