

## RUTHERFORD LABORATORY BUILDING COMMITTEE

BUILDING SIGNS

Following discussions on building and directional signs to the National Institute site a scheme has been prepared covering the following signs :-

1. Identification Numbers.

The building number displayed at high level that the building may be readily identified from a distance.

2. Building Signs.

Signs giving the number and indicating the nature of the building and displayed at main entrances.

3. Directional Signs.

Various types of signs located about the site and indicating direction of Director Enquires, Car Parks and No Parking.

The Identification Numbers will be in pressed metal stove enamelled to selected colours while the Building and Directional Signs will consist of Perspex letters mounted on a perspex screen in a hardwood surround. A drawing has been prepared illustrating the types of signs and letters.

The proposed location of the various signs is shown by coloured arrows and marks on the site plan.

Estimated Cost

The estimated cost of providing and fixing the signs is as follows :-

	£
1. Identification Numbers.	320
2. Building Signs.	540
3. Directional Signs.	280
Car Parks.	300
No Parking.	300
Total.	<u>1,740</u>

D. A. Harrison.

Building R.I. Link. N.I.R.N.S.  
5th February 1962.

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Building R.1,  
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### Building Signs.

Following our recent discussion on your requirements for signs for building identification, etc., I have prepared the enclosed sketch for your comment, please.

Three basic types of sign are proposed:

- A. Identification Numbers.
- B. Building Signs.
- C. Directional Signs.

#### A. Identification Number.

Your requirement was to provide means of readily identifying any building from a distance, by displaying its number in a prominent position. The proposal is for the number to be located at high level on the building, in lettering which would be 1'-0" to 1'-6" high depending on the building height. The letters illustrated can be manufactured out of sheet steel, formed to have a depth of about 2½", and would be stove enamelled. The colour should be in contrast to the face of the building to which they are fixed.

Approximate cost - £3 0s. 0d. per letter, plus an allowance for fixing, say £1 0s. 0d. per letter.

Total per letter - £4 0s. 0d.

#### B. Building Signs.

These would be formed on a flat sheet on which is mounted cut-out letters, the complete panel being inserted in a timber frame and fixed by a concealed method to the face of the building. It is proposed that perspex is used for the panel and letters, since it is inexpensive and stands up well to varied weather conditions. There is a wide range of colours. I would suggest a two-colour scheme, the background to the number being the same colour as the building name, and the background to the name being the same colour as the number.

Approximate cost - £3 0s. 0d. per sign plus £4 0s. 0d. for frame, backing, painting and fixing.

Total per sign - £7 0s. 0d.

#### C. Directional Signs.

These would be similar to the building signs but would not be fixed to buildings. The sign is fixed to a mild steel post in the ground.

The sign would be the same price as the building sign, but allowing extra for the post, site works etc., the estimated Total per sign - £10 0s. 0d.

The estimates quoted are only very approximate at this stage, and would vary depending on the number of signs etc. required. Perhaps we can discuss the numbers required and location when you have considered these proposals. You were also going to let me know the various departments or sections occupying R.1, so that a typical entrance hall indicator-board could be devised.

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31st January, 1962.

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