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Please reply to:—

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Dear Principal,

NURSING STUDIES 1985/86

I have looked further into this matter as you requested. I think the solution lies in the fact that it is the students who will be most considerably affected by the Department's transfer to Egham but the staff who would make the greatest demands on space in the London Base. I would therefore like to propose the following:

(1) That the two members of staff with the secretary and the Section's records be located in Regent's College.

(2) That the students are taught in the London Base which is very convenient to their practical work. Their needs are as follows:

First Term: They are engaged in practical work four days a week and will be taught on FRIDAYS only.

Second Term: They are engaged in practical work two and a half days a week only but will be taught on TUESDAYS between 11.00 and 5.30 and on FRIDAY mornings. They will have individual tutorials in the intervals of teaching and also on Mondays when they will be engaged in private study.

Third Term: They are engaged on practical work, except for examinations, on five days a week.

In all, therefore, we are talking about one day a week for the first term and one and a half days for the second term with further provision for tutorials. The tutorials on Monday could well take place at Regent's Park. There will be ten students.

(3) That provision for these needs be included in the list for 1985/86 only, with both George Brown's section and the Medical Sociology Section helping where they can.

I am making these proposals in the light of the fact that these students have, perhaps above all others, been disadvantaged by the

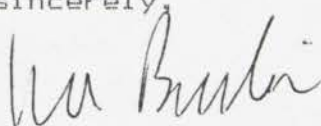
merger, since it brought about the end of the Nursing Studies degree. Their fourth and final year is a very heavy one, in terms both of practical training and of academic work. When in the hospital, they will not be free until the evening so that their academic work, including particularly their work in the library, has all to be fitted into the days (one only in the first term) when they are not in the hospital. It would be grossly unfair and insensitive to expect them to spend part of that day in unnecessary travel. My colleagues are quite prepared to put themselves to that inconvenience but rightly wish to defend their students from such an imposition. The major inconvenience of Regent's Park is that it is away from all of the library resources available to them.

May I add something in respect of the Library problem. These students are peculiarly needing to borrow, as distinct from consult, books, given their limited free time in the week when libraries are open. Would there be a possibility, in these quite exceptional circumstances, of our asking LSHTM and/or LSE for services for these ten students? I would emphasise that I am speaking only about an ad-hoc arrangement for one session.

Finally, may I report some progress with respect to student accommodation: we have been able to make arrangements for some of the students in Astor House for the period after the end of the summer term when they are engaged in practical work, and we shall try to continue this for the autumn term 85/86. My earlier request for assistance in obtaining places in inter-collegiate halls may for the the moment therefore lie on the table.

If you are able to agree to support these proposals, I will begin negotiating with John Kelly for rooms in Regent's College and discussing with Mike Bury and Roz Stanley whether any problems are likely to arise in Bedford Square in the light of what was needed there this session. Please tell me if you wish to see me in person, in which event it might be sensible for me to bring Marion Ferguson.

Yours sincerely,



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