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Dear Guntin

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Thank you for your letter of 15 April. I trust that you will by now have seen the account of the meeting which I have had with Keith Joseph, Bertie Denham and David Swinton contained in my Private Secretary's letter to Keith's Private Secretary of 16 April. I hope it will be clear to you from that that I am very much aware of the difficulties you predict in this area. I also hope that it leaves you in no doubt of the political realities of the situation in which we now find ourselves on this subject, and which I am seeking to deal with as best I can.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Prime Minister, the Secretaries of State for Education and Science, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland, the Lord Privy Seal, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, the Attorney-General, the Solicitor-General, both Chief Whips and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

James
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The Rt Hon Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone CH

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