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Dear Professor Brueckner

I was delighted to see from the letter Bas Pease has written to you on 7 March that you might be visiting Culham and Harwell some time at the end of April or beginning of May. May I add my warm invitation to you to come to visit us at Harwell.

There is a considerable range of work here that might be of interest to you in the field of nuclear cross section data, radiation damage, and other elements of fusion technology support, and of course we would look forward to the opportunity of explaining to you a little our first round of plans for some studies on the laser compression area. We have of course no equipment at the present time to show you, and indeed only skeleton plans.

I will be looking forward very much to making your acquaintance and will keep in touch with Bas Pease about the timetable of your visit.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Dr. Whitehead:

I have considered your invitation to consult with the laser program at Harwell. I would like very much to do so, provided that suitable arrangements can be made for expenses and consulting reimbursement. If you continue to be interested, please let me know the arrangements you suggest.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Professor Brueckner,

I must apologise for not answering your letter of 7 July before now. I plead extenuating circumstances!

Just as I received your letter we in the Atomic Energy Authority had the first intimation that our proposal to join the SRC in the Joint Laser Program was not going to achieve the approval of the Department of Energy. This has now happened as you will probably know.

Basically the Department of Energy was not willing to support our application to the Treasury for extra funding to cover the Laser project proposal. The AEA had already decided that new money was a requirement in that they felt unable to cut back their funding of the fission and magnetic confinement fusion program to accommodate this Laser Program.

The SRC are now going it alone, with their half of the money (they come under the Department of Education and Science and were not requesting extra funding).

I have taken the liberty of passing a copy of your letter to Paul Williams of the SRC Rutherford Laboratory, who will now implement the cut-back project, in the hope that you may be able to consult with them.

Needless-to-say we, at Harwell, are extremely disappointed at this outcome; the redeployment of the staff involved is not yet settled but we will watch with interest and envy the progress in this fascinating field.

With very best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Colin Whitehead

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