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Dear Mr. Nicholas

COMMUNITY CARE: SIR ROY GRIFFITHS' REPORT

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I am grateful for your and other colleagues' agreement to my proposals for publishing Sir Roy Griffiths' report on the funding of community care policies.

I have been considering how best to carry forward the work on this report, and our officials have been in touch.

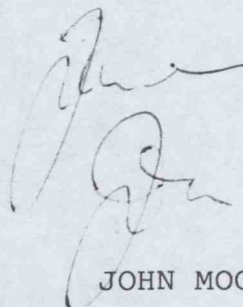
I propose that we should ask an inter-departmental group of officials to review the organisational options for delivering the objectives identified in the report; assess their likely effectiveness and financial implications; and report.

The Group's report would provide a basis for reaching decisions on the best way forward. We shall need to be able to consider it before the summer recess. I propose that the group should be chaired by this Department, at Grade 3 level, and invite you and colleagues to agree to your Departments taking part accordingly. In addition to your own Department, I envisage that the Treasury, Scottish Office, Welsh Office and Northern Ireland Office should be represented. We shall also invite Cabinet Office to take part.

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My officials will be in touch to make the necessary arrangements.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, John Major, Malcolm Rifkind, Tom King, Peter Walker and Sir Robin Butler.



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JOHN MOORE