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Dear Prime Minister,

REVIEW BODY ON ARMED FORCES PAY

I enclose a Supplement to the Ninth Report; it contains our recommendations on the military salaries for medical and dental officers in the armed forces up to Brigadier and equivalent. These recommendations complete our 1980 review of the pay of those members of the armed forces who are within our terms of reference and they are appropriate to 1 April 1980.

As with our consideration of the pay of combatant officers, we have been concerned in this review with the need to retain adequate numbers of medical and dental officers to meet the needs of the Services. As before, we regard the Government's commitment to keep armed forces pay up to date as of crucial importance in this context. However, we also see certain problems about the provision of realistic retention incentives in the existing structure and pattern of remuneration in the medical and dental branches. We shall be pursuing this aspect further in a future review.

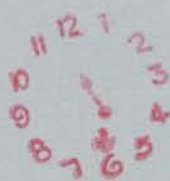
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