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I am writing to send my apologies for my absence from your meeting on the above this afternoon and to let you know my views.

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In principle, I am very sympathetic to the aims and objectives of the scheme you propose and would like to see us proceed in this direction. However, I share the concerns expressed by Nigel Lawson in his letter of 2 August. We need to consider now the implications for expenditure on maintained schools which any significant expansion of the experimental independent primary schools would clearly have.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Willie Whitelaw, Nigel Lawson, Nicholas Edwards, George Younger, John Biffen, Kenneth Baker, David Young and Norman Tebbit, and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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