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From the Private Secretary

28 February 1990

Dear Murdo

As discussed with the Chief Whip, I attach a possible draft letter which a suitable Backbencher (David Wilshire) might send to the Daily Mirror.

Yours ever

Dominic

DOMINIC MORRIS

Murdo Maclean, Esq.
Chief Whip's Office

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"None of the exchanges during Tuesday's Prime Minister's Question Time on the subject of GPs' lists referred by name to the Daily Mirror. They simply referred to "the cruel and misleading campaign being run by a daily newspaper". It seems clear from Wednesday's article that your newspaper recognised in those words its own activities aimed at frightening patients into opposing the new GP contract. If the cap fits....."

X. Morris
We discussed
28 Feb
MR. INGHAM

You will have seen that the Mirror today is still blustering on about their misleading health campaign. I wonder whether if there is anything to be said to a letter to them such as:-

Doctors' hits Tuesday's
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What do you think?



Dominic Morris

28 February 1990

c: Mirror (MJ)