

PRIME MINISTER

POLITICAL BIAS IN EDUCATION

We discussed this briefly at your meeting with Brian Griffiths today but didn't reach a conclusion. It is clear that the idea of a House of Lords inquiry is not a starter. Do you therefore wish:

- (i) to press DES to consider a Government inquiry.
- (ii) follow the course suggested by Brian Griffiths of support for an unofficial inquiry together with an investigation by HMI of extra-curricular courses, or
- (iii) drop the idea of approaching the problem in this way.

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I do not believe
that an inquiry would
achieve very much -
especially in view of Wildercombe -
on a subject rather more
delicate than this one.