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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
CANBERRA



Our reference:
Your reference:

FHP/1316/73

20th February, 1973

Dear [REDACTED]

PNE

Many thanks for your note CPA/73/32 of 15 February.

I should indeed like to be kept in touch with any exchanges with the French or other countries in this field. Of course, we are talking about the engineering and health aspects of PNEs and not the nuclear assembly, but the whole business still has sufficient potential infringement on the weapons field, on CTBT and on nuclear testing generally that I should be remiss in my duties if I did not keep in close touch with any developments, potential or actual. I should be grateful if you would therefore continue as before to keep me fully informed of your PNE activities.

I have written to [REDACTED] to remind him of my interest.

Yours sincerely,

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Letter to [REDACTED]

copies: [REDACTED]

Dear

PNE ENGINEERING

With reference to your letter FHP/1318/73 of the 21st February we propose to continue the present arrangements to ensure that no British nuclear explosive development or design information is involved in the work under the above heading.

I think we might well on occasion in undertaking this work refer to nuclear explosive design information that may have been published by other countries and I take it that you have no objection to this.

Yours

[REDACTED]: Do you agree with the above as a reply?

[REDACTED]

PS/D

Director

Agreed. I have also enclosed copies of the letters
[REDACTED] referred to.
in his notes to [REDACTED]

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