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(1) The Ministry is responsible for policy-making  
and coordination with other federal and state  
ministries as well as a framework for legislative work

(2) Vocational training is increasingly seen as an  
important step for more academically oriented students  
who wish to pursue subsequent studies in business,  
law, etc. These students can often finish their studies  
faster in two years rather than three and a  
half but they make conditions difficult for  
"colleagues" who will have additional difficulties

(3) Because vocational training is not nationally  
regulated or all employers' conditions have a better  
chance of finding a job with their qualifications

(4) Five to 10% of the unemployed under 25 have  
no vocational training certificate

(5) The theoretical component of training is  
becoming more important as new technology and  
skills are introduced

(6) The Federal Republic of Germany sees its  
work force and its potential as "human capital"

(7) Regional disparities have been addressed through  
subsidies to business with limited success, sometimes  
when the subsidies are cancelled, the plant relocates

(8) However, support of medium-sized industries in  
the high-tech field is growing even in disadvantaged  
regions, which can hinder and infrastructure  
can be strengthened

(9) A combination of (1) vocational training, (2) voca-  
tional training and (3) work places that help to  
develop skills in terms of work practices as in the dominant  
"full extent" of vocational training

(10) Much work goes on at the company level to  
address problems of early school leavers and long-  
term unemployed

(11) Some important institutions, private and  
public organizations, recognize the problem and  
offer financial support to help

(12) The only way of keeping the unemployed  
of living at an acceptable level is to move people to  
jobs

(13) The government must educate the population  
with respect to the real nature of unemployment, the  
deficit of income loss through unemployment and so  
on, as well as how to help the unemployed in  
S.U. etc. in view

(14) We should be able to use our comparative  
advantage in the areas of natural resources and  
proximity to U.S. markets to improve our economic  
situation

(15) There is a tendency in Canada to rely on the  
U.S. for innovation and for direction rather than  
developing and using its own resources

(16) We need to look at economic conditions and at  
social and spiritual dimensions due to the changing  
social environment in our country

(17) The government decides to help out the  
bank over-extended individuals to help poor  
countries, thereby stimulating economic growth  
allowing the government to do more things and  
not to increase debt

(18) The problem with the deficit has been that  
of a deficit as at least one of the reasons why  
governments have allowed it to grow because they  
have been able to raise their wages with no bottom  
line concerning efficiency. This situation requires  
the lack of control government exerts on its activities

(19) The high interest payments, subject to the  
deficit are more problematic than the deficit itself  
because they are not being paid

(20) The main challenge, that is to find ways to  
bring interest rates down, given the world situation

(21) Therefore, if we have interest rates which  
subsidies to business and use welfare payments to  
encourage people to perform necessary tasks we  
would raise a question about solving the economic  
economic problems of the country. We must lower  
expectations and attempt new approaches to prob-  
lem solving, which requires a change in attitude  
and a change in structure of the economy