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At a meeting in the Secretariat on 30th October at which Wing Commander Fawdry, Squadron Leader Molloy, Mr. Kadoorie and Mr. Clemo of the China Light & Power Co. and myself were present, it was agreed that although there had been a verbal understanding about the division of responsibility in the generating plant of the above-mentioned Company whereby the R.A.F. took full responsibility for power and the Company took full responsibility for distribution, this in effect had led to confusion in direction and loss of efficiency because no one under these conditions was willing to accept the over all responsibility for management and operation of the plant.

To put an end to this unsatisfactory state of affairs, Wing Commander Fawdry suggested that the full responsibility for management and operation of the plant should be handed over to Mr. Clemo who in turn would be responsible to the Directors and through them to C.C.A.O. R.A.F., of course, would continue to provide such officers and other ranks as were necessary to ensure the smooth mechanical operation of the plant, but the Company would gradually, as its own employees return or substitutes were found, decrease its demand on the R.A.F. Meantime, all officers and other ranks supplied would be under the orders of Mr. Clemo whilst they were on duty on the plant.

This solution seemed satisfactory to all present and it was agreed that the new arrangement would come into force on November 1st 1945.

November 2nd 1945.

  
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