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The Rt Hon Michael Heseltine MP  
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*D Michael,*

SKILL SHORTAGES

Thank you for your letter of 15 March.

*will report if req.*

2 I am glad to learn that you are prepared to provide, by re-allocating resources within your Department, up to an additional £1 million per annum over the next three years to increase substantially the number of university students you sponsor. I am sure that this will be a contribution towards the overall objective which we share, although I should not conceal the fact that I would myself have preferred an MOD contribution towards the switch, rather than further sponsorship. But I do not want to press the point: the important thing is that we are both pulling, in our different ways, in the same direction.

3 I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Chief Secretary, to the Secretaries of State for Education and Science, Scotland, Wales and Employment, the Minister without Portfolio, and to Sir Robert Armstrong and Sir Robin Nicholson.

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