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Prime Minister

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Agree to a scheme on

these lines?

Or would you like more

detail?

PRIME MINISTER

YOUTH TRAINING SCHEME AND THE CIVIL SERVICE

(To be raised if you see  
David Young?)

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1 We spoke last Thursday about the contribution which the Civil Service can make to the Youth Training Scheme. You said that you would be willing to have proposals from me of areas ... where training places could be provided. I attach a list of areas where I would like to negotiate training places if you agree.

2 At this stage I have no specific target on numbers in mind. If the Government was to provide places in the same proportion to its employees as major private sector employers, this would produce a figure of some 8,000 trainees!! Needless to say I am not looking for anything like that number. Since unemployed youngsters recruited under the Scheme would be trainees and not employees, they would not affect our 1984 target for Civil Service numbers.

3 I know that David Young would be glad to discuss this with you if you think that would be helpful.

4 I am copying this letter to Geoffrey Howe and Janet Young.

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YOUTH TRAINING SCHEME AND THE CIVIL SERVICE

Areas where schemes might be set up

A. Trading Fund Organisations and other bodies that are moving in that direction, including:-

- ✓ Royal Mint
- Royal Ordnance Factories
- ✓ Royal Dockyards
- Civil Service Catering Organisation (CISCO)
- ✓ Her Majesty's Stationery Office (HMSO)
- ✓ Ordnance Survey
- Property Services Agency Supplies

B. Government organisations whose work is directly related to industry and commerce, including:-

- ✓ Export Credit Guarantees Department
- ✓ Ministry of Agriculture, Commodities Division
- Land Registry
- Business Statistics Office, Newport
- ✓ Off Shore Supplies Office, Glasgow

C. Areas offering transferable skills which would be of real value to trainees in seeking work in industry and commerce. Examples of this would include appropriate work in:-

- ✓ Forestry Commission
- Inland Revenue
- ✓ Customs and Excise (particularly at Southend)

Ministry of Defence Procurement Executive

Manpower Services Commission

✓ Some office/common services areas (including computers)

✓ Government research activities



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*From the Private Secretary*

15 February 1983

YOUTH TRAINING SCHEME IN THE  
CIVIL SERVICE

The Prime Minister has seen your Secretary of State's minute of 9 February about the contribution that the Civil Service can make to the Youth Training Scheme.

Mrs. Thatcher's initial view is that it might be worth considering setting up schemes in the areas listed in the attachment to this letter.

I am copying this letter to Margaret O'Mara (HM Treasury) and Mary Brown (Lord Privy Seal's Office).

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