

most likely developments that could be anticipated in the near future. For that purpose, we are asking all government departments and agencies to update the information contained in the brief they prepared in response to the detailed questionnaire that we circulated in 1968. The text of this questionnaire has been reproduced in Annex B of Volume 1 of our report on science policy.

We are therefore asking the Science Council to respond to that questionnaire to the extent that it is relevant to its activities.

We are also requesting all departments and agencies to tell us how they reacted to the recommendations and suggestions specifically made to them in our report on science policy. We would like to know if they rejected these proposals and, if so, why; and, if they have accepted them, how they have implemented them. We are asking the Council to respond to this second specific request.

In the process of responding to the two requests just mentioned, we hope that the Council will also indicate to us how it is presently perceiving its role, and within the terms of its broad mandate, what areas and issues of science policy it intends to emphasize in the next few years.

In view of the importance of the Council as an essential part of the government's central machinery for the formulation of science policy, we hope that it will feel completely free, if it so wishes, to react to all the recommendations and suggestions in Volume 2 and 3 of our report, and to give us any additional advice, perception and information that may be useful.

We hope to receive the Council's brief as early as possible in November because we expect to begin our hearings in the middle of that month.

I want to repeat again that I see the Council and our Committee as fulfilling the same basic advisory role. It is obvious that in exercising that role we may occasionally develop diverging views and put the emphasis on different priorities and issues. However, we should always seek to reach