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13th April, 1960.

The Rt. Hon. Lord Bridges, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., M.C., F.R.S.
The Royal Fine Art Commission,
5 Old Palace Yard,
London, S.W.1.

Dear Lord Bridges,

Contract No. CON/HAR/3B/24380
Radio Frequency Liner for Nimrod Injector

In December, 1958 a contract was placed with London Aluminium Co. Ltd. for the supply of the Radio Frequency Liner to the design of the Project Group. There have been several modifications to the design and in addition it has been necessary to introduce optical inspection methods to enable the contractor to meet the specification without introducing manufacturing modifications. The contractor has negotiated with the Authority's Contracts Branch a fair and reasonable price for the additional work and it is now necessary to increase the value of the contract from £23,844 to £26,123.

This sum is beyond the limit delegated to the Chairman of the Project Committee and I would be glad if you could approve this as Chairman of the General Purposes Committee. At the next meeting the point could be formally reported along with a further claim by the London Aluminium Company which at present is under negotiation. This arises from their having been held up by a prolonged strike at Messrs. Craven Brothers, who were the Authority's subcontractors supplying component parts.

The liner is a little behind schedule as a result of these difficulties and I am anxious to clear the immediate financial point of the contract to ensure that full efforts are made by the company to deliver the liner early in May.

Yours sincerely,

T. G. Pickavance

c.c. Mr. P. Bowles
Mr. G. E. Simmonds
Mr. G. N. Venn
Mr. G. Farmer