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Rt Hon Charles Kennedy
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Dear Mr Kennedy,

On the day of the General Election, your party's policies on science will be much in the minds of scientists, engineers and business people, as well as many others who appreciate the importance of scientific research to the health of the nation.

People with an interest in this area would appreciate it if you could outline the main elements of the policies on science that your party will adopt if it forms the next Government. In particular, we should be grateful for your response to the three questions set out in the attached memorandum.

Similar requests have been sent to the leaders of the other political parties. As we have in previous elections, we will publish all of the replies in a booklet that will be distributed widely to scientists and engineers; I enclose a copy of the booklet we produced during the 2001 General Election campaign.

Our members and others will then be able to make their own comparisons on polling day, and we are anxious to ensure that, with your help, the information available to them will be fair and complete.

I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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