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From the Private Secretary

Prime Minister ①

Sir Keith expects a Burnham Committee to refer be convened on Thursday, with the possibility of agreeing a staged award to teachers. Sir Keith wants to make clear in advance that the offer to provide more money in 1986-87 applies only to agreements which advance the Government's objectives on standards and management of teachers, and not to financing the delayed effects of a staged award in 1985-86.

This message will be very unpopular and may cause the dispute to be escalated, but he feels this is the right course. But before going public, Sir Keith wants to be sure he has the support of colleagues.

Agree his approach?

Yes. — Provided it has been cleared with the Treasury, AT 8/7
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9 July, 1985.

TEACHERS' PAY

The Prime Minister has seen your Secretary of State's minute of 8 July. Subject to the agreement of the Treasury, she agrees that he should make clear that the offer of additional resources in 1986/7 is conditional upon progress being made towards the Government's objectives for better standards in schools and that additional finance will not be made available simply to cover the carry-over effect of a staged offer in 1985-86.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Lord President, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretaries of State for Scotland, Wales and the Environment, the Lord Privy Seal, the Secretaries of State for Employment and Northern Ireland, the Paymaster General, and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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