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24 October 1980

Dear Keith,

INDUSTRY BILL

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I wrote to you on 7 October expressing reservations about your proposal to provide in this Bill specific legislative cover for grants from your Department to cover industry/education activities.

The question has been further discussed between our officials. Our understanding is that your Department's concern is simply to regularise expenditure of the kind already taking place and that there is no intention of extending DOI activities into new areas.

On that basis I certainly would not wish to raise any objection when the draft Bill is taken by Legislation Committee on 29 October. There will be anxieties in the education world, however, and it will help me to allay them if you could assure me that your Department will consult with mine, fully and in good time, before any extension of support for industry/education activities, either in nature or in scale, is contemplated.

I am copying this to all the recipients of your original letter of 29 September to Geoffrey Howe.

Yours ever

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Dear Keith

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Mark Carlisle copied to me his letter to you of 24 October. The anxieties he mentions in the education world will be mirrored by anxieties in the Careers Service and the Manpower Services Commission. Like Mark, I would not wish to raise any objection on the draft Bill, but I echo his request for an assurance of full and early consultation before any extension of support for industry/education activities is contemplated.

I am copying this letter to the other recipients of previous correspondence.

*Yours
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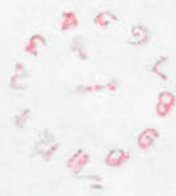
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1 Thank you for your letter of 29 October about the provision in the Industry Bill to cover the funding of the industry/education activities presently being carried out by the Department of Industry. You mention the anxieties which this provision could arouse in the Careers Service and in the Manpower Services Commission. Should any extension of these activities be contemplated, I can readily assure you that there would be full and early consultation between the Department of Industry and the Department of Employment. I have given the same assurance to Mark Carlisle. I hope you will be able to allay any anxieties on this basis.

2 I am copying this letter to colleagues in E and E(EA) Committees, to Mark Carlisle, Norman St John Stevas and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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