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From the Private Secretary

30 May 1990

Dear Andy,

CENTRAL MANAGEMENT OF THE NHS

The Prime Minister was grateful for the report on "Central Management of the NHS" attached to your letter to me of 22 May.

The Prime Minister is broadly content with the report. She has noted however that, on an underlying basis, central management staff numbers appear to be rising. She has also noted that further consideration needs to be given to the split of responsibility for certain managerial posts, e.g. on medicines and on pharmacists fees, between the Chief Executive and the Permanent Secretary.

The Prime Minister considers that a further progress report, bearing in mind the above points, in a year's time would be helpful.

Yours,
Barry

(BARRY H. POTTER)

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