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Dear John,

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REFORM OF NURSE EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Thank you for your letter of 12th May. *see ref. here*

I am content with the response you intend to make to the Project 2000 proposals and grateful for your assurance that this is without prejudice to the consideration of whatever bids you make in this respect in the Survey.

As you say, we can only give an outline response at this stage and there are still a number of important issues on which further discussion is necessary with the nursing profession. I am particularly concerned that good progress is made with the profession regarding widening the access to nurse training and, in particular, ensuring that support workers do have the opportunity to enter nursing. If we are to move to one level of professionally qualified nurse, which I accept is probably unavoidable given the decline in enrolled nurse training, we must improve the career structure and prospects of the support staff.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Malcolm Rifkind, Peter Walker, Tom King, Norman Fowler, Kenneth Baker and to Sir Robin Butler.

Yours Truly,
John

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