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SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL

Staff Appointments

Note by the Chairman

In paper No. 4 I said that I should wish to consult the Council about appointments at and above the level of Chief Scientific Officer (and the equivalent U.K.A.E.A. rank) or appointments below this rank where they involve the Head of an establishment.

The Science Research Council will have under its jurisdiction a number of Establishments which are being transferred to it as going concerns. The staff of the Radio Research Station and the Royal Observatories are civil servants who will, on 1st April, be seconded to the Council. I propose to confirm all the existing appointments, those of the officers in charge being listed in the Annex.

The staff of the Rutherford High Energy Laboratory, the Daresbury Nuclear Physics Laboratory and the Atlas Laboratory have contracts of service with the National Institute for Research in Nuclear Science which, in accordance with the provisions of the Science and Technology Act, will be transferred to the Science Research Council on 1st April. I propose that these contracts should be confirmed. The names of the Directors are listed in the Annex.

At State House, I propose that Dr. W.L. Francis should be appointed Secretary of the Council, that Mr. C. Jolliffe and Mr. J.F. Hosie should be appointed to the two Chief Scientific Officer posts and that Mr. R. St. J. Walker should be appointed Under Secretary, Establishment and Finance. I attach brief career statements in respect of each.

The appointment of the Secretary requires also the approval of the Secretary of State for Education and Science. If the Council agree with my proposal I will seek this.

Appendix to Paper 6.

Radio Research Station

Director: J. A. Ratcliffe Esq., C.B.E., M.A., F.R.S.
Chief Scientific Officer.

Royal Greenwich Observatory,
Herstmonceux

Astronomer Royal:
Sir Richard v.d.R. Woolley, O.B.E., F.R.S.

Royal Observatory, Edinburgh

Astronomer Royal for Scotland,
Professor H. A. Bruck, D.Phil., Ph.D.

Rutherford High Energy Laboratory

Director: Dr. T. G. Pickavance, C.B.E.

Daresbury Nuclear Physics Laboratory

Director: Professor A. W. Merrison

National Computing Laboratory

Director: Dr. J. Howlett.

Brief biographical details for:

William L Francis

James F Hosie

Christopher Jolliffe

Raymond St J Walker