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Ms. Marion Ferguson,
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Dear Marion,

Thank you for writing to me as you did letting me know of the latest developments in nursing studies at Bedford College. I recognise what a very difficult position the course is in and how much personal trauma this must have caused both you and students and staff. I do hope that something worthwhile can be preserved out of the move to Egham. Some of the suggestions you made about the use of a semester method I felt could be exciting and certainly pioneering as far as undergraduate programmes in nursing in this country are concerned. I wish you every success.

Yours sincerely,



McFarlane of Llandaff.



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20th December, 1982.

Professor Baroness McFarlane of Llandaff,
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Dear Jean,

I am writing to let you know of and about the latest developments in Nursing Studies at Bedford College.

For the moment, we have stopped an intake for the 1983/84 academic session. This was precipitated by a letter from the .N.C. (Education Department) requesting that if the department moved to Egham in 1984 we would need to close forthwith any further intakes but that that move should not jeopardise present students' careers. The letter is based on the assumption that a move to Egham necessarily entails a severance from the Middlesex Hospital/Bedford College partnership. In our submission to a recently-formed London University ad hoc advisory committee on nursing, we suggest alternative plans for Nursing Studies as a result of the merger with the move to Egham. Since the hospitals nearby are not acceptable to the G.N.C. as suitable nurse training schools for undergraduate nursing students, we suggest maintaining our links with the Middlesex Hospital. This, at least in theory, could be done if, instead of teaching in terms, the semester method were introduced whereby a year split into two semesters would entail students spending one semester on the Egham campus and one in the hospital. The plans, so far, have not been worked out in detail and we are waiting for London University to make a decision in relation to Nursing Studies' future developments before proceeding any further.

Meantime, there are two intakes at Bedford College to run out their time and it would be a pity, to say the least, if Nursing Studies at Bedford College would then have to close. An enormous amount of effort and mental wear and tear has gone into the project and both students and staff would feel aggrieved and let down that something should have been allowed to have started with no promise of further developments.

Yours sincerely,

Marion Ferguson.