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Comments made by Dr. Lomer during an informal discussion with
Dr. Howlett on the Organization of the Atlas
Project - March 6th, 1961

Basis of Discussion: Draft paper entitled "The Atlas Installation" by
J. Howlett, March 2nd, 1961.

- (1) It is not possible to discuss the relations between the new Laboratory and the Harwell Theoretical Physics Division until a general decision has been taken on the overall responsibility for the Laboratory.
- (2) In order to meet Harwell's needs it is essential that there should be a professional computing group on the Site, responsible solely to the Authority.
- (3) The Head of the Laboratory and the groups for machine operation and mathematical research could be on the Institute staff.
- (4) It is likely that there will be a need for two separate computing groups, one responsible only to the Authority and the other, via the Institute, to the Universities. The staff estimates should be split to allow for this.
- (5) Notwithstanding the responsibility of the Institute for the Mathematics Research Group, there is no reason why the Authority should not, if it wished, provide places for mathematical research.
- (6) There will very shortly be a need for a paper to be submitted to the Harwell Council describing the plans made for providing Harwell's computing service in the new circumstances.

(5) ~~Notwithstanding the~~ *possible*
responsibility of the Institute ~~being~~ ^{is} the encouragement
of ^{mathematical} research ~~plan~~, perhaps by forming a Mathematical
Research Group sited at the machine. Despite
this, there is no reason why the Authority
should refrain from making places available
for its staff to carry on ^{such} ~~similar~~ work.