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THANKS WIRE. AM AFRAID IT SHOULD TAKE TOO LONG FOR ME TO INVESTIGATE ALL OTHER PHASES OF JOB HERE IN SAME DETAIL AS THOSE ALREADY REPORTED ON. BECAUSE OF TIME CONSUMED IN GETTING OUT REPORTS HAVE BEEN WORKING EVERY NIGHT BUT EVEN SO THE RATE OF PROGRESS IN DAYTIME IS SLOW. TAYLOR HAS TAKEN OVER JOB OF REPORTING ON WHOLE SO CALLED CLANDESTINE FIELD, INCLUDING POLICE, AND WHAT ARE KNOWN AS ISOS AND ISK AND WILL START REPORTING SOON. WHEN YOU GET HIS REPORT YOU WILL SURELY CONCLUDE (TO STRONG FOR CHALK FROM MCCORMACK) THAT MOST RIDICULOUS OF ALL INTELLIGENCE ARRANGEMENTS IN HISTORY OF MAN IS ASSIGNMENT OF CLANDESTINE FIELD TO COAST GUARD AND THEIR DIVISION OF WORK WITH BRITISH. IN SUB AND SUBSTANCE THEY HAVE DISCLAIMED FOR UNITED STATES ANY INTEREST IN INFORMATION FROM ANY PART OF WORLD EXCEPT WESTERN HEMISPHERE. WE ARE GOING TO SAINT ALBANS, WHICH IS WHERE CLANDESTINE MATERIAL IS TRANSLATED INTO INTELLIGENCE, PROBABLY MONDAY OR TUESDAY. I DID NOT INTEND TO GO, BUT CHIEF SAYS THAT THIS IS BEST INTELLIGENCE SHOW IN BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THAT I MUST NOT MISS IT. TAYLOR HAS BEEN COMPLETING TOUR OF DEPARTMENTS NOW WHERE HE IS NOW WORKING ON ECONOMIC MATERIAL AND TO WORK AS IF THERE MIGHT OPEN UP A GOOD SOURCE OF NEW INTELLIGENCE. THIS.

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AFTERNOON I AM JOINING TAYLOR TO LOOK AT INTELLIGENCE PART OF THIS SHOW, TO MEET FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL WHO IS IN CHARGE AND TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH COLONEL VICKERS, WHO APPEARS TO BE PART OF CHIEF'S ORGANIZATION AND TO ELECTION AS ALLISON BETWEEN DENNISTON'S SHOW AND ECONOMIC WARFARE MINISTRY. HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE TO GET ECONOMIC WARFARE PICTURE, WHICH LOOKS AS IF IT WOULD DESERVE CLOSE ATTENTION, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY. WE OUGHT TO LOOK AT INTERCEPT PICTURE TO SUFFICIENT EXTENT TO GET FACTS AND FIGURES IN MIND, AND VARIOUS PEOPLE HAVE SUGGESTED FROM TIME TO TIME THAT FRIEDMAN AND I SHOULD GO DOWN TO AFRICA TO TALK WITH HAYES AND LOOK AT WHAT HE IS DOING. YOU MIGHT CONSIDER THIS POSSIBILITY WHEN YOU ARE RESTING. I HAVE MADE NOTES FOR REPORT ON DENNISTON'S SHOW WHICH EXPECT SHORTLY TO REBODY IN REPORT, WHICH I THINK YOU SHOULD HAVE BEFORE LONG, AND THIS WILL BE AMPLIFIED BY FURTHER REPORTS FROM TAYLOR WHO HAS SPENT ^{TIME} ~~TIME~~ WITH ME IN LOOKING IT OVER. EXPECT TO SEE FRIEDMAN OVER WEEKEND AS AFTER MUCH EFFORT HAS ARRANGED ROUND OF GOLF AND IS COMING DOWN FROM PARK AND WE WILL TALK THINGS OVER AND TRY TO REPORT TO YOU PROBABLY PROGRAM FROM HERE ON. GLAD TO KNOW YOU ARE STILL ALIVE AND KICKING AND TO HAVE PERSONAL MESSAGE. WE NOW ALL KNOW WHY

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PEOPLE IN SO CALLED FIELD DO SO MUCH GROUSING ABOUT NOT
 HEARING FROM WASHINGTON. TELL WINNIE TO SEND LETTERS THROUGH
WHICH AS OTHER PEOPLE DO WHO WRITE TO EMBASSY BECAUSE HAVE
NOT YET RECEIVED A SINGLE LETTER FROM HER. DELIGHTED TO HEAR
WHAT YOU SAY RE EMPLOY. MY STUDIES HERE CONVINCED ME THAT
SPECIAL BRANCH SHOULD MOVE TO PREMISES CLOSE TO ARLINGTON
HALL AND SHOULD WORK ON NEW FIELD OF INTELLIGENCE WITH ARLING
TON HALL AS CLOSELY AS IF THEY WERE SAME ORGANIZATION AND
ALSO THAT FIGURES FOR PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PHASE
WILL HAVE TO BE REVISED UPWARDS. FORGET TO SAY ABOVE THAT
ARE GOING TO LOOK OVER AIR MINISTRY AND WAR OFFICE NEXT W
AND HOPE TO GET GENERAL INTELLIGENCE FIGURE AS WELL AS
PICTURE OF HOW MATERIAL IS HANDLED WITHIN MINISTRIES.
YOU AGREE WITH MY SUSPICION THAT OUR EXCLUSION FROM NAV
OPERATION WASTED DOINGS OF OUR OWN NAVY? DO YOU KNOW
BRITISH IN 1940 DECIDE THAT MODERN WARFARE REQUIRED
ORGANIZATION OF AN ARMY INTELLIGENCE CORPS AND THAT OF
IS CONSIDERED GREAT SUCCESS? SINCE THIS MESSAGE IS
TO ODDS AND ENDS, HERE IS ONE MORE BELIEVE THAT
I GOT BACK RIGHT SHOULD BE SENT OVER HERE FOR INFO

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