

SUBJECT

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PM

10 DOWNING STREET

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.

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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.

*C.S. P.M. made
no commitment!*

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