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- a. The draft schedule for Nottingham I contains space for a room to be used by Director or Deputy Director when at Nottingham and is extra on the staff list is counted as compared with this Table.
  - b. The Geological Survey Sub-committee on 29.5.68 requested that 50 auxiliary staff be added to the Forward look proposals to 1972/4; these are included in this Figure, which covers I.G.S. and H.P.G. classes, boring crew and substitute officers.
  - c. The revised figures for Continental Shelf would assess the position which will arise if the development of the sea-bottom drill is successful, and if major offshore borings are undertaken under I.G.S. control.
  - d. Accommodation is not provided at Princess Gate for 55 or 43 officers of the Overseas Division, many of whom are abroad at any given time. The total figure for Princess Gate is thus greater by 40 than the reasonable capacity of the building.
  - e. The higher estimate for Palaeontology reflects the demand which would be made by a larger boring programme including deep holes on the continental shelf, a more considerable development in micropaleontology (at least not than Nottingham I) now appears necessary.
  - f. It is possible that a group working on the 'amber' project, including facilities for electron hydrogeology, might move to Leeds in preference of the move to Nottingham.
  - g. It will be noted that proportionately large developments in fundamental geological work are contemplated in sedimentology and geomorphology.
  - h. The future of the International Geological Correlation is not yet certain, but the staff are not paid for by H.P.G. and are not included in I.G.S. complement. However, if the centre is to survive, it is proposed to include space for it in the new Milebush building, to be set at an economic cost.
1. Figures in half brackets count both for present and future.

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## **I. G. S. Forward Development: Staff and Buildings — Letter to Beverton**

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Dear Beverton,

I. G. S. Forward Development: Staff and Buildings

With this letter I am forwarding a tabular summary of my preliminary proposals for the disposition of staff in relation to the new buildings at Edinburgh and Nottingham.

The figures in brackets show the current distribution of staff, and these are totalled according to activity and according to office. The total, 655, is 15 below this year's agreed complement but all the remaining posts have been filled or are on offer, the officers not having joined yet.

The last column on the right shows the distribution of staff according to activity, contemplated in the

forward look for the present quinquennium.

The figures otherwise not in brackets are our estimates for the purpose of the new buildings, allowing a modest expansion beyond the end of the quinquennium during which Edinburgh and Nottingham I should be occupied.

While I propose that Nottingham Phase II should be planned now, I strongly recommend that its erection should be deferred until the quinquennium commencing 1974. In my opinion it is very desirable to preserve this amount of flexibility in a large building programme. It could well be that our rate of development will not in fact be permitted to be as great as the forward look to 1957/4 contemplates, in which case this second phase might be unnecessary. Alternatively we may still be underestimating the needs ( though I doubt this ) in which case Phase II could be replanned on a larger scale. A building for e 9 1 at Nottingham is, in my view, quite large enough for the first stage there.

I also attach notes on various specific points in the table; these refer to the small letters in the table.

The proposals will shortly be debated by my colleagues in the Directorate here, and I would be very pleased to have your observations.

Yours sincerely,

Director

The Secretary,

Natural Environment Research Council Alhambra House, WC2

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2. The Geological Surveys Subcommittee on 29.5.68 requested that 30 ancillary staff be added to the Forward Look proposals to 1973/74; these are included in this figure, which covers S.O. and Exp.O. classes, boring crew and estates officer.
3. The revised figure for Continental Shelf would cover the position which will arise if the development of the sea-bottom drill is successful, and if major offshore borings are undertaken under I. G. S. control.
4. Accommodation is not provided at Princes Gate for 55 or 41 officers of the Overseas Division, many of whom are abroad at any given time. The total figure for Princes Gate is thus greater by 20 than the reasonable capacity of the building.
5. The higher estimate for Palaeontology reflects the demand which would be made by a larger boring programme including many holes on the continental shelf. A more considerable development in micropalaeontology (at Leeds and then Nottingham I ) now appears necessary.
6. It is possible that a group working on the 'Humber' project, including trainees for overseas hydrogeology, might move to Leeds in advance of the move to Nottingham.
7. It will be noted that proportionately large developments in fundamental geophysical work are contemplated in seismology and geomagnetism.
8. The future of the International Seismological Centre is not yet certain, but the staff are not paid for by N.E.R.C. and are not included in I.G.S. complements. However, if the centre is to survive, it is proposed to include space for it in the new Edinburgh building, to be let at an

economic rent.

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