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Dear *Malcolm*,

Purchase of Glass Lasers for the Joint Laser Centre Programme

Thank you for your recent letter asking for comments on the proposal to purchase two lasers from foreign manufacturers for use in the above programme. Having looked into this matter I am sure that unfortunately there is no alternative other than GE in the United States for the larger laser. We believe that this is the only one to be offered with guaranteed performance.

The situation for the small Neodymium glass lasers is perhaps not quite so clear cut for although no UK company is prepared to quote for these we have heard that Dr Pecock (a member of Dr Allen's laser group at Culham) has assembled a very similar device. Of course I have no wish to deflect Culham from their normal programme but should there be difficulties in obtaining this item from commercial sources either on account of price or delivery it would be worthwhile asking the Culham laboratory for a quotation.

Yours sincerely

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