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18 December 1990

*Dear Tom,*

**MEDICAL SUPPORT FOR BRITISH FORCES MIDDLE EAST**

*attached (back folder)*

I refer to your letter of 14 December to the Prime Minister recommending the retention of the UK service hospitals and the consequent call for Territorial Army reservists from the NHS.

You suggest that a complete unit from Scotland should be deployed, the 205 General Hospital, Royal Army Medical Corp (Volunteer) based in Glasgow. I confirm that while this would create difficulties for the NHS in Scotland, I recognise the arguments and am prepared to support the proposal. I would suggest however that the impact of the removal of NHS personnel from Scottish hospitals is borne in mind at the stage when casualties are dispersed to NHS hospitals for treatment.

Copies of this letter go to members of OPD(G), the Lord President, the Secretary of State for Health, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury and to Sir Robin Butler.

*Yours ever,*  
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*Dear Sir*

MEDICAL SUPPORT FOR BRITISH POLICE IN SCOTLAND

I refer to your letter of 14 December to the Prime Minister regarding the retention of the UK service hospitals and the consequent call for Territorial Army reservists from the NHS.

You suggest that a complete unit from Scotland should be employed, the 305 General Hospital, Royal Army Medical Corp (Volunteers) based in Glasgow. I confirm that while this would create difficulties for the NHS in Scotland, I recognise the arguments and am prepared to support the proposal. I would suggest however that the impact of the removal of NHS personnel from Scottish hospitals is severe in view of the stage when casualties are dispersed to NHS hospitals for treatment.

Copies of this letter go to members of OPHS, the Lord President, the Secretary of State for Health, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury and to Sir John Fisher.

*John Fisher*

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