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From the Private Secretary

30 May 1990

Dear Andy,

IMPLEMENTATION OF NHS REFORMS: PROPOSED SEMINAR

We spoke earlier today over the telephone about the timing of the proposed presentation/seminar which the Department of Health is now preparing on implementation of NHS reforms.

I explained that the Prime Minister is extremely keen for the seminar to take place within the next two weeks or so. She is anxious to explore urgently the detailed proposals for implementation; the degree of political and financial risk involved in implementing the reforms nationwide in a single year; and whether revisions need to be made to the proposed pace and extent of implementation in order to reduce the risks.

Accordingly, the Prime Minister would be very grateful indeed if your Secretary of State could bring forward the timing of the proposed presentation to mid-June. Specifically she has identified the week beginning 11 June as the best time for the presentation. As I explained earlier, in practice that means 13 or 14 June.

I am sending copies of this letter to John Gieve and Carys Evans (HM Treasury).

*Yours,
Barry*

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