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PRIME MINISTER

Membership of ACARD

With the regular rotation in the membership of ACARD, the term of office of five members expires shortly. They are Dr B C Lindley, Sir Alan Muir Wood, Mr J L van der Post, Professor W B Heginbotham and Dr D L Georgala.

2. I have consulted colleagues over possible replacements, bearing in mind the need to retain a balance of views on the application of research and technology from the perspectives of business and the academic world. In addition, there is a case for bringing some techno-economic expertise to the Council to strengthen the framework for ACARD's studies. As a result, I propose that the following should be invited to serve:

Dr C H Reece, Director of Research and Technology, ICI plc
Mr R Malpas, Managing Director, British Petroleum
Professor S Metcalfe, Professor of Economics, Manchester University

3. In addition, I propose that Dr B C Lindley, Director of Technology, Dunlop Holdings plc, be reappointed for a further three years. As well as a wide experience, Dr Lindley has knowledge of the standards field which is likely to remain of interest to ACARD. Since Sir Alan Muir Wood is leading the study of university-industry links which you commissioned from ACARD last year, I would propose he be reappointed for a further one year. In addition, I recommend that Sir David Phillips, the new Chairman of the Advisory Board for the Research Councils, be appointed to ACARD in place of his predecessor, Sir Alec Merrison.

4. If you are content with these proposals, I shall write accordingly.

5. I think it would be appropriate if, as in previous years, the retiring members were to receive a personal note from you. I attach drafts which take into account the desirability of both new and retiring members attending the meeting of ACARD in May.

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

11 April 1983

DRAFT LETTER FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO SEND TO MR J L van der POST

I understand that you will be retiring from the Advisory Council for Applied Research and Development after its meeting in May at the end of your term of appointment. I should like to thank you for the time that you have given to the Council during the past three years. The Council's reports have, I know, been read with great interest in Government and industry.

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DRAFT LETTER FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO SEND TO PROFESSOR W B HEGINBOTHAM

I understand that you will be retiring from the Advisory Council for Applied Research and Development after its meeting in May at the end of your term of appointment. I should like to thank you for the time that you have given to the Council and in particular for your contributions to its Working Groups. I do hope that you will continue to participate ⁱⁿ ~~to~~ the Council's study of advanced manufacturing technologies. The Council's reports have, I know, been read with great interest in Government and industry.

Prof W B Heginbotham
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DRAFT LETTER FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO SEND TO DR D L GEORGALA

I understand that you will be retiring from the Advisory Council for Applied Research and Development after its meeting in May at the end of your term of appointment. I should like to thank you for the time that you have given to the Council and in particular for your leadership of its study on the food industry and technology. This report has, I know, been read with great interest in Government and industry.

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DRAFT LETTER FROM SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG TO PROFESSOR SIR DAVID PHILLIPS

I understand that you have already learnt something of the work of the Advisory Council for Applied Research and Development since your appointment to the chair of the Advisory Board for the Research Councils, and that you have already attended a meeting of ACARD on an informal basis.

The link between the Board and the Council will continue to be important, and I am therefore writing to you formally (with the Prime Minister's approval) to invite you to join ACARD for the term of your chairmanship of the Board. I am afraid the appointment is purely honorary, but naturally any expense incurred would be refunded.

The Council will next meet at 10.00 am on Tuesday 3 May, here at the Cabinet Office, and I very much hope that you will be free to attend. I look forward to hearing from you.

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