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Dear Mike,

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 appeal.

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.

Yours sincerely
 Jeremy Knight

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