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Dear Nigel,

TEACHERS' PAY NEGOTIATIONS 1984

I am writing to report that at a meeting of the Scottish Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff in Further Education (SJNC(FE)) held on 5 May agreement was reached on a 4.5 per cent increase across the board to lecturers in local authority further education colleges, central institutions and colleges of education in Scotland. This is exactly in line with the 4.5 per cent award to school teachers in Scotland which Allan Stewart reported in his letter to you of 24 April.

My representatives had made it quite clear that the centrally-funded institutions, whose finances assume a 3 per cent pay increase in 1984, can expect no additional funding for a settlement over 3 per cent. The Management Side therefore considered the possibility of a differential offer of 4.5 per cent for the locally funded sector and 3 per cent for the centrally funded sector, but decided against this, partly for reasons of equity, partly because it would have seriously distorted salary scales which had been brought into conformity only within the last two years, and partly because of a threat of disruptive action by staff in the centrally-funded sector.

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.

Yours weis,
George

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