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FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

The Rt Hon Leon Brittan QC MP
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6 January 1982

MS

Dear Leon.

Thank you for your further letter of 16 November enclosing a couple of press cuttings about the Review Group on the Youth Service.

I am sure that it would undermine the credibility of the Group and of the Government's intention in setting it up, if it were to be seen to approach its remit with anything less than an open mind. Moreover, with a review of this kind, it is inevitable that some of the bodies which are submitting evidence will seek and obtain publicity for their views. Indeed, given the importance of the Group's work for the field, I am surprised by the limited extent of press comment so far. The Group is bound to receive a mixed bag of advice. However, it has been well aware throughout that we expect a sensible and pragmatic set of recommendations. Bill Shelton reinforced that message when he met the Group recently, mentioning among other points, constraints on government spending, and the need to be realistic. I am sure that nothing more needs to be done, certainly for the time being.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, the Secretaries of State for Employment, Social Services, Home Affairs, Scotland and Wales and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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Prime Minister

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PRIME MINISTER

REVIEW GROUP ON THE YOUTH SERVICE

You will recall agreeing earlier in the year to Mark Carlisle's suggestion to establish a Review Group on the Youth Service. It was decided then to keep the Review Group small to limit its cost and to enable it to work quickly. However, the progress of the review so far has indicated that we may have erred on the side of caution and the Group is proving too small to work effectively. In particular it is now clear that the Group ought to include a member from the ethnic minorities, who are large users of the Youth Service. This lack has caused public criticism, and I am concerned that we may unnecessarily alienate a significant body of opinion.

The terms of reference and composition of this group are at A.
 I am sure that the Home Secretary will have an interest in Sir Keith's proposal to appoint a member from the ethnic minorities. Are you content for me to say that you agree there should be such a member (especially in the wake of Scorman) and that you are content for Miss Mckenley to be appointed, provided the Home Secretary is satisfied that she is the best candidate?

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 7/1/82

Officials have come up with Miss Jan Mckenley who is a young black further education lecturer. They advise that she is impressive, intelligent and business-like with a balanced and realistic attitude towards the problems of young people. It is thought that she would make a responsible and constructive contribution to the Group and would fit in readily with the existing members. If you are content I will invite her to join the Review Group in the New Year.

Yes
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I am copying this to Geoffrey Howe, Janet Young, Norman Tebbit, George Younger, Nicholas Edwards and Sir Robert Armstrong.

KJ

6 January 1982



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From the Private Secretary

8 January 1982

APPOINTMENTS - IN CONFIDENCE

REVIEW GROUP ON THE YOUTH SERVICE

The Prime Minister has seen your Secretary of State's minute of 6 January.

The Prime Minister agrees that this Group should include a member from the ethnic minorities, and is content for Miss McKenley to be appointed, provided that the Home Secretary is satisfied that she is the best candidate.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the recipients of your Secretary of State's minute, and I am also sending a copy, with a copy of Sir Keith Joseph's minute, to Andrew Jackson in the Home Office.

W. F. S. RICKETT

Mrs. Imogen Wilde,
Department of Education and Science.

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HOME OFFICE
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19 January 1982

Dear Mrs Wilde

VMP

REVIEW GROUP ON THE YOUTH SERVICE

As you know, Willie Rickett sent me a copy of his letter of 8 January conveying the Prime Minister's approval to the proposed appointment of Miss Jan McKenley to the Review Group, provided that the Home Secretary was satisfied that she is the best candidate.

Neither the Home Secretary nor officials here know of Miss McKenley, who has not come to notice in the field of community relations. It is therefore difficult for us to judge whether she would be the best candidate for this appointment. In view of the adverse comment which the absence of an ethnic minority member on the Youth Group had attracted, it will be important that the proposed appointment should carry a measure of credibility with the ethnic minorities. Provided your Department is satisfied on this point, the Home Secretary has no objection to the appointment of Miss McKenley.

I am copying this to the recipients of Willie Rickett's letter.

Yours sincerely
C. J. Walters

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Mrs. Imogen Wilde

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