

Memorandum from Mr Garry Wiles

1. Please accept this as my submission to the above enquiry announced in July 2006.
2. Firstly, I am pleased to note that abolition of the Trident system is being considered alongside retention and replacement. That said, I hope the inquiry will consider not only whether the extent to which the level of investment [in AWE Aldermaston] is consistent with maintaining key skills and infrastructure in the design and manufacture of nuclear warheads and with the stewardship of the UK's existing nuclear stockpiles, but also whether such investment is the best way of meeting the UK's security needs.
3. Similarly, I hope the inquiry will consider whether there is a better use of nuclear expertise than in the military nuclear field.

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