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Prime Minister (4)

There is not much new here,
and only the presentational
argument for a new body

(x) carries much conviction.

Agree nevertheless that a

new advisory body should be
established, on an explicitly

9 May 1984

experimental basis?

Dear David,

Yes Mr

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FINAL REPORT OF THE REVIEW GROUP ON THE YOUTH SERVICE

My Secretary of State has seen your letter of 25 April conveying the Prime Minister's doubts about the need to establish a new advisory body. He has also seen letters of 4 May and 8 May from the Lord President and the Secretary of State for the Environment respectively. He has asked me to emphasise that the proposal has been made after very careful consideration of both the substance and presentational aspects. He proposes to reject the other main recommendations.

There is a genuine need in the highly diversified Youth Service for a responsible body to deal with the sort of questions set out in his letter of 18 April. Responsible representatives of the very strong voluntary element in the youth service, the value of which was recognised in the Review Group's report, have emphasised to us the importance they attach to this. The risks of creating a pressure group are well understood and the remit, membership and experimental basis are deliberately designed to minimise the risks.

So far as presentation is concerned, the youth world is very influential and many of our supporters in the House and in the country are committed to it. The report of the Review Group was notably moderate and consistent with the realities of public expenditure. The rejection of the recommendation for clearer legislative backing to the Youth Service will be a disappointment, and if we also refused to contemplate a national advisory body, we might face unnecessary and quite effective criticisms - and a Review Body that felt totally rebuffed for its relatively courageous moderation.

My Secretary of State therefore hopes that the Prime Minister will agree to establishing the new body on an explicitly experimental basis.

I am sending copies of this letter to the recipients of yours.

Yours,

Elizabeth

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FINAL REPORT OF THE REVIEW GROUP ON THE YOUTH SERVICE

You sent me a copy of your letter of 18 April to Willie Whitelaw.

My only comment concerns your proposal to establish a new national advisory body. Our experience with the Careers Service Advisory Council very much underlines the Prime Minister's view (her Private Secretary's letter of 25 April) that a national advisory body is likely to become a troublesome pressure group. As you know, we recently abolished the Careers Service Advisory Council on these very grounds. I therefore support reconsideration of that aspect of your proposals.

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Dear Keith,

FINAL REPORT OF THE REVIEW GROUP ON THE YOUTH SERVICE

You wrote to Willie Whitelaw on 18 April about the proposed Government response to this Review. I have also seen the letter from the Prime Minister's Private Secretary of 25 April.

I see that you do not intend to introduce legislation on this subject but propose instead to introduce a circular of guidance to those in the youth service field.

I share the Prime Minister's concern that a national body to advise on issues in the field of youth affairs might become a troublesome pressure group, calling in particular for the provision of additional resources. I would therefore argue against the establishment of such a group; but if it is decided to go ahead experimentally, the remit for the group must be worded so as to avoid this danger as far as possible. I hope that any remit could be agreed with my officials.

I am copying this to the Prime Minister, members of H committee and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

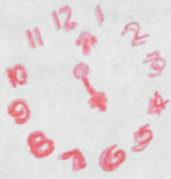
*Your ever
Patrick*

PATRICK JENKIN

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4 May 1984

Dear Keith

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FINAL REPORT OF THE REVIEW GROUP ON THE YOUTH SERVICE (RGYS)

Thank you for your letter of 18 April setting out your conclusions on the remaining issues covered by the RGYS.

You will have seen from her Private Secretary's letter of 25 April that the Prime Minister considers the establishment of a national advisory body to be contrary to the Government's general policy on non-Departmental public bodies. Indeed she thinks it is likely to become a troublesome pressure group. I must ask you, therefore, to reconsider that aspect of the proposals and to report your conclusion back to the Prime Minister and the Committee. I understand that Leon Brittan and George Younger are otherwise content; but Nick Edwards has not yet commented on your proposals. Unless he sees any major objections you may take it that the remainder of the proposals have H Committee approval.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Prime Minister, the members of H Committee and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

The Rt Hon Sir Keith Joseph Bt MP

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