

MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW WITH MR. BRIAN LEWIS - 23RD MARCH, 1936

Mr. Brian Lewis called to-day and asked: *Whether:-*

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(a) In view of the fact that Sir John Siddeley is very skilled in engines for aircraft, he might suggest that he come out to Australia to confer with the Syndicate.

us experts

(b) In view of the fact that he had been conferring with the Government prior to the formation of the Syndicate regarding aircraft manufacture, the Syndicate would have any objection to sending the Minister for Defence a copy of the offer now made to us.

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MELBOURNE:
23rd March, 1936.

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to come his people

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20th March, 1936.

Wing Commander L. J. Wackett,
C/o Austral Development Ltd.,
95 Gresham Street,
LONDON. E.C.2.

Dear Sir,

I think it was mentioned to you prior to your departure that Mr. Brian Lewis, representing the Hawker-Siddeley Group of aircraft manufacturers, had been in touch with us for some little time.

His principals have now put forward certain proposals for co-operation with us in the establishment of the aircraft manufacturing industry in Australia, and I enclose herewith a copy of Mr. Brian Lewis' letter dated 11th inst., together with the Hawker-Siddeley Group's proposals.

I am sending you this information as it is Mr. Brian Lewis' intention to advise his principals of your visit to England, and doubtless they will approach you in this connection whilst you are there.

I would particularly stress the fact that these proposals have not yet gone before the members of the Syndicate and have not been discussed in any way, nor is it our present intention to consider them until very much later on.

The only comment I would make on the Hawker-Siddeley proposals is in connection with item No. 7 - we understand from Mr. Brian Lewis that their suggestion relates purely to Rolls Royce engines.

Yours faithfully,



For and on behalf of the Syndicate.

Encls:

20th March, 1936.

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J. Storey, Esq.,
General Motors-Holden's Ltd.,
City Road,
SOUTH MELBOURNE. S.C.5.

Dear Sir,

In accordance with his letter of the 11th inst.
I would advise that Mr. Brian Lewis called to see us
yesterday, and for your information I enclose herewith
memorandum of our discussion.

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of the Syndicate.

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Encl:

FM:SM:KE

20th March, 1936.

Brian Lewis, Esq.,
"Coronado,"
511 St. Kilda Road,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Mr. Lewis,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your note of the 19th inst., and as requested by you will mark the Hawker-Siddeley proposals and letter which I am addressing to Wing Commander Wackett "Strictly Confidential."

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Mc' or similar, written in a cursive style.

SM:KE