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PRIME MINISTER

To note.

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING BILL - POSSIBLE NEED FOR PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE AGRICULTURAL TRAINING BOARD

Robin Ferrers wrote to you yesterday saying that it might be desirable to include some provisions relating to the Agricultural Training Board in the Bill which I expect to introduce in the coming Session.

As you may know it is intended to try to keep this Bill short, but the Agricultural Training Board is currently dealt with under the Industrial Training Act 1964, and I have no objection in principle to inclusion in the Bill of provisions relating to ATB, subject, of course, to agreement on the policy.

I intend that the Bill should be published before Christmas, or at the latest when the House resumes after the Christmas recess, and so it is desirable that the Agricultural Ministers make up their minds quickly about what they want, and get collective approval for it.

I am copying this minute to the recipients of his letter.

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