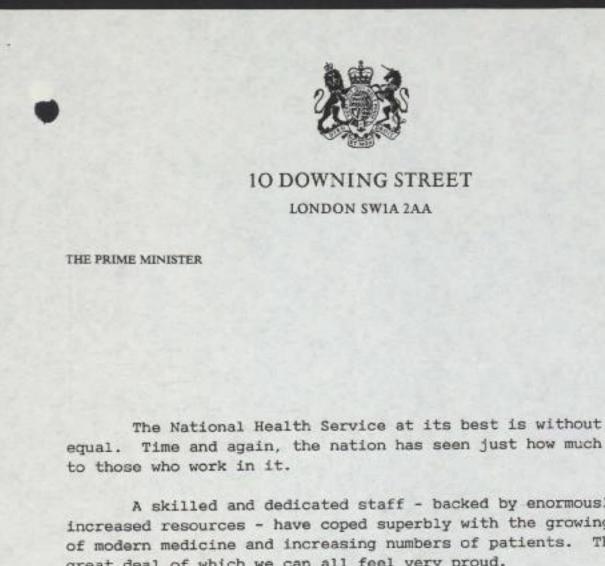
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wel, PRIME MINISTER You agreed to do a foreword for the NHS Review White Paper. Following this morning's video recording we have had the message typed up as you delivered it. Content to sign the attached? Sarah Chamen Sarah Charman Press Office January 23 1989



equal. Time and again, the nation has seen just how much we owe

A skilled and dedicated staff - backed by enormously increased resources - have coped superbly with the growing demands of modern medicine and increasing numbers of patients. There is a great deal of which we can all feel very proud.

The National Health Service will continue to be available to all, regardless of income, and to be financed mainly out of general taxation.

But major tasks now face us: to bring all parts of the National Health Service up to the very high standard of the best, while maintaining the principles on which it was founded; and to prepare for the needs of the future.

We aim to extend patient choice, to delegate responsibility to where the services are provided and to secure the best value for money.

All the proposals in this White Paper put the needs of patients first.

They apply to the whole of the United Kingdom but there are separate chapters on Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to cater for their special circumstances.

We believe that a National Health Service that is run better, will be a National Health Service that can care better.