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Angus Maude Esq., MP,
House of Commons,
Westminster, SW1.

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Dear Angus.

I wonder whether there is still time to insert into the document a paragraph identifying the need for a great improvement and expansion in vocational training - partly in school and partly day-release - to increase the skills, the self-respect and the earning power of a much larger proportion of our adolescents.

The draft touches on different aspects of this theme but nowhere draws it together. Our competitors are far ahead of us in this field and we would show ourselves aware by referring to it.

I attach a photocopy of the draft of a few pages from a chapter in a forthcoming book being published by the Centre for Policy Studies by Max Wilkinson, comparing our performance with that of our neighbours.

I am copying this to Margaret for information and also to Jim Prior, Michael Heseltine, Norman St. John-Stevas - as well as to Chris Patten.

Yours -

Keith