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From the Private Secretary

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6 September 1984

Dear David,

SEMINAR ON INDUSTRY AND EMPLOYMENT

I attach an annotated agenda for next Thursday's meeting. Also attached are the Policy Unit note to be considered under item 5 and the minute from Sir Keith Joseph which is relevant to item 3.

I understand the Chancellor will be circulating the other paper under item 3, that the Secretary of State for Employment will circulate a note under item 4 and the Secretary of State for the Environment the notes mentioned on item 6(iii).

While the papers do not themselves need to be restricted to Private Offices, the existence of the meeting should be restricted to those who strictly need to know and briefing on the papers to be commissioned without reference to it.

I am copying this letter to Elizabeth Hodkinson (Department of Education and Science), John Ballard (Department of the Environment), Michael Reidy (Department of Energy), Alex Galloway (Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's Office), David Normington (Department of Employment), Callum McCarthy (Department of Trade and Industry), Steve Godber (Department of Health and Social Security), Richard Hatfield and Peter Gregson (Cabinet Office) and to the Chairman of the Manpower Services Commission.

Your sincerely  
Andrew Turnbull

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Industry and Employment Seminar: 13 September

Agenda

1. Report on recent developments in the labour market

To be raised orally by Secretary of State for Employment.

2. Expenditure Programmes Relevant to Employment

Papers

- Paper attached to David Peretz's letter of 10 August to David Normington
- Replies from DEmp (17/8) and DTI (30/8)

Issues

- (i) Does the Group agree with the analysis of the paper?
- (ii) What policy conclusions should be drawn?
- (iii) Are any adjustments between expenditure programmes called for?

3. Relationships between wages and unemployment

Papers

- Minute from Secretary of State for Education and Science to Prime Minister (8/8)
- Note from the Treasury discussing evidence on link between wages and employment. To be circulated next week.

Issues

- (i) How well is link established?
- (ii) What can Government do to improve understanding of it? (see also Item 5)
- (iii) How can Government avoid accusation that it seeks a low wage economy.

4. Passport for a Job

Papers

- Note to be circulated by Secretary of State for Employment

5. Getting Across the Government's Approach on Employment

Papers

Draft Discussion Paper by No.10 Policy Unit

Issues

- (i) Have the elements of the Government's approach to be creation of jobs been correctly identified?
- (ii) Should theme that removal of restrictions and protections will benefit the "have-nots" be stressed?
- (iii) Is a discussion document/Green Paper the best medium?
- (iv) If not how can Government's message be got across? A programme of speeches? Government publications?
- (v) What measures and policy initiatives should the

Government take over the next year?

6. Background Papers

- (i) Checklist and Conclusions from 25 May meeting - attached to Andrew Turnbull's letter of 29 May.
- (ii) Papers circulated by Secretary of State for Employment for 25 May meeting - attached to Andrew Turnbull's letter of 18 May.
- (iii) Notes to be circulated by Secretary of State for the Environment
  - (a) Public Sector Vacant Dwellings
  - (b) Vacant Under-used Land in the Public Sector.

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