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Note

Cy 2 Whitehead

PRIME MINISTER

(Dott) spoke Andy Miller
and passed on this message. Suggested
he should arrange for Mr. Clarke to see
Ian Whitehead about this, and then write to
him later in the week.

NHS REVIEW: DETAILED WORKING PAPERS

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You will recall that Mr. Clarke will shortly be publishing the
eight detailed working papers.

Ian Whitehead in the Policy Unit has been keeping in close
touch with this exercise, and his note attached indicates that
he thinks it is generally proceeding satisfactorily.

But there is one issue, the determination of GP practice
budgets, on which he suggests you urge Kenneth Clarke to
simplify the proposed procedure. Given the success of the
launch so far, you will want to consider carefully whether to
intervene personally over this point. The present drafting of
the working paper represents something of a compromise between
different interests and, although certainly not ideal, perhaps
provides an acceptable starting point for the exercise.

Do you want to intervene to urge greater simplicity as Ian
Whitehead recommends?

Or

Do you want Ian simply to continue to pursue this point at his
level?

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(PAUL GRAY)
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I think a memo to
Ken Clarke - that is the way
the point which gave us most
trouble - I should like to see
the draft document in very good time
before it is published. It is
so important to get it right

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