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PRIME MINISTER

NHS WHITE PAPER

I have seen your Private Secretary's letter of 20 January and am quite content with the two amendments you suggest to the Welsh Chapter.

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I have also seen Kenneth Clark's memorandum to you of 23 January about the central management of the NHS. The management of the NHS in Wales is of course described in paragraph 4 of the Welsh Chapter, where we say that the management arrangements have 'proved their worth and will continue'. I assume that nothing in Kenneth's paper will mean that these arrangements in Wales will now need to be reviewed.

I am copying this minute to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary of State for Health, Secretary of State for Scotland, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Chief Secretary, Minister of State for Health, Sir Roy Griffiths, Professor Griffiths, Mr Whitehead and Mr Wilson.

Keith Dawson

PW
Dictated by the
Secretary of State and
Signed in his absence.