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Dear Jim,

The Chairman passed to me your letter of 28 April since I am making the arrangements for the issue of the Council Notice on regrouping.

I am grateful for your comments on the draft and hope that you will find the enclosed notice which has been issued today more satisfactory. It takes some of your points but not all since, for example, whatever reference we make to the National Computing Campus must be agreeable to the Department of Industry who are not themselves yet ready to make a public statement.

I think from your last paragraph, that you are over anxious about the "more powerful high energy physics community"; we must remember that the purpose of the SRC is to support all the sciences and that it is our job to cooperate with each other to ensure that scientists in every field receive the support which the taxpayer wishes them to have from resources entrusted to us. I know that changes of this kind must be unwelcome to many people but times are becoming hard for research and are likely to get harder. In these circumstances we must find ways of encouraging the communities to cooperate rather than become partisan for one or the other group.

Anything you could do to ensure that old breaches were healed and new cooperative links were forged would be to the great benefit of science.

With best wishes

Yours,

Henry



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