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Michael Scholar
Private Secretary
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Dear Sir,

Communication Subsequent to Jobs for Youth Lobby,
30th November 1981

Thank you for sending me information about the Business Opportunities programme. I received the package today, directed to me by Mr. Collins, Chairperson of the British Youth Council. I also received a copy of your letter in which you indicated the Prime Minister's hope that this information and details of the Small Firms Service would "provide the positive hope" that I was seeking.

Unfortunately, it was my brother who tried to set up a small business. He found it impossible to establish a competitive level of production mainly due to difficulty in securing the initial basic investment necessary. He had already seen a similar folder to that which I received, but it did not help him to secure a loan without collateral or the crucial percentage contribution that he would be required to make.

However, I am optimistic in assuming that neither myself nor my brother need share the Prime Minister's reliance upon the specified schemes to "provide the positive hope" that we seek. My future and that of over three million other unemployed will be more particularly influenced for the better when we are able to find parliamentary representatives who fully understand the difficulties we face. In this respect please thank the Prime Minister for listening to our deputation even though subsequent developments in the area of Youth Employment have been disappointing.

My immediate future has probably been determined by the outcome of my appeal for a discretionary award to continue in higher education. My previous grant support was difficult to explain when questioned by the Prime Minister but given that she expressed an interest, the grounds for my appeal are enclosed. No doubt pressure on local government expenditure has not helped my fight to secure grant aid.

Yours faithfully,

M.J. Carr

M. J. CARR



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Dear Michael,

Thank you for your letter of 23rd December 1981. I have forwarded the Business Opportunities Programme Folder to Mike Carr with a copy of your letter. I hope this will assist him to obtain employment.

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of the Jobs for Youth Campaign, to thank the Prime Minister for the meeting she had with the delegates from the Jobs Express.. The meeting was interesting and informative and very much appreciated by the young people. Perhaps you would be so kind as to convey these wishes to the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely

John Collins

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From the Private Secretary

23 December 1981

Dear Mr Collins,

You will recall that at the Prime Minister's meeting with a delegation from the Jobs Express Lobby on 30 November, Mr. Mike Carr argued that both in Middlesbrough and Newcastle the Government's small business start-up scheme was little understood by banks and others to whom potential small businessmen turned for help. The Prime Minister undertook to look into the arrangements in these two places.

The Prime Minister wonders whether Mr. Carr might like to have the attached Business Opportunities Programme folder which contains information on a variety of matters of interest to small businessmen and those thinking of setting up in business. One of the leaflets describes the Department of Industry's Small Firms Service. Anyone considering starting up in business or with a business problem or plans to extend can contact the Service by dialling the Operator and asking for Freefone 2444. They can then arrange to discuss the matter with one of the Service's Counsellors, not a civil servant, but an experienced businessman who can give impartial advice on a wide range of subjects affecting small businesses.

The Prime Minister hopes that this will provide the positive hope Mr. Carr was seeking. I would be most grateful if you would pass on this information to Mr. Carr whose address is not known in this office.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Scholar

John Collins, Esq.

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From the
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

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4 December 1981

Dear Michael

You telephoned about the Prime Minister's meeting with young people from the Jobs Train on 30 November. It was suggested that little was known about government help for small business in the Newcastle and Middlesbrough areas.

As the Prime Minister will know the Business Opportunities Programme is designed to increase the awareness of small businessmen, wouldbe entrepreneurs and their advisers of the many measures taken by the Government to help small firms and a Business Opportunities Programme Conference was held for the North East Region in Durham on 1 December, over 250 people attended. There have, in addition been smaller BOP meetings at Gateshead, Thornaby, Newcastle and Billingham.

The person who raised this point might like to have the attached BOP folder which contains information on a variety of matters of interest to small businessmen and those thinking of setting up in business. One of the leaflets describes this Department's Small Firms Service. Anyone considering starting up in business or with a business problem or plans to expand can contact the Service by dialling the Operator and asking for Freefone 2444. They can then arrange to discuss the matter with one of the Service's Counsellors, not a civil servant, but an experienced businessman who can give impartial advice on a wide range of subjects affecting small businesses.

I hope that this provides the positive help the young person is seeking.

*Yours sincerely
Jane Gutteridge*

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