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*From the Private Secretary*

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*Dear Geoffrey,*

REVIEW OF RAWP

The Prime Minister has seen your Secretary of State's minute of 10 May and the subsequent comments from the Chief Secretary and the Secretary of State for Wales. She was also grateful for the further material in your letter to me of 19 May.

The Prime Minister is doubtful about the proposal to announce at this stage that the Government accept the recommendations of the report, which she thinks could be controversial. She has also noted the possible links between the report and the outcome of the NHS review. She would therefore be grateful if your Secretary of State would consider further the possibility of publishing the report without at this stage a firm Government reaction to its recommendations.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Jon Shortridge (Welsh Office), David Crawley (Scottish Office), Martin Donnelly (Northern Ireland Office) and Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

*Yours,  
Paul*

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