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Dear Malcolm,

16th September 1988

at Clap

COMMUNITY CHARGE: STUDENT NURSES

I was grateful to Nick Ridley for copying to me his letter of 8 September to you.

I agree with Nick, that 80 per cent relief from the full Community Charge should be confined to nurses following project 2000 courses. That would be consistent with the view that we have always taken that salaried people should be liable to pay the full Community Charge. An exemption for pre-project 2000 student nurses would, as Nick points out, be difficult to defend to the wide range of salaried trainees in many occupations.

We have agreed that, when project 2000 is implemented, student nurses will move from their present salaries to bursaries, which will be rather lower and in line with the financial support that is given to students at universities and similar institutions. It will then be much easier to defend a concession to student nurses, in view of the smaller financial resources that will be available to them to pay the Community Charge.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Nick Ridley, other members of E(LF), David Waddington and to Sir Robin Butler.

Yours Ever,
John Major

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