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Dear Secretary of State,

REVIEW OF COMMUNITY CARE

Thank you for copying me your minute of 29 February to the Prime Minister about the publication of Sir Roy Griffiths' report on the use of public funds to support community care.

I am content with your proposal that the report should be published and the written answer you have given. I welcome the emphasis that Sir Roy places on promoting consumer choice. However I have considerable reservations about the central role that Sir Roy proposes for local social services departments. Some will incur huge additional expenditure in carrying out this role and a few will seek to restrict severely the role of the private and voluntary sectors in the provision of care. I am glad to see that you will be considering this aspect of the report with especial care.

I am copying this to the Prime Minister, members of E(A) and to Sir Robin Butler.

Yours sincerely,

Clarke

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*(Approved by the Chancellor of the Duchy
and signed in his absence)*

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