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FOREWORD

It has become necessary for various reasons to examine the system of university awards for which the Ministry of Education and the local education authorities are responsible under the Education Acts. I therefore decided last April to set up a Working Party for this purpose, and their report is now published.

I take this opportunity of thanking the Working Party for their efforts. It seems to me that their report goes a long way towards establishing equality of opportunity in the highest stages of education; but I cannot, of course, commit myself at this stage to adopting all their proposals as they stand, and some of the recommendations which they make are primarily the concern of the university authorities. However, I am confident that the report will provide a useful basis for considering future policy, and I hope that local education authorities and others concerned will give it careful consideration and let me have their comments upon it.

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"A University training is the great ordinary means to a great but ordinary end"

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