

LONDON PRESS SERVICE IN BELGRADE

Ref. attached letter to Sir W. Strong from Sir C. Peake.

The London Press Service is transmitted to Europe by morse and by Hellschreiber. Belgrade is equipped with the machines needed to take both.

2. So far Hellschreiber is only available on long waves, which are not audible in Belgrade. It was hoped to introduce a short wave transmission in April, but as a number of posts in the area were unable to operate the machines by then, and since it is too costly to beam both Hellschreiber and morse to the same area, the introduction of a Hellschreiber service which could be taken by Belgrade has had to be postponed. The Information Officer there was told of the position on the 9th May (P 10110/37). The operation of the Hellschreiber machines in the area has now improved and the service should be available on short wave during September.

3. Meanwhile Belgrade can receive L.P.S. by short wave morse at any time *if we authorize them to* by engaging two local morse operators. This has not been done because of the imminence of the introduction of a Hellschreiber service, which made the relatively high cost seem *unjustified.*

Yes. This is sensible.

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