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Note of meeting of the Working Party on the future of Research Group policy held in Building 424 on Tuesday, April 7th, 1959.

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1. Note of meeting held on March 17th, 1959 (RGF(59)1)

The note of the meeting held on March 17th was accepted. Mr. Grainger said he thought the note sent by Mr. D.R. Willson to Division Heads laid undue emphasis on the need to start new work. The Working Party agreed that the record of March 17th meeting correctly represented their views.

2. Suggestions for stopping or moving existing work (RGF(59)2)

The Working Party had before it an anonymous summary of suggestions made by members for stopping, reducing or moving existing Research Group work. Mr. Fry said the list was inevitably based on incomplete information: when he presented it to the Director he would make clear that any action on the suggestions must be subject to comment by the Division Head directly concerned. The Working Party then went through the list item by item. The list has been revised in the light of comments made at the meeting, and a copy of the revised list is attached to these notes. The following items have been withdrawn:

- 1.31 Aqueous processing
- 6.4 T.I.G.
- 8.25 High Voltage generator
- 8.7 Chemical Engineering research
- 8.21 Mass spectrometer R. & D.
- 8.22 Tandem generator.

The Working Party agreed to hold further meetings to discuss the comments (annex 3 of RGF(59)2), and the replies received from Division Heads to a circular asking them what work they would stop or put to contract if their complement were to remain fixed. The Working Party also asked the Secretary to expedite issue of the current progress report.

9th April, 1959.

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New Suggestions For Stopping, Reducing or Moving Research Group Work
(Revision of Annex 2 of RGP(59)2)

<u>Project</u>	<u>Staff Involved</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1.10	64	Effort in this field is already due to decrease. A review of the remaining items should be made in about six months.
1.20	11	Due to go to industry. O.K. so long as work is done satisfactorily.
3.1	21	No R.G. requirement. An impediment to putting H.8 outside the fence. To remain in list even though RGM agreed to retain at Harwell.
4.1	15	Basic work in C.E. should continue, but total effort should be reduced.
4.2	9	This will be stopped.
4.4	33	Scale of effort should be reviewed.
4.11	13	Long term aim should be to shut down machine and rely on stocks and imports. Too costly to transfer to industry. Pu separator must be retained.
6.5	290	Long term aim should be to separate from R.G.
8	257	Effort on machine development and construction should be contracted as jobs are completed. There is however, no other machine research team in U.K., and this should be retained in R.G. (strength about 60). Remaining 200 odd will transfer to National Institute for machine operation and maintenance. Important that strong scientific links be kept between the two teams.
8.6	34	Majority favour handing over machine to National Institute. Tandem generator and 5MeV V.d.G. to remain in R.G.
9.6	15	Efforts already being made to transfer development work to Industry.
9.9	19	All ready under review by users committee. They should consider possibility of renting services from industry to a greater extent.

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Development of remote handling equipment.

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Administrative services, e.g. canteens, hostels, maintenance.

Put more work to industry.

Invite General Secretariat to review possibility of putting more services out to contract. A further review should be made when experience of contract services at Winfrith is available.

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Engineering services.

A big effort has already been made to use contractors to maximum extent. Review again when Winfrith experience is available. U.L.E. is to be run by a contractor.

10th April, 1959.

R.M. Fishenden.