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Dear All

SONE held a lunch yesterday for Digby Jones, Director General of the CBI. In the event I was unable attend, but asked Bernard Ingham to raise two points. Here is his note on those points:

Keith Parker asked me to raise two points:

1 - Would the CBI care to join the NIA and the TUC in a pro-nuclear conference? Answer - would Keith please write to him, the accent being on the "please" when I said that the NIA would like the CBI's weight behind it. He was very positive and gave the impression he did not want to be left out because a united front by industry was desirable.

2 - Would the CBI be interested in promoting the financing of a new nuclear power station(s) on the Finnish model which Neville Chamberlain outlined?; Neville has been speaking to Ineos Chlor, the Cheshire chemicals company at Runcorn who were reported in the Observer of March 20 as saying they were prepared to invest in a nuclear station on Finnish lines.

Digby Jones put forward a number of ideas as to how to put the pressure on the Government to take decisive steps. They included a direct approach by himself to the Prime Minister later in the year. We argued that an approach would be all the more impressive if he could say that he knew people were demanding new nuclear build and were prepared to help finance it.

This led him into the idea of convening a meeting of a number of major

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energy users, including the Large Energy Users' Association (with whose director general, Jeremy Nicholson we recently had lunch). The meeting concluded with the organisation of such a conference as an action point.

Best regards

Keith



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