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YOUTH TRAINING SCHEME

*I have refused to have these "bureaus in the C.S. for the reasons known to the*

*Agree to this addition?*

*(Mr. Tebbit would not object.)*

*MS 15/6*

1. You will recall that we objected to the original MSC proposal that youth training scheme places be made available in Government departments and agencies. We argued that the purpose of the training was to provide them with instruction and experience in industry and trade, not Government administration.
2. There were objections from MSC and Department of Employment (although I gather the Secretary of State does not want to be associated with them) that this would inhibit the "selling" of the Youth Training Scheme to private sector employers. It was alleged that private sector employers will participate only "if Government does its share". I remain unconvinced by this line of argument. But they continue to press.
3. I suggest that we deal with this by allowing the inclusion of the following passage in the statement.

"In the public sector it is expected that a number of places will be provided in commercial and industrial establishments."

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4. This will restrict the trainees to working in jobs that have very close analogues in the private sector, such as naval shipyards, ordinance factories, etc. They will not be allowed in the administrative echelons of the bureaucracy. This restriction will mean that only a very small fraction of trainees will be absorbed into the commercial and industrial establishments of the public sector - probably only about 5,000.
5. I recommend, therefore, that you allow the statement to include the sentence in para 3 above. This has been agreed with David Young.

*More very limited no. as in para 3.*

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