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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. \*

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