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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Mr. Kinosh,

Thank you for your letter of 2 February.

I have already made clear to Parliament the basis of our internal review of the National Health Service with special emphasis on the hospital service.

The Secretary of State for Social Services has explained that the review will be wide ranging and fundamental, and concerned with the development of the health service to meet the country's needs over many years to come. We do not intend to begin the review by ruling out any proposals for reform. Each will be considered on its merits and Government will consider carefully any submissions put to it. Those providing submissions will of course be free to publish them.

The Government will bring forward proposals as soon as we are in a position to do so.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Shalton

The Right Honourable Neil Kinnock, M.P.

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