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Dear Miss Ridley,

PRIME MINISTER'S SEMINAR ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INDUSTRY

- Enclosed is a copy of a letter I have sent to Mr Harvey Jones who is speaking in the same session as your Secretary of State, and a list of notes for speakers.

Copies of this letter with appropriate enclosures go to the offices of S/S Trade and Industry, S/S DES and M/S Industry and Information Technology.

Copies of this letter only go also to the Private Offices of Mr John Moore, Mr William Waldegrave, Mr Anthony Newton and Mr Peter Brooke.

Can I also use this opportunity to point out that we are very tight for space in the Long Gallery at Lancaster House and I am expecting Ministers to be accompanied only by officials from their Departments who have received invitations to attend the seminar.

If you have any queries between now and Tuesday, 30 August when I return from leave, please address them to Mr G B Spence (233 8589) or Mrs M J Hare (233 8493) in the Cabinet Office who can get in touch with me by telephone.

cc: Mr Spence  
→ Mr Flesher  
Miss Goodchild

*Yours sincerely,*  
*Rob Nicholson*  
ROBIN B NICHOLSON  
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Mr J Harvey Jones  
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Dear Mr Harvey Jones,

PRIME MINISTER'S SEMINAR ON "SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INDUSTRY"

I am writing to follow up the invitation you received from the Prime Minister's office to speak at her Seminar on "Science, Technology and Industry" at Lancaster House on 12 September.

I am enclosing a copy of the provisional programme which we intend to finalise on 22 August. Consequently if there is any change you would like to make, for example in the title of your speech, I would appreciate hearing from you by that date.

The session in which you have been invited to speak - "Innovation through Research and Development" - is designed to stimulate a discussion on the ways in which successful innovation, ie the creation of marketable new products and services, can be achieved from research and development in science and technology. Companies of all sizes, academic institutions, the city, and government all have roles to play and whilst we would expect you to concentrate on the role of the large company, you are of course welcome to comment also on the role of others.

Whilst speakers will no doubt draw attention to difficulties which

currently inhibit successful innovation from science and technology, it is also intended that one theme running through the Seminar should be the highlighting of past and present successes and the identification of the reasons for these so as to use the experience to develop more and greater success in the future.

I would be glad to try and answer any queries you may have about the Seminar. I shall however be on leave for the next two weeks, returning to my office on Tuesday, 30 August. During that time queries can be addressed to Mr G B Spence (233 8589) or to Mrs M J Hare (233 8493) in the Cabinet Office, who can get in touch with me by telephone if necessary.

Finally I enclose a list of various administrative and other points for speakers.

Yours sincerely,  
*Robin Nicholson*

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Chief Scientific Adviser

cc: Mr. Spence  
Mr. Flesher