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cc Sir R Nicholson

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

27 September 1985

Many thanks for your letter of 25 September. I am sure the Prime Minister will be content with the arrangements you propose. I can also see no difficulty with the wording you have in mind for the plaque to commemorate the opening at Sellafield.

As I mentioned to you on the telephone, Inspector Strevens will be getting in touch with you, and is hoping to conduct an advance visit for the tour on 16/17 October. He will also be able to discuss with you in more detail the commissioning of the plaque. The main thing, of course, is to leave this until as near the visit as possible.

I am sending a copy of this to Eric Huke at the Department of Energy.

MARK ADDISON

R.L. Pilling, Esq.

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The Department of Energy have now confirmed that the following contacts should be used for this tour:

BNFL - Mr. Pilling (i.e. as suggested in my earlier letter to Energy)

CEGB - Mr. Springett (telephone 634 5111 Ext. 6798) or Mr. Peter Vey (Public Relations).

MARK ADDISON

25 September 1985

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cc Supt Peter.

Mr M Addison
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25 September 1985

Dear Mr Addison

REVISED OUTLINE PROGRAMME RE PROPOSED VIP VISIT

... Further to our discussion of 24 September, I am enclosing a revised outline programme for the proposed VIP visit to British Nuclear Fuels plc on 1 November 1985. Some minor changes to the sequence in which the various plants are visited have been made in the light of our more detailed preparations.

The main changes as I indicated on the telephone are:-

- (a) The opening of the new Site Ion Exchange Effluent Plant and the new Fuel Handling Plant at Sellafield is now scheduled to take place by the unveiling of a commemorative plaque on arrival at the new facilities. As I mentioned we have made arrangements for this very short ceremony to be carried out before the invited guests which will total up to about 100.
- (b) After opening the Plant and then touring the facilities there will be an opportunity for informal discussion with the invited guests in the Assembly Hall where drinks will be provided at the end of the visit.

I confirm that briefing material in two parts firstly concerning the Company generally and secondly concerning the Plants to be visited will be available at the latest by 21 October and I will endeavour to get this material to you in advance of this date as you requested. Further briefing material concerning the people who will be involved within BNFL in the visit will follow subsequently.

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25 September 1985

I indicated that between 50 and 100 guests will be invited to attend the opening of the plant at Sellafield and that we are preparing a brochure about the plant concerned which would be inserted into an envelope for distribution to the guests and would refer solely to the date of the opening of the plant and would contain a brief programme for the guests.

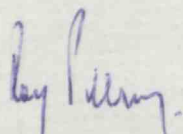
I also indicated that it would be necessary to issue invitations to the guests within the next week or so and I confirm that this will refer only to the plant concerned and the date and give no other details.

At all the BNFL Sites involved in the visit we would propose to take photographs during the visit at convenient points and at Sellafield we wish to take a video recording of parts of the visit. You confirmed that this was acceptable and we will, of course, discuss the details with the Press Office as you requested.

... I mentioned that we were making preparations for the manufacture of a suitable plaque for the Sellafield plant. The attachment to this letter confirms the wording that we propose to use and which, I understand, was satisfactory but I would be grateful if this could be confirmed. I understand that you will be arranging for someone to contact me concerning the security arrangements in this connection.

I have already spoken to Mr Huke of the Department of Energy again since our telephone conversation and am copying this letter and attachment to Mr Huke for his information.

Yours sincerely



R L Pilling
Production Director

PS: I will, as requested, discuss the manufacture of the plaque with Inspector Striven.

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Outline Programme for Proposed VIP Visit to
British Nuclear Fuels plc, 1 November 1985

- 09.45 Arrive Capenhurst
Proceed to Centrifuge Assembly Building
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
Proceed to General Manager's Dining Room for Introductions and brief description of Springfields activities
Tour Uranium Casting and Machining Plants
Tour AGR Pelleting Plant
Tour Magnox Canning Plant
Tour AGR Canning and Assembly Plant
Proceed to General Manager's Dining Room
Tour of Pressurised Water Reactor Fuel Assembly Plant
- 13.00 Depart Springfields
- 13.15 Arrive Heysham
- 15.00 Depart Heysham
- 15.15 Arrive Sellafield
Proceed to Exhibition Centre
Introductions and brief description of Sellafield
Tour of Apprentice and general worker training facilities

Proceed to new Site Ion Exchange Effluent Plant and new Fuel Handling Plant entrance

Unveil Commemorative Plaque

Tour new Fuel Handling Plant including visit to Fuel Receipt Facilities, Inlet Cell, Storage Ponds and Magnox Fuel Decanning Cells

Tour new Site Ion Exchange Effluent Plant (SIXEP) including visit to Control Room

Proceed to Assembly Hall for informal discussion with invited Guests

17.30

Depart Sellafield

SITE ION EXCHANGE EFFLUENT AND FUEL HANDLING PLANTS

OPENED BY

THE PRIME MINISTER

THE RT. HON. MRS MARGARET THATCHER, FRS, MP

1 NOVEMBER 1985



