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*From the Private Secretary*

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

Thank you for your further minute of 5 February about invitations to attend the Life Sciences Conference hosted by France.

The Prime Minister agrees to the nomination of Dr. Brenner, Sir Stuart Hampshire and Sir Robin Nicholson.

Charles Powell

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MR POWELL



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Prime Minister  
Since Lady Warnock is not available, agree to nominate Dr. Brenner, Sir Stuart Hampshire & Robin Nicholson?

Yes not

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Your minute of 28 January about invitations to attend the Life Sciences Conference to be hosted by France.

2. Sir Robin Nicholson has investigated whether Lady Warnock might be able to accept an invitation to the Life Sciences Conference, were she to be nominated by the Prime Minister. I am afraid that Lady Warnock is not available on the dates of the Conference.

3. There is no other lady scientist or philosopher who would be as appropriate as either Lady Warnock or those already suggested. In a similar situation last year we looked at Professor Mary Hesse, but advised against her, because her scientific interests were very much in the area of the physical sciences and she was not thought to have any special interest or competence in the area of life sciences. So last year the Prime Minister nominated Sir Stuart Hampshire for the third place. This year it seems to me, for the reasons given in my minute of 25 January (A085/259) that there is much to be said for nominating Sir Robin Nicholson himself. Accordingly I hope the Prime Minister will agree that, in the interests of nominating an experienced and distinguished United Kingdom delegation, the nominations should remain those in my minute of 25 January.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

5 February 1985