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16th February 1925.

The Director,
Meteorological Office,
Air Ministry, Kingsway,
London, W.C.2.

Your 516353/24/A.D.M.C.II.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Mr. A.J. Ross of Tیره. Before replying I should be glad to know what attitude you would take towards any suggestion on the lines of the second paragraph, more especially in view of the last paragraph. Whilst any successor to Mr. Ross is pretty certain to be quite capable of performing the meteorological duties efficiently, some difficulty would arise if he were unwilling to do so or should demand increased remuneration. Recent experience in connection with the Crathes case leads me to suggest that it would be desirable, in any case where appreciable expenditure is involved, to make a formal arrangement with the County Education Authority on the lines that the meteorological duties should be regarded as attached to the post so long as the Office was willing to contribute an annual payment of the amount arranged.

There is here a copy of Minute 11 in File 358784/22 which suggests that this point may have been dealt with in verbal or other discussion with Dr. Mitchell, as paragraph (c) mentions "their good offices to obtain a successor to Mr. Ross when he retires who will carry on the work". I propose to see the County Education Officer about this when passing through Oban on the way to Tیره, but should be glad to know whether there is anything else about it on paper.

A. H. A. S.

Superintendent.