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You asked for a  
note on this  
grant.\*

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12 January 1982

From the Minister

\* (see that you considered  
this issue earlier (Tim Lankester's  
letter of 17/12/79)

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Dear Michael,

ODA GRANT TO THE TRADES UNION CONGRESS

... I understand that the Prime Minister, after seeing the recent Ministerial correspondence about continuing the ODA grant to the TUC, has asked about the purposes for which the grant is used. I enclose a short background note which sets out the history of this grant and the arrangements governing its use.

I am copying this letter to Roderic Lyne.

Yours sincerely,

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ODA GRANT TO THE TRADES UNION CONGRESS

1. A grant to the TUC was first agreed for 1977/78. The objective of the grant was stated as the promotion of trade union education and training and the participation of trade unions in social development in developing countries. The purposes for which the money could be used were then set out in a 'Memorandum of Arrangements' (attached Annex A). These still apply.

2. Since 1977/78 the grant has been used on grants for education and training of trade unionists from developing countries, in Britain and overseas. This has taken most of the money. Small amounts have been spent on advice on trade union organisation overseas, on gifts of equipment and on administrative overheads.

3. In Britain trade unionists have been sponsored on courses organised by the Department of Employment [redacted] at Ruskin College, Oxford, and on special training attachments. In the last two years, at ODA request, the TUC have used more of the grant overseas.

4. The TUC programme for the £75,000 available in 1981/82 includes assistance to Zimbabwe (as part of a programme organised by the Commonwealth Trade Union Council to assist the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions), the Caribbean Region (including Trade Union Education in Barbados, Jamaica & Guyana) and Kenya. With ODA consent, the TUC grant is also used to assist trade unionists in and from South Africa. The TUC envisage further work in India, Gambia, Ghana and Nigeria.

5. The approved level of grant and actual spending to date is:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Outturn</u>
1977/78	£75,000	35,478
1978/79	£180,000	171,606
1979/80	£180,000	153,359
1980/81	£75,000	60,242
1981/82	£75,000	(75,000 estimated)

6. In August 1981 the TUC made a formal request for continuation of the grant beyond the then expiry date of 31 March 1982. The Secretary



of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs has proposed to his Ministerial colleagues that the grant should continue in 1982/83 at a reduced level of £50,000, for one year only, after which its future will be reviewed.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
Overseas Development Administration  
12 January 1982

Memorandum of arrangements for a grant by the Ministry  
of Overseas Development to the TUC

A Objective

The objective of the grant is to harness the TUC's resources and expertise to promote by all means possible whether in the UK or elsewhere trade union education and training and the participation of trade unions in social development in developing countries, and to assist in the modernisation of the methods and contents of such education and training and participation in social development, and to foster their application.

B Purposes for which the grant may be used

2. The grant may be used in any country in which ODM has an aid programme.
3. The purposes for which the grant should be used are listed below:
  - a. The provision of training grants to trade unionists nominated to attend approved trades union training course in the UK.
  - b. The provision of training activities for trade unionists in developing countries.
  - c. The provision of grants to overseas trade union movements for training equipment, visual aids, books and correspondence courses.
  - d. Support for training activities concerned with workers' education.
  - e. The financing of workshops and seminars concerned with employment matters, particularly the employment of women, youth employment, and safety, health and welfare.
  - f. The provision of education bursaries for trade unionists to attend recognised institutions in the UK.
  - g. The provision of funds for visits abroad by UK trade union officials connected with the programme in items a to f above.
  - h. Other activities consistent with the objectives set out in Section A above.
  - j. Administrative expenditure, associated with a to h above.

C Financial arrangements

4. ODM will make available to the TUC up to £75,000 in the year beginning April 1, 1977, and in each of the two succeeding years, payments to be made quarterly in advance to meet estimated expenditure for the ensuing quarter. Detailed accounting and audit arrangements will be issued separately.



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cc: FCO

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13 January 1982

ODA Grant to the TradesUnion Congress

Many thanks for your letter of 12 January, with the attached note about the ODA grant to the TUC. The Prime Minister has seen and noted this.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Roderic Lyne (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

MICHAEL SCHOLAR

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