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From the Private Secretary

6 June 1988

Dear Geoffrey,

REVIEW OF RAWP

Your Secretary of State and the Minister for Health came to see the Prime Minister this afternoon to discuss the handling of the report on the review of the RAWP formula, on which you sent me a further letter on 26 May.

Following discussion, it was decided that, although the Report should be published, no firm Government response to its recommendations should be made at this stage. Instead, your Secretary of State would make clear that, since the review of the RAWP formula had been established, the Government had embarked on the wider review of the NHS; and it would not therefore be appropriate for the Government to respond to the RAWP review recommendations pending any proposals coming forward from the wider review. The Prime Minister invited your Secretary of State to consider further the precise form of words to be used. It was also agreed that the Minister for Health should consider further the handling of the resource assumptions to be given to health authorities in drawing up their preliminary plans for 1989-90.

I am copying this letter to Jon Shortridge (Welsh Office), David Watkins (Northern Ireland Office), David Crawley (Scottish Office), Jill Rutter (Office of the Chief Secretary to the Treasury) and to Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

Yours,  
Paul

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