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Yes no Robin Nicholson confirms that he would be willing to take this on.

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~~Attached~~  
You will recall that it was decided at the meeting of E(A) on 28 January to establish a British National Space Centre. This I announced on the following day just before attending the Ministerial European Space Agency (ESA) Council in Rome.

It is now time to set up the Working Group to make recommendations on the detailed arrangements for the Centre. As you may recall, the interdepartmental working group which met so successfully prior to the ESA Council was chaired by Sir Robin Nicholson and I would be glad of your agreement that he should chair this follow-up group. In view of the fact that both the Department of Trade and Industry and the Ministry of Defence have a strong interest in the Centre, the presence of a strong neutral chairman will, I think, be a great asset and help the working group come to its conclusions within a fairly tight timescale.

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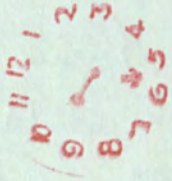
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