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*Prime Minister*  
*Content, given the proviso at A ?*

*Yes.*  
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*WM 19/10*

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*Dear Margaret,*

SPECIAL ADVISERS

I have been pressed by Janet Young and Rhodes Boyson to appoint Stuart Sexton as Special Adviser. He has built up a good set of contacts and his advice on issues affecting schools was well thought of by Janet and Rhodes. Hence, subject to your approval, I would like to offer him a half-time appointment.

I am also hoping to appoint another Adviser on a half-time basis who can advise William Waldegrave and me on higher education. We have not yet identified the right candidate.

Although David Young will formally be Patrick Jenkin's Adviser at the Department of Industry, he will have an open door at the DES and will be able to give me some assistance on selected issues. David Young does not receive any salary paid for out of taxpayers' money and the appointment of two half-time advisers will mean no increase in expenditure by the Department on salaries for special advisers.

I would be grateful for your agreement to the appointment of Stuart Sexton as an Adviser to Rhodes on a half-time basis.

*Kevin*  
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