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THE PRIME MINISTER

13 September 1983

Dear Dr. Nicholson.

May I thank you again for the way in which you organised, almost single-handedly, our Seminar yesterday. The occasion was an enormous success, very largely due to your impeccable arrangements. Moreover, the fact that you assembled such a fascinating list of main speakers is evidence of very considerable powers of persuasion!

We could not have had a better day.

Could you also pass on my thanks to Gerry Spence who I know carried out much of the detailed organisation of the Seminar with great efficiency.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Dr. R.B. Nicholson





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Mr M Scholar  
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Dear Mr Scholar

PRIME MINISTER'S SEMINAR

I think it would be appropriate if the Prime Minister could confirm her generous remarks to the speakers at the Seminar by a short letter of thanks. I enclose a draft, the wording of which largely follows her closing remarks.

I have provided the alternative ending in case she would like subsequent correspondence to come to me. However I imagine that she would want to keep the matter personal to her with some of the speakers, eg Lord Weinstock.

The letter should go to Lord Weinstock, Mr Harvey Jones, Sir Rex Richards, Sir Clive Sinclair, Mr D K Duckworth, Lord Caldecote, Mr D J Cooksey, Sir Geoffrey Allen and Professor Kingman.

*+ Michael Heseltine + Kevin Joseph*

*J. Bawden*

PP ROBIN B NICHOLSON  
Chief Scientific Adviser



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listed in the letter

~~I am writing to~~ Thank you again for your <sup>first-rate contribution</sup> excellent paper delivered at my <sup>to me</sup> Seminar on Science, Technology and Industry at Lancaster House on Monday.

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Your paper was not only valuable <sup>in</sup> for the content itself but also <sup>for</sup> in the way it stimulated other ~~informal~~ contributions from the floor. Many thanks for all the work you put into it.

As I indicated in my closing remarks, I thought the day was a great success and I hope <sup>shall be giving thought to how we</sup> we can follow it up in a suitable way. Of course, I if you have any views on the follow up, I would be delighted to hear them. [Alternative: I would be pleased if you could let Dr Nicholson know.]





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