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23rd October, 1980.

Miss M. Ferguson,
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Regents Park, N.W.1.

Dear Miss Ferguson,

I hope that you have settled into your new post, and I am sure that you must be quite excited at the prospect of developing a new course.

I am most interested in an integrated degree course with a University College, and have hoped that sooner or later ~~the~~ course at Bedford would have changed in this direction. I have had words with Mr. Hoy at the Middlesex Hospital and it would seem that there is a possibility that some time in the future additional clinical placements could be arranged for students from Bedford College with St. Mary's School of Nursing. I am aware that such a liaison to extend your integrated degree course to another school of nursing would necessitate some preparation and organisation, and I would not wish to burden you with this too soon. However, it might be helpful if we could have some preliminary discussions, and I would welcome an opportunity to meet with you, either at Bedford College or here at St. Mary's School of Nursing.

You will know that St. Mary's School of Nursing is firmly established and that St. Mary's Medical School and its hospitals are planned to be retained and developed in the next few years. Under the Flowers Committee Report, St. Mary's School has been assured of a future, and under the Health Planning Committee Consortium plans the hospital has also been assured of further development. We are in a fortunate position therefore to be able to look forward to an era of stability, and compared with our colleagues this is unusual for this time. In view of the fact that geographically Bedford College is within walking distance of St. Mary's, such a liaison with the College would be in all respects a happy partnership.

I hope these comments of mine do interest you in contacting me, as I would like to have some discussions at an early opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

S. J. Holder
Director of Nurse Education.

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5 November 1980

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Dear Mr Holder

Many thanks for your letter of 23 October 1980. I find its contents certainly interesting and worth pursuing though I must point out as you have also anticipated that course planning at Bedford is as yet at a very early stage.

If nevertheless you would like to exchange some ideas I would certainly welcome a meeting.

I will be absent from London from now till November 14 but any time afterwards, it would be nice if you would come to Bedford College. I suggest that when I get back to London I will contact you.

With best Wishes.

Yours sincerely

Ms MARION GOUCHSON
DIRECTOR OF NURSING STUDIES
(Signed in my absence)

Meeting rescheduled for
2.0 PM 18th Nov Jan 81