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From the Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service

Sir Robert Armstrong GCB CVO

Ref. A084/3276

11 December 1984

Dear David,

Annual Review of Government Funded R & D 1984

Cmd 8591, the Government's response to the 1981 House of Lords Select Committee on Science and Technology report "Science and Government", announced the Annual Review of Research and Development. The factual material assembled for the first such review was published in January 1984 as the "Annual Review of Government Funded R & D 1983". The material assembled for the --- second review is being published on 11 December. I attach a copy.

I am sending copies of this letter and the Review to Private Secretaries to other members of the Cabinet.

*Yours
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(R P Hatfield)
Private Secretary

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MISS ROCHE

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We had a word yesterday about the proposed announcement on Monday 10 December about the 1984 Annual Review of R and D.

The Prime Minister has approved the attached text. Could you please arrange for the Question to be tabled, and answered on 10 December, keeping the Cabinet Office and the No. 10 Press Office informed.

MR. D. BARCLAY

6 December 1984

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

ANNUAL REVIEW OF R AND D 1984

The Prime Minister was grateful for your minute of 4 December about the publication of the 1984 Annual Review of R and D.

The Prime Minister agrees that publication may be announced by means of a written Parliamentary Answer on Monday 10 December. She is content with the draft Question and Answer attached to your minute, subject to the deletion of the penultimate sentence (beginning "The results ...") from the first paragraph.

Our Parliamentary Questions Section will make the necessary arrangements, in consultation with the Cabinet Office.

MR. D. BARCLAY

6 December 1984

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Prime Minister ⁽¹⁾

Agree attached Q and A,
for answer on Monday?

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PRIME MINISTER

Annual Review of R and D 1984

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You gave your permission for the publication of the factual material which was assembled for the 1984 Review in response to my minute of 23 July (ref A084/2104). Printed copies of the book will be ready late next week. I propose that you should announce publication by means of an arranged PQ which would be down for Written Reply on Monday 10 December. I attach a draft. As you will see, it refers to publication the following day, Tuesday 11 December when copies will be placed in the Library of the House of Commons. There will be a small press conference in the early afternoon, and Dr Nicholson is addressing a meeting of the Association of Science Writers on the subject of the Review in the evening of the same day.

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Approved by
ROBERT ARMSTRONG
and signed in his absence

4 December 1984

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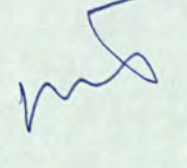
[] To ask the Prime Minister whether the factual material assembled for the 1984 Annual Review of Government Funded Research and Development (R & D) will be published, and if so when?

ANSWER

The Annual Review of Government Funded R & D, which was announced in the Government's response (Cmnd 8591) to a House of Lords Select Committee report "Science and Government", has now completed its second cycle. As envisaged in the original White Paper, Departments submitted their R & D plans to the Cabinet Office in the early part of this year: they were reviewed under the guidance of the Interdepartmental Committee of Chief Scientists. The material was also considered by the Advisory Council on Applied Research and Development (ACARD) which provided its independent advice to the Government.

Several aspects of the 1984 Review are subject to further study.

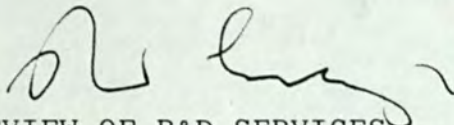
The Government wishes to encourage informed debate on this important topic and is therefore again publishing the factual material assembled for the 1984 Review, together with a short commentary section. It will be published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office tomorrow, and I am arranging to have copies placed in the Library of the House of Commons.

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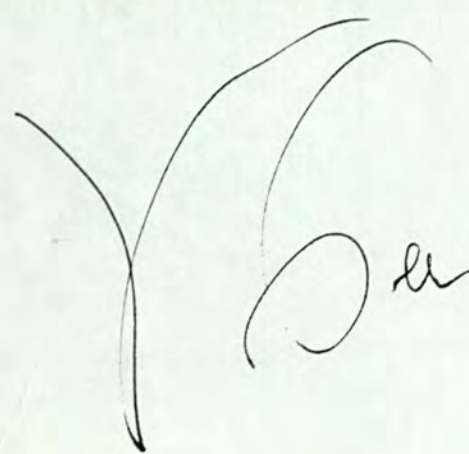
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REVIEW OF R&D SERVICES

will request if required -
Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to Keith Joseph of 12 November, containing the progress report on the review of support services in R&D. The results so far are impressive and I have passed the report to my Chief Scientist to study in more detail.

As I am sure you know, this Department does not have any R&D establishments directly under its control, but we are concerned with a great deal of research. Some is done by the public sector energy industries and I am required by statute to approve that. Some is carried out by the UKAEA and my Department is their major customer. The remainder we contract out to a range of public and private sector organisations.

I have recently appointed an independent Chief Scientific Adviser and I have strengthened my Advisory Council on Research and Development (ACORD) and broadened its remit to cover all the R&D for which I am responsible. With their help I shall review all public sector energy R&D every year. Also, this year I commissioned a detailed and very wide ranging review of the AEA which is currently being dealt with.

I am copying this letter to the members of the Cabinet, Sir Robert Armstrong and Sir Robin Ibbs.


PETER WALKER

28 NOV 1984

