

Memorandum:

3rd February, 1943.

PROGRAMMING OF PRODUCTION REQUIREMENTS FOR  
AIRCRAFT MATERIALS TO THE END OF 1944.

(D.A.P. letter dated 3/2/1943.)

In telephone conversation with Mr. Letcher, he further elaborated his letter of 3rd February 1943.

In the first place, Mr. Letcher stated that he would write immediately giving the specific War Cabinet decisions in relation to the programme mentioned, which he thought was in sufficiently general terms to enable us to maintain production - particularly this remark applied to my query regarding the Bomber.

I pointed out to Mr. Letcher that from his letter it appeared that we should programme for materials only on the Boomerang to the end of 1943, and this meant that as we had not programmed for any further materials, we would not be able to build any Fighters anyhow because of lack of materials.

Mr. Letcher stated that the intention was (and he had explained this to Mr. Foreman) that our CA.15 prototype Fighter would be sufficiently advanced to enable production of that machine to proceed in 1944, and the 1945 programme would be any new Fighter (provided one were selected) as recommended by the Overseas Mission.

I also pointed out to Mr. Letcher that this meant that we would require to insert in this programming schedule our requirements for 1945 production.

Mr. Letcher agreed with this statement, and also agreed that, generally, the lines upon which the Company proposed to work, namely that it should be kept and maintained in production on the basis of Fighters, Bombers (if order proceeded with) and Transport Aircraft, were correct, and we could prepare our schedule of programming accordingly.

Melbourne.

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