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

Dear Lord Bridges,

Membership of the Governing Board

Thank you for sending me Lord Hailsham's letter, which I now return. Willis and I have discussed it and comment as follows:

We agree that the "ex officio" members should now be the Chairmen of the U.G.C. and the Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals, the Secretary of the D.S.I.R., the Physical Secretary of the Royal Society, and the Member for Finance and Administration and the Member for Research of the U.K.A.E.A. Please note that the nomenclature in Hailsham's letter is not quite right. Presumably this would leave one member to be nominated by the U.G.C., one by the D.S.I.R., and one by the U.K.A.E.A., but they would not be automatically selected by virtue of their offices in their parent organisations and would therefore be subject to rotation.

The recommendations (a), (b), (c) and (d) in Hailsham's letter appear to us to be sound. On the principles laid down in his second paragraph Blackett and Schonland would not necessarily be replaced on the Board by their direct successors in the D.S.I.R. and the U.K.A.E.A. and I hope that you will be consulted before the D.S.I.R. and the U.K.A.E.A. make their recommendations.

With regard to the University members, Mott has already said that he wishes to withdraw. Perhaps Mountford should retire (I believe that he will retire from the University quite soon). They might be replaced by Cassels (Professor of Physics at Liverpool) and Dee (Natural Philosophy, Glasgow) or Flowers (Theoretical Physics, Manchester). Do we need always to have two Vice Chancellors? If we do, I suggest Appleton. There is much to be said for a member from Scotland, and this is why I include Dee.

The delicate question of which of the present University members should be reappointed for one year and which for two needs consideration. The three concerned are Massey, Peierls and Wilkinson, all of whom are very active and valuable. I can only suggest that Wilkinson should drop out first, but I hope that all three could be brought back for another term later.

Yours sincerely,

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