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*From the Private Secretary*

28 March 1990

*Dear Andy,*

**GPs' CONTRACT: TARGETS**

The Prime Minister was grateful for your Secretary of State's minute of 22 March. She has also seen the minute from the Secretary of State for Scotland of 23 March.

Against the background of the tight timetable for the contract, the Prime Minister is now content for your Secretary of State to proceed as he proposes and to review the operation of the targets when figures for the first quarter payments are available.

The Prime Minister has also considered the revised draft 'Dear Colleague' letter attached to your Secretary of State's minute. She has commented that this draft reads better than the earlier version, and has just one comment on it. She thinks that in the second paragraph on page 3 the third and fourth sentences should be revised to read:

'The targets are at a level which allows for all these people. I know that there are some refusals but understand that these are fewer when the right explanation is given in a sensitive way.'

I am copying this letter to Jim Gallagher (Scottish Office), Stephen Williams (Welsh Office), and Stephen Leach (Northern Ireland Office).

*Ye,*  
*Pat*

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