

PRIME MINISTER

Exploitation of Research Council Funded Inventions

The attached note from Keith Joseph, together with a draft policy statement, reflects your wish that he should go further towards devolving rights in research to the individual researcher. You will remember you saw the earlier version of the draft policy statement in December last year.

Para. 6 of the statement is the key one exhorting universities to give individual researchers the opportunity of exploiting their own work. This paragraph also notes that universities should in these circumstances share in royalties because public funds are involved, an idea you suggested after seeing the earlier draft.

Robin Nicholson has kept in touch with DES on the amended proposals, and is content with the draft.

Content to approve Sir Keith's revised statement, for publication in the near future?

Mark Adelson

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is no dissent

9 April 1985



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From the Private Secretary

15 April 1985

EXPLOITATION OF RESEARCH COUNCIL
FUNDED INSTITUTIONS

The Prime Minister has seen Sir Keith Joseph's minute of 29 March. She was delighted with the revised statement, and is happy for it to be published in the near future.

I am sending copies of this letter to Rachel Lomax (HM Treasury), Callum McCarthy (Department of Trade and Industry), Richard Broadbent (Chief Secretary's Office), John Bartlett (Bank of England), and to Richard Hatfield and Sir Robin Nicholson (Cabinet Office).

(Mark Addison)

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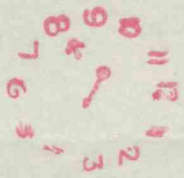
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This is to confirm Victoria Harrison's telephone conversation with you while I was on leave, that I am content with Sir Keith Joseph's minute to the Prime Minister, of 9 March.

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