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Dear John

Appointment of Director, PFC

You very kindly agreed to my suggestion that we should delay the readvertising of the PFC Director's post for at least 6 months, in order to permit a period during which the staff of PFC could adjust to Mr Watt's departure and we could consolidate certain important management decisions.

The delay has been, in my opinion, richly rewarding and I would suggest that Mr Maltman is advised to make the necessary moves to readvertise in mid September 1984. Subject to this being acceptable to the Management Committee I would make one further request.

The experience of the last 6 months has convinced me that it would be in the interests of the SNBTS as a whole to change the Job Description in such a way so that the Director of the PFC was unequivocally responsible to the NMD. Such an arrangement has pertained since Dr Perry took over as Acting Director and I now have no doubt that unless the NMD is cognisant with and involved in all operational policy matters associated with PFC then a real danger exists that the difficulties experienced with the previous Director may well recur. In the light of future demands upon the SNBTS this potential difficulty must be avoided at all costs.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely

John D Cash

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