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Dear Charles,

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Please to me a letter
of invitation to Mr.
Hoffman.
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Seminar on Policy towards Southern Africa

Thank you for your letter of 12 July. We have consulted the DTI about replacements for Sir Trevor Holdsworth and Lord Barber and should like to suggest the following two names:-

Mr Michael Hoffman (Chief Executive and Managing Director, Babcock International)

Sir Timothy Bevan (Chairman, Barclays Bank International)

Both are very knowledgeable about South Africa. The DTI consider that Mr Michael Hoffman would be a better choice to represent the manufacturing industry than either the Chairman of Babcock's, Lord King, or the Deputy Chairman of Standard Chartered. This is because Mr Hoffman has lived in South Africa for a number of years, he is a young (47) rising star in Babcock's, and, in DTI's view, would make an effective contribution to the seminar.

A copy of this letter goes to John Mogg (DTI).

Yours ever,

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