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The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, PC, MP
10 Downing Street
London SW1

Dear Prime Minister

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You may recall my writing to you last month on the matter of the membership of the NHS Policy Board.

The RCN has learned from credible sources that a decision has been taken not to include the Chief Nursing Officer as a full member of the Board. This is a matter which the College believes to be of the most serious concern because of the centrality of nursing to health care and thus the National Health Service.

I am mindful of the fact that the responsibility for appointing members of the Policy Board lies with the Secretary of State for Health and I, therefore, enclose a copy of the letter that I have to-day sent to Mr. Clarke on this matter.

I hope that you will give this your urgent consideration and that the position can be rectified.

Yours sincerely
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