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PRIME MINISTER

THE TOUR OF BNFL AND CEGB SITES: 1 NOVEMBER

I attach a copy of the programme for your visit to Capenhurst, Springfields, Heysham and Sellafield on 1 November.

The plan is to fly from Northolt to Speke, conduct the tour of the sites by helicopter, and return from Speke to Northolt in the evening. Departure time from No.10 will be about 0800 returning at 1930. It will be a long day.

Mr Allday, Chairman of BNFL, will be accompanying you throughout. You will also be meeting Lord Marshall at the CEGB Heysham site, where you will have lunch.

The aim was to leave a decent interval between the conclusion of the BNFL prosecution and your visit to their site. The case was concluded early in July, which will allow a good interval before your tour. The note from the Department of Energy - attached - sets out the outcome on each of the charges against BNFL. BNFL have decided not to appeal.

Content with the draft programme?

Mark Addison

Yes - Thanks on
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Mark Addison

18 September 1985

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OUTLINE PROGRAMME FOR PROPOSED VIP VISIT TO BRITISH NUCLEAR FUELS
PLC SITES AND CEEGB'S HEYSHAM II SITE, 1 NOVEMBER 1985

- 09.45 Arrive Capenhurst
- Proceed to Centrifuge Assembly Building, Building 258
- Welcome
- Introductions and brief discussion
- Tour of Assembly Plant
- Proceed to Enrichment Plant E22
- Brief description of process followed by Tour of Plant
- 11.15 Depart Capenhurst
- 11.30 Arrive Springfields
- Introductions and brief presentation of Springfields activities
- Tour of Magnox Canning Plant, Building 331
- Tour of AGR Canning and Assembly Plant, Building 331
- Tour of Uranium Casting
- Tour of Pressurised Water Reactor Fuel Assembly Plant, Building 670
- 13.00 Depart Springfields
- 13.15 Arrive Heysham II by helicopter within site perimeter fence. Met by Lord Marshall, Chairman of CEEGB. Transfer by site bus to CEEGB site office.
- 13.20 Light lunch at CEEGB site office. During lunch, briefing by Lord Marshall on CEEGB nuclear power stations and performance, and by Mr S Newey (Heysham II Project Manager) on Heysham II construction site.
- 14.00 Leave site office for walking tour of Heysham II construction, conducted by Mr S Newey. Tour itinerary to include:
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| 14.05 - 14.15 | <u>reactor charge hall</u> |
| 14.20 - 14.30 | <u>control room</u> |
| 14.35 - 14.45 | <u>turbine house</u> |
| 14.45 - 14.55 | <u>diesels/diesel control gallery</u> |

14.55 Return to helicopter by site bus

15.00 Depart Heysham II by helicopter

15.15 Arrive Sellafield

Proceed to Training Centre

Introductions followed by Tour of Apprentice and general worker training facilities

Proceed to Magnox Receipt Storage and Decanning Plant Administration Building 333

Tour Magnox Receipt Storage and Decanning Plant, Building 331 including visits to Fuel Receipt Facilities and Inlet Cell, Storage Ponds, and Magnox Fuel Decanning Cells

Proceed to Site Ion Exchange Effluent Plant (SIXEP), Building 331

Tour of Control Room and Main Hall

Proceed to Magnox Receipt Storage and Decanning Plant Administration Building 333

(No formal speech say a few words)

Unveil Commemorative Plaque

Proceed to Assembly Hall, Building 111

Visit Exhibition Centre

17.30 Depart Sellafield



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THE SELLAFIELD PROSECUTION

1 BNFL were prosecuted on 6 counts, all related to events in 1983. The charges and the outcome on each charge are as follows:-

Failure to keep discharges as low as reasonably achievable (Count 5): guilty: fine £5000.

Failure to take all reasonable steps to minimise exposure of persons to radiation (Count 6): guilty: fine £2500.

Failure to maintain adequate records (Counts 1 and 5) the first related to a Highly Active Plant Washings Tank and the second to disposal to sea. Company pleaded guilty to Count 1: fine £1000: found guilty on Count 5: fine £1500.

Failure to maintain adequate records (Count 2); failure to control radioactive waste (Count 3): not guilty (Judge's direction)

2 The Company is also liable for costs up to £60,000 (the trial opened on 5 June 1985 and lasted 33 days).

3 Following the trial, BNFL said

"We have been encouraged by the Judge's observations about the quality, the experience, the thoroughness and the conscientiousness of Sellafield staff. We also welcome the conclusions that the incident caused no harm to anyone".

The Company also pointed out that soon after the 1983 incident it announced technical measures to ensure that such an incident could not be repeated.





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10 DOWNING STREET

23 September 1985

From the Private Secretary

Thank you for your letter of 10 September, with which you enclosed a draft programme for the Prime Minister's visit to the BNFL and CEGB sites.

The Prime Minister is quite content with the draft programme. You will now be arranging for the appropriate briefing to be drawn up for the visit. As I mentioned on the telephone, you will wish to ensure that this fully covers the current debate on the relevant merits of the PWR and AGR reactors. I hope you will be able to let us have the briefing by Friday, 25 October.

Our detectives and Press Office will need to get in touch with the CEGB and BNFL direct. Unless you advise to the contrary, I shall suggest to them that their initial points of contact should be Mr. John Baker (CEGB) and Mr. Roy Pilling (BNFL).

I am sending a copy of this letter to Sir Robin Nicholson.

MARK ADDISON

E. G. Huke, Esq.,
Department of Energy.

NOTE FOR THE FILE

Once the programme has been approved by the Prime Minister, we shall need to commission full briefing from Department of Energy, who will in turn need to approach BNFL and CEGB.

We shall, however, need to make direct contact with the individual sites (or their umbrella bodies) for press office and security purposes, and to make the necessary arrangements for the accommodation of the Garden Rooms girl, etc.

We shall therefore at that stage need to check with Energy who the appropriate individual contact points are.

We shall also need to ask the detectives/Janice Richards to confirm the helicopter flight times, and to make the necessary arrangements for travel to and from Speke.

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11 September 1985



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10 September 1985

Dear Mark

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Not appealing.*

Further to our conversation this morning I enclose an outline programme for the visit to the BNFL and CEGB sites on 1 November.

When you have confirmed that this is acceptable I will provide the necessary briefing for the visit.

*Yours sincerely
E G Huke*

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Private Secretary