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The Rt Hon Sir Keith Joseph Bt MP  
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*Dear Keith,*

**SWITCH TO ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY**

At the meeting chaired by the Prime Minister on 6 February I made a conditional offer of the order of £1m in each of the next three financial years in order to help fund the proposed switch of resources within the university sector towards engineering and technology.

As you know I am normally unwilling to transfer resources from within my Scottish budget to support programmes which are supposed to cover Great Britain as a whole when specifically English programmes are not being asked to contribute. Moreover I have already announced my decision to make a substantial switch in resources within the Scottish block to promote similar courses within the Central Institutions for which I am responsible. Nevertheless I am prepared, in the light of the willingness of other Ministers with "economic" responsibilities to contribute to the switch, and because of the high priority I give to this, to confirm my offer to contribute £1m (which I will find from my Industry programme) in each year of the current PES round.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Departments of Employment, Energy and Wales, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, the Minister without Portfolio, Sir Robert Armstrong and Sir Robin Nicholson.

*Yours ever,*

*George*

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