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Dear Sir Ronald,

Thank you for sending on to me Van Rest's letter and your reply about the proposed week-end conference of the Industrial Applications Section next September.

I have had it in mind for some little while that now we have Her Majesty the Queen as Patron, following the precedent of the last fifty years we should consider inviting the Duke of Edinburgh to be an Honorary President, which office has been occupied by the last three Princes of Wales. I therefore feel that we should invite the Duke to an Honorary Office in the Society before we ask him to open a conference of one of the sections. In the meanwhile, I am discussing this point with Bradford Hill whose experience and wisdom in affairs of this kind are invaluable. In any case, I shall have the matter discussed at the next Executive.

Yours sincerely,

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