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From The Secretary of State for Wales

THE RT HON NICHOLAS EDWARDS MP

10th June 1985

Dear Tom

TRAINING LOANS

I have seen your letter of 8 May to the Chancellor of the Exchequer about Training Loans and I am content with the general changes that you now wish to make to the scheme in the light of your consultations. The guaranteed portfolio whilst overcoming the problems that individual loan guarantees create will I am sure provide an acceptable financial framework for the banks to participate fully in the scheme.

I am grateful for your offer of a Pilot project in Wales and would suggest that Cardiff should be the location. In Welsh terms this is a relatively buoyant and self-contained labour market area with good banking facilities including the Commercial Bank of Wales. Of course your officials will need to do a lot of preparatory groundwork in these Pilot areas and I would therefore be quite content to see the Welsh Pilot launched a little later than the others should this prove necessary.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, and to members of E(A), to the Secretary of State for Education and Science and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

*For ever
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