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From the Private Secretary

23 May 1988

Dear Philip,

"NATIONAL" LOTTERIES

The Prime Minister was grateful for a copy of the Home Secretary's letter to the Lord President of 13 May which you forwarded with your letter to Andy Bearpark of the same date.

The Prime Minister has noted that there are continuing legal uncertainties about the position of the National Hospital Trust Lottery. Pending the outcome of the current legal deliberations, she does not think further detailed work should be carried out on options for "official" national lotteries. She thinks that smaller lotteries at the local voluntary level, geared to specified projects, are likely to be a more appropriate and successful means of raising additional finance.

I am copying this letter to Alison Smith (Lord President's Office), Alex Allan (HM Treasury) and Geoffrey Podger (Department of Health and Social Security).

Your sincerely,  
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