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THE NAMING OF THE ELECTRON LABORATORY

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Members of the Board will recall that I reported to them at the meeting on July 15th the proposal of the Electron Laboratory Advisory Committee that the Electron Laboratory should be re-named "Daresbury Nuclear Physics Laboratory". The minute of the Advisory Committee on this subject reads :-

"3. Name of the Laboratory.

In discussion, it was generally agreed that the name "Electron Laboratory" was not satisfactory. It was not really descriptive and could be misleading. The adoption of a place name would give the Laboratory much more of an identity and the name Daresbury was satisfactory for this.

There followed discussion on whether the name should also include the description of some field of work such as "High Energy" or "Nuclear Physics". On balance it was felt that this would be advantageous and the Committee decided to recommend that the Laboratory should be known as "Daresbury Nuclear Physics Laboratory".

Professor Merrison was invited to report this to the Governing Board of the Institute."

I think there was no doubt in the minds of the Advisory Committee that the Laboratory should certainly be referred to informally as "Daresbury". In its official name, one has to steer a course between a name which gives the outside world no impression at all of what the Laboratory is doing, and one which is so particular that it might be misleading in, say, 10 or 20 years time. With these considerations in mind, "Daresbury Nuclear Physics Laboratory" seemed appropriate for a laboratory of the National Institute for Research in Nuclear Science.