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Jan Magnat,

You asked me for information on Libyan students in the UK.

The table enclosed with this letter gives details of numbers of such students in recent years. Our main source of information on the total figures is a British Council publication: "The British Council: Statistics of Overseas Students in the United Kingdom". However, because this information is only available up to 1981-82, we have obtained from the Home Office an approximate figure of numbers of Libyans currently "landed" as students: this figure is 1,800.

No Libyan students have benefitted in recent years from any of the various scholarship and award programmes run by the FCO, the British Council, or the Overseas Development Agency. In the academic year 1982-83, one Libyan student received an award under the Overseas Research Students Awards Scheme (ORSAS), which was set up in 1979 by the DES to provide for the partial remission of tuition fees to overseas students of outstanding merit and research potential.

I am copying this letter to Geoffrey Howe and Leon Brittan.

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LIBYAN STUDENTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

	<u>1977-78</u>	<u>1978-79</u>	<u>1979-80</u>	<u>1980-81</u>	<u>1981-82</u>	<u>1982-83</u>	<u>1983-84</u>
1. All full-time students (Universities; advanced and non-advanced further education; private colleges) Source: British Council Booklet	1,069	1,414	1,461	1,277	1,473	N/A	1983-84 (provisional) See letter
2. UK universities Source: Universities Statistical Record	126	177	165	153	144	231	215
3. Further education: total, of which:-	N/A	795*	695*	502*	400†	579†	N/A
- advanced further education	N/A	82	116	172	171	164	N/A
- non-advanced further education	N/A	713	579	330	229	415	N/A

* England and Wales

† England only

Source: Further Education Statistical Record