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*Dear Secretary of State*

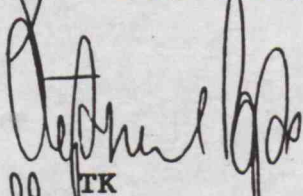
**NHS REVIEW: WHITE PAPER**

*WITH PA? WILL REQUEST  
IA REQUIRED*

Thank you for copying to me your letter of 7 December to Peter Walker. My understanding has been as you suggest, that the first draft of the White Paper will be in terms appropriate to England, and that we shall discuss at the next meeting the shaper of the chapter covering Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

I have indeed been thinking about what the White Paper may need to say in relation to Northern Ireland, and I am putting a note to the Prime Minister on the local implications of the Review, taking account also of Peter Walker's paper of 21 November. When we have seen the shape of the first draft of the White Paper, we shall need quickly to prepare a chapter relating to the other three countries, and work on this is in hand here.

I am copying this letter to recipients of yours.

*Yours sincerely*  


TK  
(Approved by the Secretary of State  
and signed in his absence)