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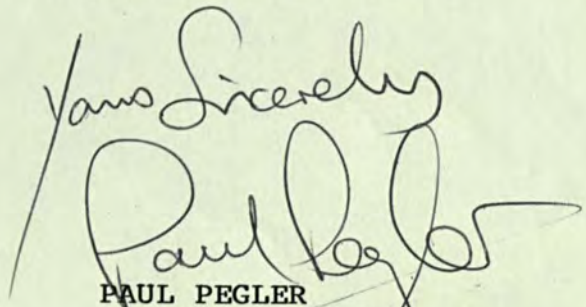
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Dear David,

TRAINING GIVEN BY THE ARMED SERVICES

I have seen your letter of 2 October about the training given by the armed services, and Christopher Snell's reply of 17 October. The Chief Secretary was pleased to see the conclusion that we should certainly ensure that due credit is taken by the Government for training provided by the armed services which can be useful to the private sector. He understands that it would not be sensible to try to claim credit for training given by the armed services as part of for instance the Adult Training Strategy. But it would be useful to be able to say both how much training is supported by DE and MSC and at what cost; and in addition to say how much is done by the Armed Services, and at what cost, while noting that, of this, some is of course of use only in the Services, while some could as a spin-off also be useful to the private sector if and when the recipients leave the Forces. It would therefore be useful if MOD could provide figures for the overall volume and costs of Armed Services training, and for whatever breakdown of the figures might be helpful (e.g. how much of the training is in engineering including electronics, information technology, other technician-level skills, etc).

I am copying this letter to Richard Mottram and to Christopher Snell.

Yours Sincerely

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