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I have seen a copy of John MacGregor's letter to you of 1 December.

I would be most concerned if the proposed expansion in space activity by BNSC were to impinge any further on my Department's expenditure. Our present contribution to DES (SERC) to cover the increased costs of the European Space Agency (ESA) is already giving me concern. If additional UK money were to be found for space activity I believe the resources should be found by those with a direct interest in the work.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, George Younger, Kenneth Baker, other E(A) colleagues and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours

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