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17th February, 1961.

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Dear Sir John,

NIRNS Computer Committee

Thank you for your letter C/4/Nirns/GB/B of 31st January. Suggested nominations for the meeting have been discussed between Penney, Vick, Howlett and Pickavance. It is suggested that the people chosen should be suitable to form the NIRNS Computer Committee with little or no change.

The following list was suggested:-

Sir William Penney	Sir John Cockcroft
Mr. J. B. Adams	Dr. M. V. Wilkes
Dr. R. A. Buckingham	Professor R. E. Peierls
Dr. J. C. Kendrew	Sir Harrie Massey
Sir Graham Sutton	Mr. M. J. Lighthill

Representative from Manchester University (Howlett to supply name)

I think that the Institute will want Dr. Pickavance to be a member, and that Dr. Howlett ought to be a member. I think that I ought to be secretary. If Howlett did not get in otherwise perhaps he and I could be joint secretaries.

Do you agree with this list please ?

There has been some progress towards confirming the arrangement for the Institute to have the computer, but it is not yet clear. Thompson of the Minister for Science's office has written to the Treasury stating that the Institute consider that the Universities should not be charged for using the computer either for nuclear or other work, and strongly urging the Treasury to accept this. Turnbull has written to me that he does not know what the Treasury's answer will be.

I expect that this point will be cleared shortly, and I think that

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it would then be appropriate for the Institute to write to the chosen people to serve on this Computer Committee. In the mean time, I would rather avoid writing to them from the Institute.

Yours sincerely,

J. A. V. Willis

c.c. Lord Bridges