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PRIME MINISTER

CHEQUERS SEMINAR WITH DOCTORS ON 27 MARCH

Following your meeting with John Moore and Tony Newton yesterday, I attach invitation letters for your signature to the 13 people we firmly agreed on. You also may like to see the covering letter I will be sending to each of the invitees giving further details of the logistics and stressing the private nature of the meeting. I will also write separately to John Moore, Tony Newton, Richard Wilson and John O'Sullivan confirming their invitations.

Together with yourself, DT (and me) that makes 20 in all. Tony Newton has now identified four other possible invitees - two lady geriatricians and two paediatricians (one man and one woman). John O'Sullivan is still checking out their views, and so letters are not included for your signature at this stage. Assuming two of them seem to be suitable following John's further investigations, I will let you have further letters for signature tomorrow - that would take the numbers up to the maximum of 22 that you wanted.

I have also discussed further with John O'Sullivan the question of who might be invited to open items for discussion. Rather than inviting two or three people to do this we now think it might be better just to invite one person to open the discussion. We suggest Sir John Butterfield, and you will see the letter for you to send him includes a further paragraph inviting him to play this role. If you are content with this suggestion I will separately ask Sir John to let us have beforehand an indication of the points he would make.

Content to sign the letters so that we can get them despatched in good time before the weekend?

Recc

PAUL GRAY

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