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November, 1957

Dear Pickavance,

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I enclose the draft press release on your appointment which Searby mentioned on the 'phone yesterday evening, and also a brief draft release on the Chivers contract. Could you please give me a ring to let me know whether or not you have any comments on these. May I leave it to you to clear the Chivers announcement with whoever else at Harwell should see it; and could whoever is in touch with Chivers just check that they are satisfied with it.

When I have your comments I will clear the announcements ~~in the~~ Lord Bridges and will warn you when they are about to appear.

May I also send you my congratulations and good wishes on your appointment.

Yours sincerely,

*J. Grieve Smith*

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Dr. T.G. Pickavance,  
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DRAFT PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN  
NUCLEAR SCIENCE

Appointment of the First Director of the  
Rutherford High Energy Laboratory

The Governing Board of the National Institute for Research in Nuclear Science announce that they have appointed Dr. T.G. Pickavance as Director of the Institute's new Rutherford High Energy Laboratory at Harwell. Dr. Pickavance is at present Deputy Head of the General Physics Division of the Atomic Energy Authority's Research Establishment at Harwell.

The new High Energy Laboratory is being built on a site adjacent to the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell to house the Institute's first large accelerator.

The laboratory is to be called the Rutherford High Energy Laboratory to commemorate the work of the late Lord Rutherford in the development of nuclear physics.

Note for information

Dr. Pickavance, who is 42, is at present officer in charge of the Group within the Atomic Energy Authority responsible for the design and supervision of the construction of the new large accelerator for the Institute, and will continue to undertake this work. He has been working at Harwell since 1946 and has been Deputy Head of the General Physics Division since 1955. From 1939 to 1946 Dr. Pickavance worked on nuclear problems as a part-time lecturer at Liverpool University and a Member of the Tube Alloys Project. He read Physics at Liverpool University and later did post-graduate work there under Sir James <sup>a</sup> Chadwick.

(Issued by the Atomic Energy Authority  
on behalf of the National Institute  
for Research in Nuclear Science)



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16th November, 1960.

The Rt. Hon. Lord Bridges, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., M.C.,  
F.R.S.

Goodmans Furze,  
Headley,  
Epsom.

Dear Lord Bridges,

Thank you very much for your letter of 11th November offering me the appointment as Director of the Rutherford High Energy Laboratory.

I gladly accept this offer on the terms and conditions stated in your letter and the enclosures.

Yours sincerely,

T. G. Pickavance