

IN CONFIDENCE

RUTHERFORD LABORATORY STEERING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the second meeting held on
1st February, 1960

Present:-

Dr. T. G. Pickavance (Chairman)
Dr. W. D. Allen
Mr. P. Bowles
Mr. L. B. Mullett
Mr. M. Snowden
Dr. G. H. Stafford
Mr. W. Walkinshaw
Mr. J. J. Wilkins
Dr. J. A. V. Willis

1. Staff Locations

It was agreed to order the recommended "Multitons" equipment with 56 slim-type receivers initially at a cost of £2,900.

2. Housing

The Committee took note of the position (as described in paper NI(GP)(60)12. They expressed a preference for Abingdon for Institute houses.

3. Canteen

The Committee noted the proposal to build a canteen to accommodate Rutherford Laboratory staff and also M.R.C. staff and AERE Reactor School students. They considered that a private dining room should be available but doubted the need for a public waitress-service room. They recommended that the design should include in the same building a lecture hall for 200 to 300 people and conference rooms, which could be built later.

4. Staffing Policy

The Committee noted that a discussion had been held with AEA Whitley Staff Side representatives, and recommended that a meeting should be arranged with the whole staff who would be considered for offers of transfer, to inform them of the proposals. It was thought that such a meeting should be called by the AERE as present employers. A meeting with the Trade Unions should preferably be held on the same day.

5. Engineering Division Staff

The revised complement request for engineering staff at the laboratory, i.e. 60 professional, 67 ancillary and 121 industrial was examined, and the Committee recommended its acceptance, but that further thought should be given to the proposal to deploy 6 professional staff for Nimrod operation at this stage.

6. Laboratory Organisation

The Committee agreed that the organisation would need to be worked out gradually in many meetings. They agreed that projects should be staffed by mixed teams of physicists and engineers, under the control of a project leader. They thought that the quickest way to make further progress would be by considering detailed proposals for organising the work with Nimrod.

J. A. V. Willis
Secretary
3rd February, 1960