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18th June 1969

Dear Miss Land,

Thank you for your letter of 30th May and for letting us see the draft of Appendix I to your report. We are content with your description of the method used in obtaining your sample. (Presumably pages 4-6 of the original draft of your report will be omitted from Chapter I in the final version.)

Your proposed addition to the first paragraph of Chapter 7 helps considerably. Another point to which we attach particular importance is the fact that family allowances have been substantially increased since you carried out your survey.

I wonder if I could see the final draft of your report when it is ready, if you have a copy to spare?

Yours sincerely,

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23rd June 1969

Dear Miss Land,

Thank you for your letter of 20th June and enclosure. I will let you know as soon as possible whether the Department has any comments to offer.

Yours sincerely,

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16th July 1969

Dear Miss Land,

We have now considered your revised draft Chapter 9 of "Large Families in London" and have the following comments to offer.

- ✓ (i) Page 162 (8th line). We suggest there should be a reference hereabouts to the fact that there is an entitlement to free school meals in the case of people receiving supplementary benefit or living at an equivalent standard.

— We are not entirely happy with the paragraph starting at the foot of the page. For people in full-time work the effect of the family allowance increase in April 1968 was to mirror the successive increases in national insurance and non-contributory benefits received in earlier years by families where the breadwinner was not in full-time work.

- ✓ (ii) Page 163 (middle). The figure of 700,000 adult males in full-time employment earning £15 a week or less relates to manual workers only. There are a further 200,000 non-manual workers earning less than £15 per week (D.E.P. Gazette, May 1968). These are figures of the number of full-time adults in employment who were paid for a full week and whose earnings were below the amount shown. A number of other adult men would have been earning at that rate but in fact drew less in the week of the survey for a variety of reasons, e.g. sickness absence, voluntary absenteeism, holidays etc. The sentence beginning "At current Supplementary Benefit rates" could give a misleading impression that quite a high proportion of these men have five children. This proportion is of course very small, and you should perhaps make the point clear. Table 8 of the D.E.P. report gives figures from which it can be deduced that of those earning under £15 a week 20 per cent. are under age 25 and 23 per cent. are over 60, neither of these categories being likely to have five (dependent) children.

- ✓ Page 163 (lower middle). For adult men earning under £12 a week 200,000 is the figure obtained from the D.E.P. survey (Table 2).

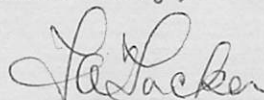
- ✓ (iii) Page 164 (24th line). Should read "Other research has shown that the fathers of large families"

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- (iv) Page 165 (9th line). As you know, "wage stop" is applied in short term sickness cases only. We think this should be made clear.
- (v) Page 165 (11th line). After "basic wages" we suggest you should add: "(although allowance is made for overtime where this is likely to be available on return to work)".

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Beltram".

R-p. (G. BELTRAM)