



Prime Minister

Yes Agree these to new appointments?

If so, I shall have the consequent 'farewell'

and letters typed up for you. MRP 3/2

Ref. A04157

PRIME MINISTER

Membership of ACARD

At the end of 1979, you agreed that there should be a regular rotation in the membership of ACARD in order to bring new blood into the Council. Accordingly, five new members were appointed early in 1980 and the term of office of three others was extended by a year. The appointments of these three (Sir John Atwell, Sir Robert Clayton and Mr. D. Downs) have now expired, as has that of Sir Ieuan Maddock (who joined the Council in June 1977). I have consulted colleagues over possible replacements and have particularly borne in mind your wish to see more representation from the information technology area on the Council. As a result I propose that we should invite the following to serve:

- ✓ Lord Caldecote, Chairman, Delta Group Ltd.
- ✓ Sir Kenneth Corfield, Chief Executive, STC Ltd.
- ✓ Mr. C.S. King, Deputy Chairman, BL Advanced Technology Ltd.
- ✓ Mr. D.H. Roberts, Research Director, GEC Ltd.

2. If you are content with the above four names, I shall write accordingly.

3. I think it would be appropriate if, as last year, the retiring members were to receive a personal note from you. I attach drafts.

REA

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

3rd February, 1981



DRAFT LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO  
D. DOWNS, ESQ., CBE F Eng, CHAIRMAN AND  
MANAGING DIRECTOR, RICARDO CONSULTING  
ENGINEERS LTD., BRIDGE WORKS, SHOREHAM-  
BY-SEA, WEST SUSSEX BN4 5FG

I understand that you are retiring from the Advisory Council for Applied Research and Development. I should like to thank you for the time that you have given to the Council since its formation and in particular for your leadership of the Working Group on R and D for Public Purchasing. This Group's report has, I know, been read with great interest in Government and industry.

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DRAFT LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO  
SIR ROBERT CLAYTON, CBE F Eng, TECHNICAL  
DIRECTOR, GEC LTD., HIRST RESEARCH CENTRE,  
EAST LANE, WEMBLEY HA9 7PP

I understand that you are retiring from the Advisory Council for Applied Research and Development. I should like to thank you for the great deal of time that you have given to the Council since its formation in particular in connection with its reports on the applications of semiconductor technology, computer-aided design and manufacture, and information technology. These reports have contributed greatly to the Council's success and have, I know, been read with much interest in Government and industry.

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DRAFT LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO  
SIR IEUAN MADDOCK, CB F Eng FRS, SECRETARY,  
BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT  
OF SCIENCE, FORTRESS HOUSE, SAVILE ROW,  
WIX 1AB

I understand that you are retiring from the Advisory Council for Applied Research and Development. I should like to thank you for the time that you have given to the Council and in particular for your contribution to its reports on semiconductor technology and technological change. These reports have, I know, been read with great interest in Government and industry.

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DRAFT LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO  
SIR JOHN ATWELL, CBE F Eng, SCOTTISH  
OFFSHORE PARTNERSHIP, CHARING CROSS  
TOWER, GLASGOW G2 4PP

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Sir Mac

10 DOWNING STREET

from the Private Secretary

MR. WRIGHT  
CABINET OFFICE

The Prime Minister has seen Sir Robert Armstrong's minute (ref: A04157) about membership of ACARD.

She has agreed his proposals, and will therefore be writing to the retiring members.

I should be grateful if Sir Robert Armstrong would now approach the four nominees for membership.

(Cabinet Office dealing with this, nothing more for No. 10 to do - David Wright 6/2/81)

M. A. PATTISON

4 February 1981

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

6 February 1981

Dear Sir Robert,

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Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Sir Robert Clayton, C.B.E., F.Eng.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

6 February 1981

Dear Sir Ieuan,

I understand that you are retiring from the Advisory Council for Applied Research and Development. I should like to thank you for the time that you have given to the Council and in particular for your contribution to its reports on semiconductor technology and technological change. These reports have, I know, been read with great interest in Government and industry.

Yours sincerely

Sir Ieuan Maddock, C.B., F.Eng., F.R.S.

