



10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

13 January 1986

VIDEO PACKAGE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ON DRUG MISUSE

Thank you for your recent undated letter. The Prime Minister was grateful for the synopsis of the video which you provided.

As you know, the Prime Minister does not see any need to look at the video before it is released, but we shall bear in mind the possibility of arranging a viewing at some point in the future.

Mark Addison

Miss Jane McKessack  
Department of Health and Social Security.

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PRIME MINISTER

DHSS VIDEO FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ON DRUG MISUSE

In May last year you said you might be interested in seeing the video which DHSS were drawing up.

I attach a note from them which explains who the video is aimed at, and what its two elements contain.

I really do not think you have time to look at the video at present, but we shall bear in mind the possibility for the future.



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Mark Addison  
10 January 1986

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DOUBLE TAKE: A VIDEO PACKAGE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT DRUG MISUSE:  
PRODUCED FOR DHSS

Double Take is a video package for young people on the subject of drug misuse. It contains two programmes, each consisting of a video and accompanying written materials for use by teachers with young people aged about 12-15 years. Teachers can choose to use some or all of the material according to their needs. The programmes which have differences in style and emphasis are entitled -

- 'A Little Bit of Give and Take'
- 'Thinking Twice'

A LITTLE BIT OF GIVE AND TAKE

A three part trigger video featuring Dennis Waterman and George Cole, with teaching materials by Teachers' Advisory Council on Alcohol and Drug Education (TACADE). The format of this video will be familiar to viewers of the 'Minder' television series. Terry (Dennis Waterman) is given the task of looking after Shaun, the 14 year old son of one of Arthur's (George Cole) friends. Shaun finds himself in new surroundings in London, having to cope with some challenging situations. At a party he is offered drugs by friends. Does he accept the offer? What does Terry think of drugs? Can he offer advice?

The accompanying teacher's notes and hand-out materials enable young people to explore their own attitudes, values and feelings about drugs and to practise relevant coping skills.

THINKING TWICE

Teaching manual, hand-out materials and four part video by the Institute for the Study of Drug Dependence.

This integrated package aims to increase young people's knowledge about both legal and illegal drugs and about the situations where choices about drugs have to be made.

The accompanying teachers' notes introduce the video, provide hand-out materials, and summarise the reasons for adopting this approach to health and social education.

The video was shot entirely in the studio with a cast of young actors. It aims to stimulate thinking, questioning, discussion and role play.

Availability of package

The package is being made available free for retention to all secondary schools in England and Wales who apply for it. The Parliamentary Under Secretaries for Health and Education will be writing to all headteachers of secondary schools to endorse the package and to enclose a publicity leaflet/order form.

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