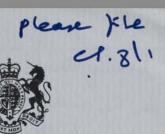
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which is only (500 000 after all). Her But Norman Forder is very much in favour of his. M 81

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Prime Minister

This is the line that now Forter recommends you take. He has decided on fig. m because he would like to make available a similar amount to their working causes over the next few months — to show more interest in the disabled has not ended with the end of IYDP.

MR. RICKETT

31/12

JIMMY SAVILE: STOKE MANDEVILLE SPINAL UNIT APPEAL

This has been the International Year of Disabled People. Our concern must continue; we must not let our involvement come to an end with the passing of 1981. But this is none-theless a good moment, as we come to the end of the year, to give special recognition to what we owe as a community to the disabled. I am very happy to be able to say that, in commemoration of this, Norman Fowler has agreed that the Government should make a contribution of £½ m. to one of the most important causes of this past year - and one which has attracted the enthusiasm of people from all walks of life - Jimmy Savile's Appeal for the rebuilding of the Stoke Mandeville Spinal Injuries Unit."

David Clark

Department of Health and Social Security

31 December 1981

PRIME MINISTER

Mr. Fowler has agreed to make available £½ - 1m for the Stoke Mandeville Appeal, and he agrees that you should announce this tomorrow. A brief will reach us tomorrow morning.

A final decision has yet to be taken on the exact amount, but the final figure will be given in the brief. Whatever it is, it will come from within the DHSS's existing PES provisions, and will therefore not require Treasury agreement. I will, however, warn the Chancellor's office.

Mr. Fowler warns that in marking the end of IYDP in this way, we should be careful not to give the impression that this marks the end of the Government's interest in the disabled.

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30 December 1981

PRIME MINISTER

When Jimmy Savile came to lunch with you at Chequers and you told him that you would try and get a Government contribution for Stoke Mandeville Hospital what exactly had you in mind? Could you let us know:-

- 1) The sum of money you envisaged.
- 2) Whether you are happy for us to follow this through in the normal way.

25 March 1981

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PRIME MINISTER

Can you kindly let me know if you made any promises to Jimmy Savile when he lunched with you yesterday, for instance:

(i) Did you offer him any money

for Stoke Mandeville?

(ii) Did you tell him that you would appear on Jim'll Fix It?

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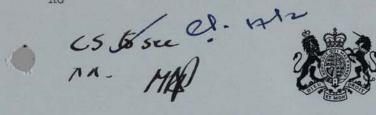
Dear Mike,

I promised in my letter of 16 February to write again about the possibility of some form of Government support for the Stoke Mandeville appeal. I understand that the Prime Minister is to see Jimmy Savile again on Sunday.

Dr Vaughan has been looking for an opportunity for the Prime Minister to show her support, but nothing suitable has yet in his view arisen. He will remain on the look-out. In the meantime it is likely that Mr Savile himself has some suggestions to make, on which Dr Vaughan would, of course, be happy to advise.

J E KNIGHT

Private Secretary



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lear, like.

I am sorry not to have replied sooner to your letter of 28 January reporting Jimmy Savile's enquiry about the possibility of some form of Government support for the Stoke Mandeville appear.

This has posed a tricky question. Dr Vaughan's personal view is that it would be a mistake to put in NHS money, and that what is needed is a symbolic gesture; such as the donation of the first brick (if this were not too late). Dr Vaughan is considering urgently what might be an appropriate gesture of support and I will write again as soon as possible.

J E KNIGHT

Private Secretary

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From the Private Secretary

28 January 1981

Jimmy Savile had a private word with the Prime Minister this morning to show her the architect's plans for Stoke Mandeville Hospital.

I understand that he raised with her the possibility of some Government support for the appeal, as a goodwill gesture to the many members of the public who have contributed. The Prime Minister pressed him about the kind of sum he had in mind, but I understand that he was more concerned with the token of a contribution than the amount. He was not pressing for an immediate decision, and he would quite understand if the Prime Minister's answer was that this was impossible.

I should be grateful if you could let us have Dr. Vaughan's advice as to what response the Prime Minister might make to this approach. She naturally made no commitment at the time.

M. A. PATTISON

Jeremy Knight Esq Department of Health and Social Security.

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MR. PATTISON

Jimmy Savile saw the the Prime Minister this morning with the architect's plans for Stoke Mandeville Hospital. He suggested to her that as a goodwill gesture to all the members of the public who had contributed, the Prime Minister might be prepared to give a "Government grant". The Prime Minister said was he thinking of a million pounds and Mr. Savile replied that they would be grateful for any sum, and that there was absolutely no hurry at all, and that equally he would understand if she had to come back to him and say that this was not possible.

28 January 1981



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THE PRIME MINISTER

14 April 1980

Dear Jimmy

I promised on 25 February that I would write to you again about the covenant system for donations to charity. You will have understood that I wanted to wait until after the Budget to do so.

Geoffrey Howe announced in the Budget two significant changes in the way the covenant system works, which I am sure will encourage more people to use it. The first is that the period for which covenants to charity must be capable of running is being reduced from seven years to four, so that people will no longer have to commit themselves to such a long time. second is that from next year we shall allow tax relief on covenant payments to run at the higher personal income tax rates and not just at the basic rate as at present.

There are good reasons why it is not possible to do away with the covenant system altogether, but these two steps ought to give considerable encouragement to charities.

Yours sincerely

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Jimmy Savile, Esq., O.B.E.

