

MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW HELD IN MANAGING
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, 19/3/1936.

Present: Mr. Brian Lewis,
Mr. Essington Lewis,
Mr. F. M. Mitchell.

Subject: HAWKER-SIDDELEY GROUP'S PROPOSALS.

It was explained to Mr. Brian Lewis that the proposals which his Principals put forward went as far as the matter could go at the present moment, seeing that a definite policy or programme for the Australian company had not yet been laid down.

Mr. Essington Lewis explained that two technical men were abroad looking into the question, accompanied by one man on leave from the Defence Department. He gave Mr. Brian Lewis full particulars of the names of these men, and their London address as Care Austral Development Ltd., 95 Gresham Street, London, E.C.2., which Mr. Brian Lewis would pass on to his Principals. These men would place before the Syndicate on their return the data which they had gathered, when the Syndicate would then probably be in a position to pursue the matter further.

Mr. Brian Lewis advised that he had received a cable from his Principals asking how the proposals had been received, and asked what reply he could send.

Mr. Essington Lewis said he did not see how the Syndicate could proceed much further at the moment, but that the matter would come before the members of the Syndicate at a meeting which it was hoped to arrange for Tuesday next. In the meantime, so far as he personally is concerned, the fact of the friendly approach was welcome.

Whilst it was premature to discuss any of the details, he was a bit doubtful about No. 7. Mr. Brian Lewis explained he thought this related purely to Rolls Royce engines. Mr. Essington Lewis replied that if this were so it might make the position easier for discussion.

Mr. Brian Lewis advised that he is staying in Melbourne until Wednesday morning and would ring to see, after consideration by the members of the Syndicate, the nature of the reception of the proposals.

Mr. Brian Lewis handed in a pamphlet entitled "Air Service Training Limited" which he thought might be interesting, as of course the proper training of pilots was a matter of essential interest to the success of any Australian venture.
