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From the Minister

The Rt Hon Norman Tebbit MP  
Secretary of State for Employment  
Department of Employment  
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14 December 1981

WHITE PAPER ON INDUSTRIAL TRAINING

My letter of 9 December indicated that I was broadly content with the text of the White Paper on Industrial Training which you intend to publish tomorrow.

I have, however, seen the comments of Michael Heseltine and Jim Prior on your proposed reference to the training allowance for 16 year olds being set at a level around £16 per week. May I say I fully share their view that the publication of the figure of £16 is unwise, and could provoke an immediate hostile reaction.

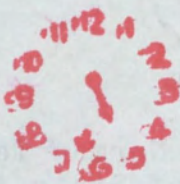
I would much prefer this figure to be omitted.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, to E Committee colleagues, the Secretaries of State for Scotland, Wales and Social Services, the Lord President, Sir Robert Armstrong and Robin Ibbs.

PETER WALKER



14 DEC 1981



Department of Employment  
London

14 December 1981

Dear Sir,

I have now read your letter of 11th December and am sorry to hear that you are unable to accept the offer of a job at the level of a Senior Lecturer. I am sure that you will find the offer of a job at the level of a Lecturer a most attractive one and I am sure that you will accept it.

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Yours faithfully,

Director of the Institute of Education  
London



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Prime Minister

Industrial Training

I attach the correspondence  
we discussed earlier this  
evening.

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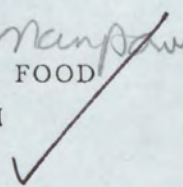


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9 December 1981

WHITE PAPER ON INDUSTRIAL TRAINING

I can confirm that I am broadly content with the text of the White Paper which, subject to the Lord President's agreement, you intend to publish on Tuesday 15 December.

In the agricultural sector there has been some criticism that the operation of the Youth Opportunities Programme has had an adverse effect on the formal apprenticeship arrangements which are run by the Agricultural Training Board. I know that representations have been made to the Manpower Services Commission about these difficulties and that discussions are being held to try to improve the "articulation" between the two schemes. I would hope that as the proposals in the White Paper are translated into practice care will be taken to integrate the new approach with the existing arrangements which are complementary to it so that the overall impact is enhanced and not reduced.

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