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**NURSES' EDUCATION AND TRAINING: "PROJECT 2000"**

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Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter dated 12 May and addressed to John Major.

For my part I am content with your proposals subject to an understanding that there will be continuing discussions between our two Departments on the detailed implementation of aspects of those proposals.

I am concerned to reach a formal agreement with you that the NHS will meet the costs of any increased use by NHS-based training of Higher Education facilities. I am also ready to consider increased provision of degree opportunities subject to clarification of where the responsibility for financing such an expansion should rest. Finally, we shall need to consider carefully the implications of changes in the structure of pre-registration training for the provision and pattern of post-registration training, some of which is at present located in the higher education sector.

I am sending copies of this to the Prime Minister, Malcolm Rifkind, Peter Walker, Tom King, Norman Fowler, John Major and to Sir Robin Butler.

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