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GOVERNING BOARD

Management and Staffing Policy for the Proposed
Electron Synchrotron Laboratory

Note by the Secretary

Copies of the report "Scientific Progress, the Universities and the Federal Government" by the U.S. President's Science Advisory Committee were circulated to the Physics Committee and the Board on 10th April 1961 under reference NI/PC/61/3.

Professor Cassels has proposed that the recommendations in the report, particularly on pages 20 and 21, should be discussed critically by the Board, and has expressed the view that the construction of the electron synchrotron might be made the occasion for a move within the Institute in the direction of a structure more in line with the U.S. recommendations.

To make his suggestion specific, Professor Cassels has set down the following notes:-

"Notes on the Management and Staffing Policy for the Proposed
Electron Synchrotron Laboratory

By J.M. Cassels

Principles

- 1) That the Laboratory should be integrated scientifically as far as possible with the University Physics Departments which will make use of it.
- 2) That the financial and administrative machinery of the Rutherford Laboratory should be copied as far as possible.

Suggestions

- 1) That the scientific staff of the Laboratory should whenever possible be the holders of academic posts in the University Physics Departments.
- 2) The Director of the Laboratory should be responsible only to the N.I.R.N.S. Board. His appointment should be for a period of a few years, three or four, and his retirement from office should be definite.
- 3) The Director should whenever possible be the holder of a Chair of Physics in one of the Universities. The Chair should carry normal teaching responsibilities, but must not involve functional responsibilities in the University while the holder is the Director of the N.I.R.N.S. Laboratory.
- 4) The Visiting Committee of the Laboratory should include all Nuclear or Particle Physics Professors in the Universities most interested in the Laboratory. It should advise the Director, as at the Rutherford Laboratory, but it should also be consulted by the Board of the N.I.R.N.S. when an appointment of a Director is about to be made, and its opinions given weight.