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THE PRIME MINISTER

22 May, 1986.

Dear Sir Peter,

I asked John Stanley to write to you earlier today to give you advance notice of the Government decisions on the AFPRB Report. But I wanted also to thank you myself for all the hard work which you and your Committee put into the preparation of the Report. I am particularly grateful to you and your colleagues for making so much time available when you have so many other commitments. Please do pass on my thanks to each of the other members. We are, of course, implementing your recommendations in full but I hope that you and your Committee will understand why, for the reasons explained by John Stanley, the Government has decided that the award should be deferred until 1 July.

I look forward to receiving your supplementary report on the pay of Service medical and dental officers in due course.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Sir Peter Matthews

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