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Sir Richard Clarke, K.C.B., O.B.E.
Permanent Secretary

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Dear Mr Biggs,

On the occasion of your retirement I am happy to convey to you the deep appreciation of the Ministry of the contribution you have made in Measurement Science during 42 years at the National Physical Laboratory.

During the earlier years you took part in the successful effort of the Metrology Division to improve the scientific quality of volumetric glassware and hydrometers made by British manufacturers. Later, your work extended to horology and barometry and you made contributions to the accuracy of measurements in these fields. More recently as head of the group for physical measurements, you have had the responsibility for maintenance of the national standards of length and mass and for enhancing the precision and reproducibility of measurement of these fundamental quantities in science and technology.

Since 1959, as Deputy to the Superintendent, you have assisted notably in the management of the Standards Division. During this period you have published several widely acclaimed articles disseminating / knowledge

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knowledge on the International System of Units and on the bases of measurement. You have also represented the Laboratory on national and international committees concerned with the preparation of metrological standards.

Your work has brought you an extensive knowledge and experience in metrology, and the thoroughness and clarity with which you have been able to expound the results have made a distinguished contribution to the reputation of the Laboratory. I know also that your colleagues very greatly appreciate the support you have always given them.

It is a source of regret to us all that you are now retiring for reasons of health, but I know that all your colleagues, and the many friends you have made through your work, will join me in wishing you and your wife a long period together in retirement in the company of your family.

Yours sincerely

Russ Clark