THE BOARD ROOM INLAND REVENUE SOMERSET HOUSE P S 7/13/76 2 April 1980 flis/A PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE CHANCELLOR 1. PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER (MR PATTISON) PRIME MINISTER'S CORRESPONDENCE WITH JIMMY SAVILE Mr Pattison's letter of 25 February asked that once the proposals about charitable covenants had been made public you should provide a further draft of a letter for the Prime Minister to send to Jimmy Savile. We suggest: "I sent you on 25 February an interim letter about the covenant system for donations to charity, and promised I would write again later. As I explained in that letter, this is quite a complicated subject and there are good reasons why it is not practicable to do away with the covenant system altogether. may have seen that in his Budget Speech Geoffrey Howe announced a number of measures intended to assist charities, including two which will ease the operation of the covenant system significantly and encourage more people to use it. The first of these is that we are reducing effectively from seven years to four years, the period for which covenants to charity must be capable of running - intending benefactors will no longer have to commit themselves for so long a time as previously. The second is that, starting next year, we shall allow tax relief on covenanted payments to run at the higher personal rates of income tax and not just at the basic rate as at present. these changes, incidentally, follow the recommendations of Lord Goodman's Committee on Charities, which examined this whole question a little time ago. I hope you will feel, as we do, that these two steps should give considerable encouragement to charitable giving through covenants." A W Kuczys Private Secretary Catalogue Reference:prem/19/878 Image Reference:1

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PRIME MINISTER

Jimmy Savile has made an excellent start with his campaign to raise money to re-build Stoke Mandeville. The fund is approaching £300,000, largely from small donations which are coming in well. He and I, with the Department, have also established a number of potential sources of more major finance; and (though he is keeping this confidential at this stage) Victor Matthews has promised him full involvement - of the Express newspapers and, even more important, of the building components of the Trafalgar Group (Trollope and Colls and Cementation).

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3. I will keep you in touch with developments. Success in this appeal will contribute to an understanding of our policy of involving the public in supporting the health care system.

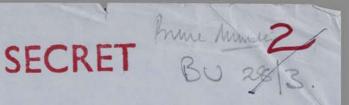
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11 October 2012



25 February 1980

Thank you for your letter of 21 February. about the future of the seven year covenant system.

I enclose a copy of the interim reply which the Prime Minister has now sent to Jimmy Savile. Once the changes which you foreshadow have been made public, I would be grateful for a draft reply on their timing and impact.

R.I. Tolkien, Esq., HM Treasury.

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

25 February, 1980.

Dear Jimmy,

When you came to see me on 6 February, **

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me how you could take up the question of the covenant system

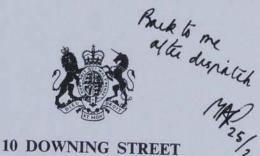
for donations to charity.

I am interested in the subject myself, and I am now looking into it. Please leave it with me, and I will write to you about it again within a few weeks. It is quite a complicated subject, and I am sorry that I cannot give you any instant answer.

Yours ever, (SGD) MT

Jimmy Savile, Esq., O.B.E.

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PRIME MINISTER

Jimmy Savile asked you about the length of time necessary for charitable covenants to qualify for tax relief. *

The attached note from the Treasury reveals that the Chancellor has already decided to reduce the time period from 7 years . to 4 in the next Finance Bill.

We can not even hint at this to Jimmy Savile at present. We have to treat it as a Budget secret. Would you like to write to Jimmy promising to take it up personally as in the attached draft? We will then give you a follow-up letter when the Budget announcement has been made.

22 February 1980

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11 October 2012



Treasury Chambers, Parliament Street, SWIP 3AG 01-233 3000

21st February 1980

dear Mike,

You wrote to Martin Hall on 6th February seeking the Chancellor's reactions to the Prime Minister's comments about the "7 year covenant system" and the possibility of reducing the "7 year" period.

The 7 year minimum period was introduced for all covenants - not merely covenants to charities - in 1922.

Whether this period is right for covenants to chartities in modern conditions is a matter of judgement. For some charities it is too long and constitutes a disincentive. Moreover, in times of high inflation a short period has the advantage of facilitating the more frequent raising of the amount of the payment if the covenantor is willing. Other charities are less convinced that the period should be shortened because they like the assurance of future income and the lighter administrative burden of arranging the renewal of continuing deeds.

The Goodman Committee on Charity Law and Voluntary Organisations, having weighed the pros and cons, came down in favour of shortening the period and the National Council of Social Service has endorsed their recommendation. We have already decided to make the change in the coming Finance Bill. The reduction will be from 7 years to 4 years (or more accurately from "a period which can exceed 6 years" to "a period which can exceed 3 years"), which was what the Goodman Committee and the National Council of Social Service asked for.

Yours,

(R.I. TOLKIEN)
Private Secretary

M.A. Pattison, Esq., Private Secretary, 10, Downing Street

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TWELVE MILES A DAY MEANS

JIM'S TO THE

(RUN - WALK - STAGGER - LIMP)

31 TOWNS AND CITIES IN 31 DAYS FOR THE WHOLE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1979

START OCTOBER 1st

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FINISH OCTOBER 31st

Flat 84, 22 Park Cresent

580-0880.

Dear Prime Minister,

I waited a week before writing to thank you for my

lunch invitation because I had

such a superb time I didn't want

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pretended to be madly jealous +

wanted to know what you work + what

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They all love you

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6 February 1980

Mr. Jimmy Savile, O.B.E. came into No. 10 today for a presentation ceremony in connection with the NSPCC.

As you may know, he is now engaged in an effort to raise £10m. for Stoke Mandeville Hospital.

He has asked the Prime Minister how he should pursue the question of tax deduction for charitable donations.

The Prime Minister has commented that, in her view, the 7 year covenant system is a considerable disincentive to those who are contemplating charitable donations and that 3 years might be a more reasonable period.

I would be grateful if you could let us have the Chancellor's reactions on this issue.

A copy of this letter goes to Jeremy Knight in Dr. Vaughan's office at the Department of Health and Social Security

M. A. PATTISON

Martin Hall, Esq., HM Treasury

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