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SPACE:

- (i) FUTURE ROLE OF THE BNSC
- (ii) RESPONSE TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS SELECT COMMITTEE

WITH PM
Thank you for sending me a copy of your minute to the Prime Minister of 21 July with your recommendations on the future role of the BNSC. I have also seen your proposed draft response to the House of Lords Select Committee.

I agree with the conclusions of your minute and confirm that my Department, mainly through SERC and NERC but also when appropriate directly, stands ready to join with the other partners in making the Centre work effectively in its inter-Departmental co-ordinating role. I believe that there is useful progress to be made here and welcome the clearer terms of reference for the Centre and its Director General which you propose.

I am also broadly content with the reply to the House of Lords Select Committee.

I am sending copies of this minute to the Prime Minister and to members of E(ST), also to Sir Robin Butler and John Fairclough.

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