

cc Education
Teachers Pay #3.

PRIME MINISTER

Sir Keith Joseph is coming to see you tomorrow for an informal talk outside the context of PES and the Star Chamber, on various issues on science and education.

There are no papers. He might raise:

FLAG A

- i) Science Budget - For figures see attached table.

Financial pressure is causing him to think seriously about UK participation in CERN. This suffers from lack of financial control characteristic of many international projects. It has high status in the scientific community but is a very long way from producing direct benefits for industry. Sir Keith may propose a review of some sort.

- ii) Teachers' Superannuation

You recently disagreed with his proposals, arguing that teachers should bear some proportion of the required increase in contributions. Attached is the exchange of correspondence.

FLAG B.

- iii) Standards

You could discuss with him the reaction to his recent initiative. He may raise the difficulty of seeing it through with the staff he currently has available in his Department.

- iv) Standards in teaching

You could ask him for progress on his proposals to raise standards without conceding an increase in the wage bill for teachers.

- v) Tenure

Sir Keith owes you a paper on this which should be available shortly.

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11 January 1984

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SCIENCE BUDGET 1983/4 AND THE CERN SUBSCRIPTION

1. From the 1983-4 Supply Estimates

Council etc	£M (rounded)	Grant-in-Aid %	(rounded)
AFRC	46.0	9	
MRC	113.7	22	—
NERC	62.5	12	
SERC	254.5	50	—
(of which, CERN	27.9	11)	
ESRC	22.4	4	
BM(NH)	9.4	2	
Royal Society	5.0	1	
Total	513.5	100	—
(of which, CERN	27.9	5)	

2. The out-turn for the CERN subscription is expected to be higher - £32.1M - because of changes in exchange rate. This would be nearer 13% of SERC's grant-in-aid, the difference having to be met within their cash limit and without augmentation.

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