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RESIDENTIAL CARE: REPORT OF THE WAGNER COMMITTEE

Thank you for your letter of 1 March setting out arrangements for publication of this Report, and enclosing a summary of its recommendations.

I note that since this was an independent review, commissioned by the National Institute of Social Work, you believe that a formal Statement by means of a Written Answer to a Parliamentary Question is not needed on the Report's publication tomorrow, and I am content with this approach. I understand that you made reference to the forthcoming publication of the Report in response to a Question today about the Griffiths' Report on community care: I am sure this is helpful in refuting possible charges that the Government was trying to prevent the Wagner Committee's Report receiving proper attention.

I note also that you propose to authorise a holding Statement in reply to enquiries when the Report is published, and to consider the substantive issues in consultation with other colleagues directly concerned.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, other Members of the Cabinet, the Chief Whip and Sir Robin Butler.

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