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Speaking note for you use in Cabinet  
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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

1. I have agreed with the Secretary of State for Health that there should be an internal review of the National Health Service with special emphasis on the hospital service.
2. Preliminary work is being put in hand. Other Ministers will be brought in as the work develops. In the meantime any Minister who wishes to put in a paper setting out his thoughts would be very welcome to do so.
3. Nothing is to be said publicly, in Parliament or elsewhere, beyond the bare fact that the internal review is taking place. It would be premature to start promising a particular timetable or to anticipate the outcome.

Cabinet Office

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