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NHS REVIEW

The next meeting of your NHS Review Group is on Tuesday 7 June. We will let you have papers the weekend before that.

Meantime, I attach four notes you may like to look at this weekend:

Flag A - A note by Richard Wilson on how we now see the schedule of meetings and papers up to the Summer break. Content?

George Ringer informs.

Yes - I think Nicholson should come to the next meeting.

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Flag B - A note from Malcolm Rifkind on points to consider during the Review. You will recall that you did not want to involve territorial Ministers in the Review Group in the early stages, but they clearly will need to be brought in at some point. Mr Rifkind's note does not provide ^{any} particular new insight. But you may want to consider when to bring him and the other territorial Ministers into the Group. Do you want to bring them in July, as Richard Wilson suggests, or leave it until after the Summer break?

July - indeed Nicholson could come in sooner

Flag C - A letter from Miriam Stoppard offering her thoughts on the Review. One or two of her ideas fit in with points already emerging, e.g. the need for more work to be done at the General Practitioner level and the importance of tackling consultants' contracts, but she does not add any major new ideas. I attach a brief reply for your signature.

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Flag D - A further paper from Dr Clive Froggatt, one of the participants at the first Chequers Seminar. This follows a request I sent him for further material on his ideas on medical audit and incentives for change in general practice. His central idea is to expand the remit of the Audit Commission to cover the NHS, an

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interesting idea which perhaps merits further thought. I have circulated his paper to members of the Review Group. Meantime, I attach a brief reply for you to send to Dr Froggatt. *despatched 1/6*

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