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THE PRIME MINISTER

2 February 1988

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Thank you for your letter of 24 January about THF's contribution to reducing NHS costs through its contract catering subsidiary, Gardner Merchant.

This is a splendid story and I am sure that all concerned are to be congratulated. I am extremely pleased to know that savings such as these are being made - a clear indication that our continuing drive to improve NHS efficiency to ensure the maximum for patient care is proving very worthwhile.

I am most grateful to you for bringing this success story to my attention.

Every good wish.

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