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The Right Honourable Margaret Thatcher, FRS, MP,
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My dear Prime Minister, 4

Many thanks indeed for the pleasure and privilege of working on the NHS with you and the others at Chequers on Sunday. Several interesting and important points certainly arose and I hope you and your Ministers were helped by the range of experiences around the table.

In retrospect I am sure that we should have expressed more gratitude to you from everyone in the NHS - not least our elderly patients - for your control of inflation which has protected their savings. Many of us also recognise that we have fortunately also emerged from a sad time when some Trade Unions were playing havoc with morale in the NHS. In many ways these two points transcend, by far, many of the present bickerings and debates!

I have dropped a brief line of personal appreciation to all the doctors who attended, sending copies to Paul Gray for his files.

With best wishes to you and your family for a restful Easter.

Yours sincerely,

John Butterfield.

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