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Date 29th January 1975.

Dear Evan Morgan,

Further to my letter of 6th January and our subsequent telephone conversations I can now give you the answers to the questions you raised in connection with the submission in my letter of 20th December 1974.

Parts of the joint programme, as referred to in the penultimate sentence of paragraph two of our submission, will be carried out where there are suitable facilities and expertise. For example, the development of targets which does not require constant use of the main laser facility may be carried out elsewhere, e.g., at Harwell. It is, nevertheless, part of the development of a joint facility and would be part of AEA's share, in this case, of the joint cost.

The present intention is that the new building is to be located on AEA land partly with a view to ensuring proper security control. It is also envisaged that responsibility for the building, and of course for its services, will rest with the AEA for the same reasons. A joint programme does not mean that everything has to be shared equally, indeed as in the case of sharing development effort above, it is a question of deciding what part each partner is best able to play.

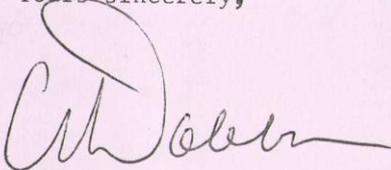
On the general question of ownership we have perhaps been over-concerned with its implications. The intention, as stated in the letter, is that the SRC and the AEA will make broadly equal contributions to the total project so that we shall have equal use and control over it. Control, use and ownership do not necessarily go together. SRC does not own half of the AAT or a third of ILL, for example. We do not own equipment which we have provided at universities, though in appropriate cases we control its use, including sharing with other users and receiving income from its use by non-grantees, and recovery of depreciated capital if it is no longer used for its approved purpose. We have found that to "own" the equipment in order to do this is far too coarse a control, and indeed it brings in unnecessary complications such as responsibilities for maintenance, security, safety disposal, and making good. Joint ownership introduces even further complications, and it is our general experience that joint use and control can be independent of ownership.

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You also requested some details regarding the building. As at present envisaged, although of course this may change in the light of AEA further detailed consideration of building requirements, some 750 sq.metres are planned for offices for staff and visitors, 150 sq.m. for seminar rooms and library, 275 sq.m for workshops and assembly, 300 sq.m. for laboratory support and the balance for toilets, services and circulation.

As already agreed, we will keep you informed of developments.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. Dobbins', with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

A. DOBBINS