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THE PRIME MINISTER

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PRIME MINISTER'S PERSONAL MESSAGE

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I am pleased to hear that, following your initiative at our meeting in Williamsburg, the Japan Foundation is proposing to hold a conference on "Life Sciences and Mankind". I am grateful for the opportunity to nominate three outstanding authorities from the United Kingdom whom the Japan Foundation may wish to invite to the Conference.

As an outstanding scientist in the life sciences area I suggest Dr. Sydney Brenner, FRS, Director of the Laboratory of Molecular Biology at Cambridge. The second nomination is the Reverend Dr. Arthur Peacocke, Dean of Clare College Cambridge who was a University teacher in life sciences before taking Holy Orders.

My third nomination will be a philosopher but I wish to take some further advice before deciding which name to nominate. I thought that in the meantime, you would like to know the first two names.