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Prime Minister

I do not think we should
send this as a fiat or
set of instructions to Departments,
but should rather invite them to say
whether they agree that there are
the lessons of the seminar (if there
is backsliding on individual points
we can deal with that separately);
then invite them to set action in
train as prescribed.

Agree this approach?

Yes
one

MCS
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Mr Mount

Do you agree with the
approach I am suggesting?

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Yes

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From the Private Secretary

3 October 1983

Dear Imogen,

Seminar on Science, Technology and Industry: Follow-up

The Prime Minister has asked me to circulate to your Department, and to the other Departments concerned, the attached summary, prepared by the Cabinet Office, of key points which arose at the Lancaster House seminar on science, technology and industry.

You will see that the summary lists a series of action points. The Prime Minister hopes that you, and the others concerned, will set in hand the action indicated; no doubt if you have any comments on these points you will let me have them as soon as possible.

I am sending copies of this letter and the attachment to Margaret Ó'Mara (H.M. Treasury), Michael Reidy (Department of Energy), Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence), John Ballard (Department of the Environment), Steve Godber (Department of Health and Social Security), Barnaby Shaw (Department of Employment), Jonathan Spencer (Department of Trade and Industry), Robert Lawson (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office) and Dr. Nicholson (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely,

Michael Scholar

Mrs. Imogen Wilde,
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12/7 October 1983

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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for the copy of your letter of 3 October to Imogen Wilde in DES.

2 Ministers here have seen Dr Nicholson's summary of the main points raised at the Prime Minister's Seminar on Science, Technology and Industry. This Department has either initiated or already taken action on all the points where action was indicated. It also has an interest in many of the recommendations addressed to other Departments, and has helped with many of them.

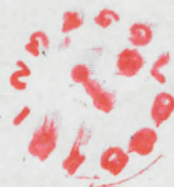
3 Ministers agree strongly with Dr Nicholson's last point, namely that the momentum generated by the Seminar should be maintained. All DTI Ministers will ensure that speeches and visits contain appropriate references back to the seminar, and show how the Department is indeed identifying and then building on success.

4 Copies of this letter go to the recipients of yours.

Yours sincerely
Ruth Thompson

RUTH THOMPSON
Private Secretary

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