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

6 February 1981

Dear Mr. Downs,

I understand that you are retiring from the Advisory Council for Applied Research and Development. I should like to thank you for the time that you have given to the Council since its formation and in particular for your leadership of the working Group on R and D for Public Purchasing. This Group's report has, I know, been read with great interest in Government and industry.

Yours sincerely,

Raymond Stobart

D. Downs, Esq., C.B.E., F.Eng.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

6 February 1981

Dear Sir John,

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Yours sincerely,  
Margaret Thatcher

Sir John Atwell, C.B.E., F.Eng.

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*N/S Teresa Overton*  
*Minuted 25-2-81*  
*Next*  
*Could you M. arrange.* 20/2

*MAQ*

Ref. A04294

MR PATTISON

Advisory Council for Applied Research and Development

Your minute of 4 February gave the Prime Minister's approval to the new appointments to ACARD proposed in Sir Robert Armstrong's minute of 3 February (A04157). Sir Robert wrote to the nominees for the new posts, and all have accepted.

2. It would now be timely to make the changes in membership public. As last year, this might best be done by means of an inspired Written Parliamentary Question to the Prime Minister, together with a Press Release. I attach drafts.

*D J Wright*

D J WRIGHT

20 February 1981

DRAFT PQ ON ACARD MEMBERSHIP

To ask the Prime Minister if she will list the membership of the Advisory Council for Applied Research and Development (ACARD).

I have appointed four new members to ACARD.

The membership is now:

Dr A Spinks CBE (Chairman)	formerly Director of Research, ICI Limited
Sir Henry Chilver (Deputy Chairman)	Vice-Chancellor, Cranfield Institute of Technology
*Viscount Caldecote	Chairman, The Delta Metal Company Ltd
*Sir Kenneth Corfield	Chairman and Chief Executive, Standard Telephones and Cables Ltd
Dr D L Georgala	Head of Laboratory, Unilever Research
Professor W B Heginbotham OBE	Director-General, Production Engineering Research Association
*Mr C S King CBE	Deputy Chairman, BL Technology Ltd
Dr B C Lindley	Director of Research, Dunlop Ltd
Mr J Lyons	General Secretary Engineers' and Managers' Association
Sir Alec Merrison	Vice-Chancellor, University of Bristol Chairman of the Advisory Board for the Research Councils
Mr A M Muir Wood	Senior Partner, Sir William Halcrow & Partners
*Mr D H Roberts	Research Director, GEC Ltd

Dr L Rotherham CBE

Formerly Vice-Chancellor,  
University of Bath

Mr J L van der Post

Chief Executive,  
Water Research Centre

Mr G H Wright

Regional Secretary for Wales,  
Transport & General Workers' Union

\*New members

DRAFT PRESS RELEASE

NEW APPOINTMENTS TO ACARD

The Prime Minister today announced changes in the membership of the Advisory Council for Applied Research and Development (ACARD).

In answer to a Parliamentary Question from [ELDON GRIFFITHS ] the Prime Minister said: [Text of Answer]

Note for Editors

The Advisory Council for Applied Research and Development was established in 1976 with the following terms of reference:

"To advise Ministers and to publish reports as necessary on -

1. Applied R & D in the United Kingdom and its deployment in both the public and private sectors in accordance with national needs;
2. The articulation of this R & D with scientific research supported through the Department of Education and Science;
3. The future development and application of technology;
4. The role of the United Kingdom in international collaboration in the field of applied R & D."

The retiring members on the Council are:

Sir John Atwell CBE	Chairman, Scottish Offshore Partnership
Sir Robert Clayton CBE	Technical Director, GEC Ltd
Mr D Downs CBE	Chairman and Managing Director, Ricardo Consulting Engineers Ltd
Sir Ieuan Maddock CB	Formerly Chief Scientist, Department of Industry

The Council has published 8 reports:

The Applications of Semi-Conductor Technology (1978)  
Industrial Innovation (1979)  
Joining and Assembly: The Impact of Robots and Automation (1979)  
Technological Change: Threats and Opportunities for the  
United Kingdom (1980)  
Computer Aided Design and Manufacture (1980)  
R and D for Public Purchasing (1980)  
Biotechnology (1980)  
Information Technology (1980)