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*From the Principal Private Secretary*

DR. NICHOLSON  
CENTRAL POLICY REVIEW STAFF

I enclose a copy of a letter which Sir Kenneth Alexander handed to the Prime Minister in Edinburgh, together with an advance copy of the Scottish Council Development and Industry report on the relationship of industry and business with the universities and colleges of Scotland.

I know that you are considering with the Scottish Office whether Dr. Johnston or someone else who has been involved in the preparation of this report should be invited to the Prime Minister's seminar on 12 September. Could I also ask that, if you think it useful, you should include in the briefing for the Prime Minister, a brief summary of this report with any comments you may have on it.

I am copying this minute to Mr. Russell (Scottish Office).

F. E. R. BUTLER

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*From the Principal Private Secretary*

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I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 31 August which you handed to me in Edinburgh, together with the forthcoming report sponsored by the Scottish Council Development and Industry on the relationship of industry and business with the universities and colleges of Scotland. This is directly relevant to the seminar which the Prime Minister is holding on 12 September, and she is glad to have a sight of the contents of the report in advance of that seminar. You may like to know that we have made arrangements for an invitation to attend the seminar to be addressed to Dr. Tom Johnston, in the hope that he will be able to contribute on the basis of the work which went into the preparation of this report.

The Prime Minister was also grateful to you for enclosing a copy of the earlier report on industry and Scottish schools and for your good wishes for the seminar.

**E. E. R. BUTLER**

Sir Kenneth Alexander



The University of Stirling.  
31st August 1983,

Dear Prime Minister,

Knowing of your September 12<sup>th</sup> conference on University research etc I thought I should take the opportunity provided by the Secretary of State's dinner party this evening to let you have the enclosed report on industry - academic collaboration in Scotland.

This report was initiated by B.P. and has been produced under the auspices of the Scottish Council - Development and Industry (of which I am Deputy Chairman). These copies are advance 'rushes', which I received for you this afternoon; we apologise for the binding (which has to be removed to make easy reading'). The Report will be made public on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

I also enclose an earlier report (1981) on Industry and Scottish Schools. It is encouraging to note that changes recently introduced by the Scottish Education Department - (in curriculum + in assessment and certification) will now help forward the objectives set out in this report.

May I wish the September 12<sup>th</sup> Conference every success. Harnessing & directing the research resources of higher education is - in my view - the most important change now required in that sector.

Yours sincerely,  
Kenneth Ayleward