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TO: Colleagues at the CM21 Meeting

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to Daresbury – home of the Cockcroft Institute, the Daresbury Laboratory and the Daresbury Science and Innovation Centre. I am aware that many of my friends and colleagues are present at this meeting. I regret that due to family travel commitments, I will miss saying hello and welcome you all personally, especially those of you traveling from afar.

The meeting on MICE collaboration that you are a part of is a significant milestone for researchers involved in the conception and design of the neutrino/muon facilities and sciences made possible with them. Particularly, it is a major opportunity for accelerator scientists to establish novel cooling methods for short-lived particles such as muons, of which the MICE is only a first step in the demonstration of the promising ionization cooling scheme, proposed by the community. A successful and timely conclusion of this project will surely show us the way to future directions in the design of a high intensity Neutrino Factory and possible Muon Colliders in the future.

I have personally pledged support of the Cockcroft Institute and of its stake-holding affiliated partners to the Neutrino Factory research and design, including the MICE experiment at the highest level we can master given our funding. Specifically, the Cockcroft Institute will support the MICE project leadership, including our overseas partners in the USA, in bringing about the best value in this field in UK and globally, complementing the existing work elsewhere (e.g. USA).

I wish the workshop leaders and all of you the very best in a successful workshop that will keep the momentum in the right direction. Please enjoy the workshop and your brief but intense scientific interaction in this important venture.

With my best regards,

