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Miss J E Ridley  
PS/Secretary of State for Defence  
Ministry of Defence  
Main Building  
Whitehall

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Dear Miss Ridley,

PRIME MINISTER'S SEMINAR ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INDUSTRY

Enclosed is a copy of the provisional programme for the Prime Minister's Seminar. The only significant change from my previous draft is an adjustment to the morning session so as to improve the balance of the programme between electronics and non-electronics, and also bring in the defence aspect as an example of a major Government procurement activity rather than a subject on its own. I gather from your letter of 4 August that your Secretary of State is happy with this change but he may well want to suggest a better title than the one I have at the present time. If so I would be grateful if you could let me have a note of it by close of play on Monday, 22 August.

In general I am taking this programme as final in terms of names of speakers but still provisional in terms of precise timing and titles of talks.

I am also enclosing a list of guests invited to the seminar, which has been prepared from suggestions from the Departments. Unfortunately the suggestions outnumbered the available spaces by more than two to one and consequently all Departments will find that some of their noninations have not been successful.

I am copying this letter to Private Offices of other Ministerial speakers

and I would also appreciate hearing from them if they wish to change the title of their Minister's presentation.

Copies of the letter and provisional programme go also to Chief Scientists in MoD, DTI, DoE, DEa, DHSS and MAFF and to Richard Bird in DES, John Anson in Treasury and to Tim Flesher and Sue Goodchild at No 10.

*Yours sincerely*  
*RBN*

ROBIN B NICHOLSON  
Chief Scientific Adviser

Provisional Programme

Seminar on "Science, Technology and Industry"

September 12th, 1983, Lancaster House

Chairman: The Prime Minister

- 09.15 - 10.00 Registration and Coffee  
10.00 Introduction: The Prime Minister

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- 10.20 Innovation in large companies  
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Mr J H Harvey-Jones, Chairman, Imperial Chemical Industries plc
- 10.50 Procurement and innovation  
RT Hon Michael Heseltine, MP, Secretary of State for Defence.
- 11.05 Discussion
- 11.30 The role of the University in Industrial Innovation  
Sir Rex Richards, Warden, Merton College, Oxford.
- 11.45 Innovation in small companies  
Sir Clive Sinclair, Chairman, Sinclair Research Ltd.  
Mr D K Duckworth, Chairman and Chief Engineer, Cosworth  
Engineering Ltd.
- 12.15 Discussion
- 12.40 Summary  
Sir Henry Chilver, Chairman, Advisory Council for Applied  
Research and Development.
- 12.50 Lunch.

Session II: Stimulation and Financing of Innovation

- 14.00 Stimulation of Innovation by Government  
Mr Kenneth Baker, MP, Minister of State for Industry and  
Information Technology.
- 14.15 Technology transfer  
Mr D Downs, Chairman and Managing Director, Ricardo Consulting  
Engineers plc.
- 14.30 Financing of Innovation  
Lord Caldecote, Chairman, Investors in Industry plc  
Mr D J S Cooksey, Managing Director, Advent Ltd.
- 15.00 Discussion
- 15.25 Tea

Session III: Maintaining the strength of the science base

- 15.40 The role of Government  
RT Hon Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education  
and Science.
- 15.55 The role of industry  
Sir Geoffrey Allen, Technical Director, Unilever plc.
- 16.10 The role of the Research Council  
Prof J F C Kingman, Chairman, Science and Engineering  
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- 16.50 Summary  
Rt Hon Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Trade and  
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- 17.00 Concluding remarks: The Prime Minister.

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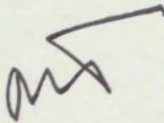
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