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PROGRESS AT THE DARESBUY LABORATORY

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1. Site and Buildings.

A good start has been made on the preparation and levelling of the site at Daresbury. A more detailed investigation of the underlying sandstone has confirmed that it will be very suitable for the NINA foundations.

A part of the site is being prepared for temporary accommodation and it is expected that Laboratory staff will begin to move there on the 16th January.

A reappraisal of the building programme has shown that it is reasonably well phased with most of the plant items. It seems clear, however, that the Electron Hall will not be available in time for the testing of the first NINA magnets, and the Inner Hall will not be ready for the installation of some of the major radio-frequency components. It is too early to say how much delay this will cause in the construction of NINA.

2. NINA.

All plant items are proceeding satisfactorily. The tenders for the magnet blocks have now been examined and it is expected that this contract will be let within a few days. A report on the tendering for this contract has been prepared and will be submitted to the General Purposes Committee.

3. General.

The numbers of staff in post on 1st December was 34. This includes the people required to take charge of each main section of the project, and an Accountant has been selected to join on 1st January. The next stage will be to build up the supporting staff, including those who will work in the temporary workshop. It is already clear that accommodation for some of the additional staff required will be a problem, since the temporary buildings now being erected will be sufficient only for the numbers foreseen up to about March. We are at present assessing the detailed timing of the necessary staff build-up after that to see how the space problem can best be overcome.