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Comments on Trip Report by Professor Wilks

TO Mr. Friedman, S/ASST

FROM TECHDIR/PROD

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1. This report covers the highly controversial visit made by Dr. Wilks to GCHQ. There have been extremely informal reactions reaching PROD on a personal basis from GCHQ suggesting that Dr. Wilks' visit was not looked upon with favor at GCHQ, and that Dr. Wilks in his questioning innocently and accidentally got onto some extremely delicate ground.

2. This report reflects a strong undertone of disapproval for the present 70-90 organization, which is not a new concept but is interesting coming from NSASAB. He accurately portrays British feelings on the subject.

3. As to paragraph 8 on selection of personnel by tests, I personally cannot agree with him. This subject of testing has been investigated for years. The Navy in the last war had a large number of psychologists who were fascinated by the problem. The only test which we have seen in recent years in which we had any appreciable confidence was in the summer of three years ago when all our most promising junior mathematician applicants flunked polygraph and the least promising passed with flying colors. I cannot agree with the concept implied in this paragraph and in much of the past hiring of this Agency that people for T/A are essentially different from people for crypt and need not be as good. This is a blunder we are paying a terrific price to wipe out.

4. Paragraph 12 implies that there is no contact at present between the [redacted] at GCHQ and 90, this is obviously absurd. Paragraph 13 on further AFSS representation is clearly policy but I am opposed. All Americans in GCHQ at Cheltenham must be under one command. The idea of special AFSS representation would create chaos. Possibly AFSS is not getting everything it should from the delegation at Cheltenham, but there is certainly adequate Air Force representation in the unit.

5. Paragraph 16 would have been the one paragraph in the paper in which I personally would want full details. After a recitation in which the number of sheries of the whole jurket is given in detail, when Dr. Wilks gets to the meat he casually reports "As these problems are all rather technical, I shall not discuss them here." Where will he? The previous paragraph he apparently considers of more interest and concern to us.

6. As to his recommendation on [redacted] coming over, we should be delighted, but the issue is larger. Because of shortages of funds, high cost of travel and dollar difficulties, very few GCHQ personnel come to NSA on visits. This is particularly conspicuous when we see the number of Americans, including Wilks, going the other way. This in itself is probably irritating to some British. It would clearly be to our advantage to greatly increase the visits of Britishers over here, of whom [redacted] is a shining example, but the list is long. If the NSA Staff can diplomatically work out a program to accomplish this it would be worthwhile. One possibility would be to get them MATS transportation. By this we wouldn't embarrass them

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by directly handing them the cash. Something of this sort is highly desirable. We would much rather have here for a visit than Wilks at GCHQ and that is an understatement.

7. It is obvious that I personally consider Wilks' trip to have been an unfortunate junket which discovered no new information and created some ill will. It may be argued that this is offset by the shot in the arm to Wilks personally. This is in turn offset by the loss of morale by personnel on board.

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