

1st February, 1965.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN NUCLEAR SCIENCE

GOVERNING BOARD

- RESIDUAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Note by the Secretary

1. Financial Delegation to the Executive Committee

The Board made a very explicit delegation of financial authority to the General Purposes Committee (on 24th May, 1961, copy appended). Since September 22nd, 1964, in accordance with what was understood to be the Board's intention, the Executive Committee have continued the work formerly done by the GPC, including the sanctioning of certain expenditure.

To satisfy any possible question of the validity of such sanctions I ask the Board to confirm that the financial authority which they gave to the General Purposes Committee on 24th May, 1961, is transferred to the Executive Committee with effect from September 22nd, 1964.

2. Transition to the SRC

The Science and Technology Bill is drafted in such a way as to transfer all the rights and responsibilities of the Institute to the SRC on the transfer date without any action by the Institute. Nevertheless, the Board may think fit to empower the Chairman at his discretion to take such action in their name as may be necessary, between now and the transfer date. (I have in mind, for example, some formal act in connection with the surrender of the Institute's Royal Charter).

3. Annual Report, 1963/64

I have to report that although the majority of the basic material for the annual report to 31st September, 1964, had been collected by the end of 1964, no draft report has yet been prepared, because of the pressure of more urgent business.

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APPENDIX

Extract from the minutes of the Board Meeting on May 24th, 1961:

Minute 7: Financial Powers of the GPC

The Chairman said that paper NI/61/13 proposed the proper authorisation of the General Purposes Committee to give financial approvals.

ACTION 3: On the understanding that all appropriate matters would be referred to them, as hitherto, the Board adopted the draft resolution proposed in paper NI/61/13, as follows:

The Institute hereby authorise their General Purposes Committee to approve on their behalf any expenditure and any financial commitments which are within the powers of the Institute themselves. This authorisation is to have effect both as to the past, and in future, until it is rescinded. The General Purposes Committee is the Committee as constituted under that name by the Institute on the 28th of May, 1957, and as changed from time to time by the Institute in the past and in future.