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20 June 1984

Dear Nigel.

TCSC: LONG TERM TRENDS ENQUIRY

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 11 June to Quintin Hailsham.

I agree with what you propose. I envisage that the DES paper, which will be shown in draft to the Treasury, Scottish Office and Welsh Office, will start from the latest Public Expenditure White Paper to 1986-87. Beyond that date it will illustrate briefly, where possible, the references in paragraphs 40 and 41 of the Green Paper (Cmnd 9189) to the various pressures from pupil and student numbers (qualifying the figures for the latter by reference to the new projections of demand); diseconomies of scale; teacher quality and numbers; under 5's; and the demands of industry for more highly qualified manpower.

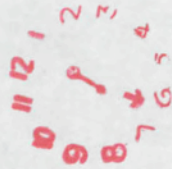
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Dear Nigel

Thank you for copying to me your letter to Quintin Hailsham of 11 June about the Treasury and Civil Service Committee inquiry into long term expenditure trends. I agree that we should not simply rest on the Green Paper, and my Department is preparing a paper on the lines you suggest. They will be in touch with your officials about it later this month. I should mention that we may want to seek a short extension of the Committee's end June deadline, so that the paper to the Committee can take account of the White Paper on bus policy which, subject to colleagues' agreement, I intend to publish at the beginning of July.

I am copying this letter to recipients of yours.

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