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From The Secretary of State for Wales

The Rt Hon Nicholas Edwards MP

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REVIEW OF STUDENT SUPPORT

IN PM'S BOX

Thank you for copying to me your letter of 25 September to Nigel Lawson.

I very much agree with Norman Tebbit's view that we should not proceed with publication of a consultative paper on the lines of the draft. Having announced that student loans would not be one of the options on which we would consult, we would risk the criticism, if our principal proposal were to be a graduate tax, that this was tantamount to implementing loans by other means. I, too, would prefer simply to open debate on student support with a general indication of the Government's objectives without seeking support at this stage for specific proposals.

/ I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Willie Whitelaw, Quintin Hailsham, Norman Tebbit, Nigel Lawson, George Younger, Norman Fowler, Tom King, John Wakeham and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Jan Keith

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