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In accordance with a request from Mr. Caren
I enclose:-

1. History of the Rank Organisation at Mitcheldean showing trading names, numbers employed, and type of products manufactured.
2. In addition, I attach a site layout which identifies the buildings, together with a schedule indicating floor areas and site area.

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History of The Rank Organisation at Mitcheldean

	<u>Trading Name</u>	<u>Parent Company</u>
1940-8	British Acoustic Films Limited	British Acoustic Film Limited
1948-9	Rank Precision Industries (BAF) Limited	Rank Precision Industries (BAF) Limited
1949-63	The Rank Organisation Cine and Photographic Division	Rank Precision Industries Limited
1963-4	The Rank Organisation, Rank Mitcheldean Plant	Rank Precision Industries Limited

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number employed at December of each year.</u>	<u>Equipment being manufactured</u>
1940		Company moved from Shepherds Bush, London to Mitcheldean
1941	57	Production machine tools were moved down from London and component manufacture started on 16mm and 35mm projection equipment.
1942-6	400	Searchlights, plotting tables for submarines, fire direction tables and other war work including projection equipment.
1947	300	Pinewood Film Studio equipment and projection equipment, 16mm and 35mm. In this year an agreement was entered into with the Bell and Howell Company of Chicago, U.S.A. to manufacture the Bell and Howell range of cine equipment at Mitcheldean.
1948	350	Bell and Howell products i.e. The 600 series of 16mm sound projectors.
1949	422	Bell and Howell products i.e. The 600 series of 16mm sound projectors. The 605 8mm cine camera and the 606 8mm projector.

Date	Number employed at December of such year	Equipment being manufactured.
1950	402	Bell and Howell products i.e. The 600 series of 16mm sound projectors. The 605 8mm cine camera and the 606 8mm projector.
1951	502	Bell and Howell products i.e. The 600 series of 16mm sound projectors. The 605 8mm cine camera and the 606 8mm projector. 16mm microfilm equipment for Burroughs.
1952	375	Bell and Howell products i.e. The 600 series of 16mm sound projectors. The 605 8mm cine camera and the 606 8mm projector. 16mm microfilm equipment for Burroughs.
1953	462	Bell and Howell products i.e. The 600 series of 16mm sound projectors. The 605 8mm cine camera and the 606 8mm projector. 16mm microfilm equipment for Burroughs.
1954	576	Bell and Howell products i.e. The 600 series of 16mm sound projectors. The 605 8mm cine camera and the 606 8mm projector. 16mm microfilm equipment for Burroughs.
1955	634	Bell and Howell products i.e. The 600 series of 16mm sound projectors. The 605 8mm cine camera and the 606 8mm projector. 16mm microfilm equipment for Burroughs.
1956	533	Bell and Howell products in the 600 series of 16mm sound projectors and Model 624 8mm camera and Model 625 8mm projector. 16mm microfilm equipment for Burroughs.
1957	685	Bell and Howell products in the 600 series of 16mm sound projectors and Model 624 8mm camera and Model 625 8mm projector. 16mm microfilm equipment for Burroughs.
1958	699	Bell and Howell products in the 600 series of 16mm sound projectors and Model 624 8mm camera and Model 625 8mm projector. 16mm microfilm equipment for Burroughs.
1959	870	Bell and Howell products in the 600 series of 16mm sound projectors and variations on Model 624 8mm camera and Model 635 8mm projector. 16mm microfilm equipment for Burroughs.

Date

Number employed at
December of each year

Equipment being manufactured

1960	1064	Start of manufacture of the 914 Office Copier machine for Rank Xerox. Bell and Howell products in the 600 series of 16mm sound projectors, and Models 624 and 634 8mm cameras and Model 635 8mm projector. 16mm microfilm equipment for Burroughs.
1961	1148	Rank Xerox 914 Office Copier machine. Start of manufacture of Models 641 and 642 16mm sound projectors and the reel arms and sound heads for Bell and Howell, Chicago.
1962	1239	Rank Xerox 914 Office Copier machine manufacture. Bell and Howell products in the 641 - 644 series of 16mm sound projectors and the reel arms and sound heads for Bell and Howell, Chicago.
1963	1466	Rank Xerox 914 Office Copier machine manufacture. Bell and Howell products in the 641 - 644 series of 16mm sound projectors and the reel arms and sound heads for Bell and Howell, Chicago. Start of the 813 Office Copier machine manufacture.

Building No.	Description of Building.	Occupation Date	Floor Area in sq.ft.	Cumulative in sq. ft.
A	Brewery Building used for machining and offices	1940	18,000	18,000
C	Machine Shop	1943	13,250	31,250
B	Maltings Building used as Assembly Shop, Stores and offices. Heat Treatment and Paint Shop.	1947/8	32,550	63,800
D	Tool Room, Projector Case Shop	1950	10,200	74,000
1.	Press sheet metal and automatic Shop	1955	10,550	84,550
2.	Polishing and Plating Shop.	1956	13,000	97,550
3.	Administrative Block, Bell and Howell Assembly and Warehouse	1959	51,500	149,050
4.	Rank Xerox 914 component machining and Assembly and Warehouse	1961	26,500	175,550
4a	Rank Xerox 914 Component Machining and Assembly and Warehouse	1962	23,500	199,050
8.	Rank Xerox 914 Component Machining and Assembly and Warehouse. (Projects 4, 4a and 8 now used for Model 813 assembly and Rank Xerox Warehouse.	1962	38,000	237,050

Building No.	Description of Building.	Occupation Date	Floor Area in sq. ft.	Cumulative Floor Area in sq. ft.
9.	Rank Xerox 914 assembly and component manufacture	1963	131,000	368,050
10.	Canteen	1964	24,600	392,650
11.	Boiler House	1963	2,370	395,020

EXISTING SITE AREA IS 11.66 ACRES THIS
EXCLUDES AREA PRESENTLY UNDER NEGOTIATION