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*Prime Minister*

24 April 1984 *To note*

*Dear Nigel,*

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TEACHERS' PAY NEGOTIATIONS 1984

In George Younger's absence abroad I am writing to let you know that a pay settlement for teachers in Scottish schools has now been concluded. At a meeting of the Scottish Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff in School Education (SJNC(SE)) on 17 April the teachers accepted the offer, which George Younger reported in his letter of 22 March, of a 4½ per cent increase across the board.

The Educational Institute of Scotland, much the largest of the teacher associations, conducted a ballot of all EIS members. I understand that this ballot resulted in a 52 per cent vote to accept the 4½ per cent offer and a 48 per cent vote against. At the meeting of the SJNC(SE) the teachers' spokesman said that the offer was accepted with considerable reluctance, since in their view it represented a lowering of living standards.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Prime Minister, the Secretaries of State for Education and Science, Employment, Wales and the Environment and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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*Yours ever,  
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ALLAN STEWART

24 Feb. 1984

