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3/4/5 July

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FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Prime Minister ①

Agree 2 meetings, each with a different purpose. I suggest the bigger meeting be arranged around a dinner or a lunch.

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Andrew Turnbull Esq  
Private Secretary  
10 Downing Street  
LONDON SW1

29 March 1984

AT 30/3

Dear Andrew

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With my Secretary of State's agreement I am writing to confirm the proposals recorded in the first two paragraphs of your letter of 14 March. We suggest that the first, smaller meeting should be about priorities and the processes by which the science bodies arrive at them. The second, larger, meeting should, by contrast, concentrate on recent scientific advances in particular disciplines and the kinds of opportunities that are opening up. For this we would propose, in consultation with Dr Nicholson, the Research Councils and the Royal Society, some 8-10 names of active researchers at the forefront of their subjects.

If this pattern is acceptable, we suggest that the first meeting might take place fairly soon - perhaps just after Easter; and that the second might follow some 8-10 weeks later. Attendance at the first meeting would be as proposed in your letter. For the second meeting the Secretary of State would like Mr Brooke, Mr Hancock and Sir David Phillips to accompany him; and we would hope that Dr Nicholson would be present too. Dates may be a difficulty; would the next step be for your office to give us some suggestions, if possible with a choice for both meetings? For the second meeting we may have to fit the names to the date, so we will cast our net correspondingly more widely.

Yours,

Elizabeth

Miss C E Hodkinson  
Private Secretary

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- Sir K. Joseph
- Mr Brooke MP
- Mr Hancock
- Dr Nicholson

- Prof. Sir David Phillips - Carpus Christi
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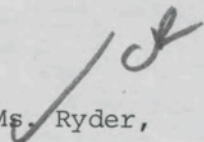
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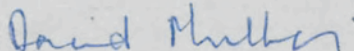
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Dear Ms. Ryder,

Thank you for your letter of 2 April inviting me to attend a meeting with the Prime Minister and others on 3 May to discuss priorities in the Science Budget. I shall be very glad to attend.

Yours sincerely,



David Phillips

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Miss C Ryder  
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6 April 1984

*Dear Caroline*

Thank you for your letter of 2 April to the Chairman. He is pleased to be able to accept the Prime Minister's invitation to a meeting at 1800 hours on Thursday 3 May to discuss priorities in the Science Budget.

*Yours sincerely*

A KURZFELD  
Private Secretary



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Ms. RYDER, No 10

Dr Nicholson will be very happy to come to the meeting at 18.00 hours on Thursday 3 May to discuss priorities in the Science Budget.

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Secretary to Robin Nicholson,  
Chief Scientific Adviser.

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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

3 April, 1984.

I am writing just to confirm the conversation you had yesterday with Andrew Turnbull regarding a meeting the Prime Minister wishes to hold at Downing Street to discuss priorities in the Science Budget.

We have now arranged this, in consultation with you, for 1800 hours on Thursday, 3 May. We have invited Peter Brooke, MP, David Hancock, Dr. Robin Nicholson, Professor Sir David Phillips and Professor John Kingman to be present.

Caroline Ryder

Miss Elizabeth Hodkinson,  
Department of Education and Science.

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The Hon. Peter Brooke, M.P.





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Professor John Kingman, F.R.S.