



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

17 September 1983

Dear Sir Geoffrey,

Thank you again for your first-rate contribution to the Seminar on Science, Technology and Industry at Lancaster House on Monday.

Your paper was not only valuable in itself but also for the way it stimulated other contributions from the floor. Many thanks for all the work you put into it.

I thought the day a success and I shall be giving thought to how we can follow it up in a suitable way. If you have any views on the follow up, I would be delighted to hear them.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Sir Geoffrey Allen, FRS

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From the Private Secretary

9 August 1983

Dear Sir Geoffrey,

The Prime Minister has asked me to invite you to participate in a Seminar on "Science, Technology and Industry" which she is holding in Lancaster House on 12 September.

The Seminar will bring together people from industry and the city who together create and finance our successful industrial and commercial activities, the universities who provide much of our science base and our trained people, and Government which has the responsibility for creating a climate in which innovation and the creation of wealth can flourish.


The purpose of the Seminar is to consider how innovation based on science and technology might, in the future, best be generated, financed and exploited. It will comprise three sessions:

- I. Innovation through Research and Development
(Speakers from industry (both large and small companies), universities and Government).
- II. Stimulation and Financing of Innovation
(Speakers from industry, the city and Government).
- III. Maintaining the Strength of the Science Base
(Speakers from industry, universities and Government).

The Prime Minister has in mind a series of short (10 - 15 minutes) prepared speeches followed by discussion. She would like to ask you to speak in Session III from the point of view of industry.

Like the others whom she has asked to speak, Mrs. Thatcher believes that you would be able to give a special insight into the issues which will be raised by the Seminar. She very much hopes therefore that you will feel able to accept this invitation and also participate in the discussion during the day.

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I ought to mention that since the Prime Minister would like results of the Seminar to reach the widest possible audience she has invited the media to cover the event, and of course your own contributions, should you accept this invitation.

The Prime Minister looks forward to seeing you on 12 September.

Yours sincerely
Tim Flesher

Timothy Flesher

Sir Geoffrey Allen, FRS.

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