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Cambridge.

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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 11th February.

The Executive Committee will be meeting on 26th February and I will consult them about your application. In the meantime I should be much obliged if you would send me information on the following points:-

- (1) Your Royal Charter does not appear to deal with the situation which will arise if the Institute were to wind up and I should like to know what would happen to the funds of the Institute in that event.
- (2) I should like to have some particulars of the staff eligible for F.S.S.U. membership which the Institute is likely to employ in two or three years' time if its expected expansion takes place.
- (3) The Research Committee of the U.K.A.E.A. is only permitted to place under the F.S.S.U. Harwell and similar Fellows. What sort of arrangement between the Institute and the Research Committee had you envisaged in suggesting that your eligible staff should come under the Research Committee for F.S.S.U. purposes?

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Sir,

The following are the answers, as far as I know them, to the points raised in your letter of February 12th:-

- (1) So far as I know no consideration has been given to the situation which would arise if the Institute were wound up. It is clear that the Institute's projects would have to continue in some form, many million pounds worth of capital equipment having been provided for them. The buildings and equipment would no doubt be transferred to whatever organisation carried on the work. The disposal of any funds held by the Institute would undoubtedly be a matter for decision by the Treasury therefore if it is necessary to give some guarantee on this point in connection with superannuation Treasury approval will be required but there is surely no reason to doubt that it would be given.
- (2) The staff eligible for F.S.S.U. membership which the Institute are likely to employ according to present expectations in two or three years time will number about 40. They will be nuclear physicists engaged in research on the Institute's accelerators or comparable staff engaged in research on other aspects of nuclear science. They may be called Fellows or fixed term research staff but the essential point about them is that they will be doing research work similar to that done by University teaching staff and will commonly migrate between University and Institute employment.
- (3) The suggestion of a possible arrangement with the Research Committee was only made in the belief that it might be much more convenient to you than dealing separately with another small group of a similar kind. The essence of the arrangement would therefore be that the Research Committee would operate the scheme for the Institute but I have not gone into the details of the arrangements which would be required to give them authority to do so. The suggestion is, from my point of view, something of a last resort and I would very much prefer that the Institute should become a participating Institution.

Yours faithfully,

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