

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN NUCLEAR SCIENCE

DIRECTORS' MEETING - 22ND JULY, 1963 at CHILTON

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1. Matters arising from the previous meeting

- TGP *dm* 1. Board membership: there might be an opportunity to suggest Mr. Barnes to Lord Bridges on 23rd July. (If not, let us write to him).
- JAVW *done*
- DJK 3(b) Support of university delegates to conferences: deferred.
- DJK 3(c) Ceiling for visitors subsistence claims: Dr. Willis reported that amounts paid to long-term visitors had not exceeded the amounts which would have been payable under long-term subsistence rates except in one case which, however, raised a question whether other similar cases would arise. It was agreed that Mr. Kinnersley and Dr. Valentine should review the principles on which visitors expenses are repaid. A change to fixed subsistence rates (perhaps several special rates) was not excluded.
- JMV
- JAVW 4. Payment of Board and Committee members: deferred.
- JAVW 5. Redundancy: a draft letter to the Staff Side was discussed and approved subject to some revision of wording to be completed outside the meeting.
- Sent*

2. Organisation of Future Meetings

It was agreed that Dr. Valentine and Mr. Kinnersley should take part in future meetings, that the two Directors should alternate as Chairman for a year at a time, Dr. Pickavance taking the first turn and also nominating a secretary for the first year.

The dates of future meetings (monthly, and alternately at Liverpool and Chilton) were left to be fixed.

3. Finance 1963/64 and Five-Year Forecast

The financial situation at the Rutherford Laboratory which had become apparent since the last meeting had already been fully discussed.

A letter to the Minister's office seeking a supplementary vote of £700,000 had been drafted by Mr. Millen (~~subsequently dated 22.7.63~~). A meeting of the Directors with the Chairman and Mr. Turnbull had been arranged for 23rd July. Mr. Kinnersley had written a partial brief (sent to Lord Bridges on 19th July). It was agreed that after the meeting, it was important to complete before the end of the week the brief for the discussions with the Minister's office and the Treasury, which would of course deal with the cost of the Electron Laboratory and with the five-year forecast, as well as the requested supplementary grant for 1963/64.

4. Estimates 1964/65

Dr. Pickavance said that a "rock-bottom" estimate of Rutherford Laboratory expenditure in 1964/65 made roughly but on a reliable basis was £6.5m. Professor Merrison said that his estimate was unchanged at £2.29m. It was therefore agreed that it must be made clear to the Minister's office and the Treasury that not only was the "2% formula"



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amount of £7.0 million inadequate for 1964/65, but our own recent 5-year forecast figure of £8.7m. less shadow cut of £0.6m. = £8.1m. for the two Laboratories, was itself inadequate by an amount which was fortuitously similar to the shadow cut.

The following further points were noted for the forthcoming discussions:-

- (a) The work which would be possible at the Rutherford Laboratory in 1964/65 with the "rock-bottom" estimates should be clearly described.
- (b) A forecast for 1965/66 was also needed, and here there must be a rise above the rock-bottom. It must be made very clear that the dip in 1965/66 shown in the present 5-year forecast is not an indication that we could live with a plateau.
- (c) Consideration should be given to the possibility of trading new major schemes in 1965/66 and future years for full use of Nimrod, Nina and the P.L.A.

5. Estimates 1964/65 - Procedure and Time-table

Dr. Pickavance said that the Rutherford Laboratory non-capital expenditure was now being separated into "standing charges" and "Research and Development Budgets" for the purpose of estimating and control. He suggested that presentation in this form might make the estimates more easily understood by the G.P.C. too. Professor Merrison suggested an additional analysis showing the cost of different projects separately. It was agreed that Dr. Valentine and Mr. Kinnersley should discuss these suggestions further and introduce the changes if they thought fit.

JMV)  
DJK)

It was noted that the estimates are needed by 1st September for the G.P.C. meeting on 16th September.

6. First Quarter 1963/64 Financial Review

It was agreed that Mr. Miller should complete the first-quarter financial review due for the A.E.A. Finance Branch. Mr. Kinnersley had already given him the Electron Laboratory figures for this.

JAVW *done*

7. P.S.A. proposal

A draft reply to the I.P.C.S. was agreed.

JAVW *done*

J. A. V. Willis

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