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Dear Mr. Koivisto,

I was happy to learn from your letter of 2nd of December that the training of Finnish Radio Officers will, in September 1972, be on a new two-year basis. As requested by you, I have pleasure in enclosing a copy of the Scheme of Work for the British Radiocommunication General Certificate.

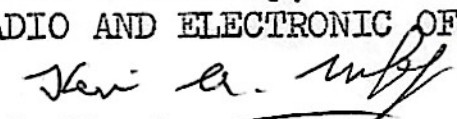
The course lasts a minimum of 2 years and accordingly we are just now getting our first output so it is far too early to give any opinions based on experience. However, initial indications are that the new Certificate is proving its value and looks like providing an excellent foundation for the next step. The next step being an Integrated Course of duration between $2\frac{1}{2}$ and 3 years, from which the successful candidate will emerge with the Radiocommunication General Certificate, the MPT Radar Maintenance Certificate and a Final Technician's Certificate of the City & Guilds. After a period of approximately 1 year's sea service he will be eligible for the Additional Electronics Course, which is of 6 months duration and of Technologist standard.

At the moment talks are going on between the British Merchant Navy Training Board and the City & Guilds of London Institute, to settle details of Examinations and Certification for both the Integrated Course and the Additional Electronics Course. As an interim measure the Additional Electronics Course, for which I enclose the new Syllabus, is so constructed that entrants can be accepted who hold either of the 1st or 2nd Class PMG Certificates, together with the BOT/MPT Radar Maintenance Certificate.

I trust the above rather scanty information will be of assistance to you but should you or Mr. Helin have any points requiring further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me again.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
RADIO AND ELECTRONIC OFFICERS UNION


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P.S. The Radiocommunication General Certificate attracts the same additional payment as the 1st Class PMG and the Additional Electronics Certificate, where the Radio Electronic Officer is engaged on electronic maintenance outside of the Radio Room, attracts a minimum payment of £12. per month but can be up to £18. per month.