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Dear Mr Barry Sheerman,

I am a left wing elector and I work for University Of Huddersfield.

As professionals in the area of Information Systems and Business

we ask for an investigation on the Becta 'Memorandum of Understanding' with Microsoft, which has been revealed by The Observer on Sunday 7 December 2003(See the article Overpriced, overhyped, over here, that can be read on

<http://observer.guardian.co.uk/business/story/0,6903,1101372,00.html>).

This agreement has been boosted as apparently saving taxpayer moneys. This is wrong. Every business analysis has been made available recently shows we are in the conditions of saving more, with superior performances. There are no valid market reasons for choosing this alternative, which makes the whole proceedings worrying and requires investigation. Other countries are choosing different routes. Last, but not the least, the agreement is going to have a ruinous effect on teaching and independence of thought in our country.

I invite you to ask for an investigation. The money of the taxpayers deserve to be spent more efficiently

I am available for further information and for debating the issue, if you need, and can be contacted in my office. I coordinate of the OSRG research group of University Of Huddersfield, which investigates on similar strategic issues in governmental agencies and educational institutions.

Best Regards

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