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From the Private Secretary

31 July 1986

Dear Rt,

BETTER SCHOOLS FOR THE INNER CITIES

The Prime Minister has seen your Secretary of State's letter of 30 July to the Chancellor of the Exchequer about the proposed scheme for setting up new secondary schools in the inner cities. She has commented that her intention was that the schools to be located in less deprived areas should be substitutes for some of those originally proposed and not additions to the total. (The Prime Minister suggested at her meeting with your Secretary of State that five or six schools should be in less deprived areas. The total proposed at that stage was between 12 and 20.)

I am sending a copy of this letter to Alex Allan (HM Treasury).

*Yours,
David.*

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FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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30 July 1986

In Nigel.

BETTER SCHOOLS FOR THE INNER CITIES

Yesterday morning I discussed with the Prime Minister a scheme described in the enclosed paper for setting up new secondary schools in the inner cities. At the Prime Minister's request I now invite you to consider the paper before I discuss the scheme with other colleagues.

The Prime Minister made two comments on my paper. She would prefer the proposed new schools to be called City Technological Colleges (CTCs); and she suggested that the list of possible locations should go beyond the 15 inner city areas which I had originally proposed. Additional possibilities are listed in the second half of annex B.

Officials here will be writing shortly to initiate discussions with yours during August. Once you have considered the scheme my hope is to put it to colleagues at the beginning of September.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Prime Minister. *(without the attachments).*

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