

Telephone:
Rowstock 377
Ext: 7

15th March, 1960.

Dr. G. L. Squires,
Cavendish Laboratory,
Free School Lane,
Cambridge.

Dear Gordon,

Thank you for your letter of 14th March. As you probably know, Willis has just written to Professor Mott saying that he will soon be writing to universities, including Cambridge, inviting those who can make a strong case to submit applications to N.I.R.N.S. for reactors. Willis and I have been asked by the Governing Board of N.I.R.N.S. to seek expert advice on reactors from the Atomic Energy Authority to enable the university proposals to be assessed. We hope that the Authority will shortly nominate members of their staff to help us in this way, and these are clearly the people whom you should meet for advice in framing your requirements. Since the Institute have chosen to act in this way there will be no need for you to detail all the strictly reactor aspects of your proposals, but I am sure that you are right in wanting to discuss your research requirements with reactor people before helping to prepare a Cambridge proposal to N.I.R.N.S. As soon as I know the names of the Authority reactor people who will be helping us I shall let you know, and arrange for you to meet them here with Willis and myself.

One of our difficulties at present is that the man who previously helped us, Littler, has left the Authority and many of the other Harwell reactor people have moved or are in process of moving to Winfrith.

I hope to give you a more definite story very soon, with suggested dates for a meeting.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

T. G. Pickavance

c.c. Dr. J. A. V. Willis