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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Geoffrey,

REVIEW OF COMMUNITY CARE

The Prime Minister was grateful for your Secretary of State's minute of 29 February. She has also seen the Chief Secretary's response of 3 March and your Secretary of State's letter of 1 March to the Lord President concerning the report of the Wagner Committee.

The Prime Minister agrees that publication of the Griffiths Report should be handled in a low key way. To that end, she thinks the modified approach suggested by the Chief Secretary for a single reply on 8 March would be preferable.

The Prime Minister has also commented that the Government will not be in a position to make any further statement about follow up to the Griffiths and Wagner Reports until a lot more work has been done. She considers however that the more pressing priority is to make progress with the work on the NHS Review.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to members of E(A) and to Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

*Yours,
Paul.*

(PAUL GRAY)

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