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Dear John

I am enclosing a copy of a cutting from the Daily Record which includes their editorial comment entitled "Record View" on some Health announcements which were made by me at the Aberdeen Conference. I thought you would be interested to see what the paper, which is read by one in two Scots, concludes. In my view, this underlines the fundamental political difficulty which we have in pursuing any Policy which seeks to win in Scotland by relying on additional levels of public expenditure to secure electoral success.

Yours sincerely

Michael

Michael B Forsyth MP

TORIES at ABERDEEN



MICHAEL FORSYTH

RECORD VIEW

CHRISTMAS came early for Scotland yesterday as Mr Michael Forsyth played Santa Claus at the Scottish Tory Conference.

- A much-delayed transplant centre to save patients and families the harrowing journey to English hospitals. *(But for political reasons it will be "auctioned off" - instead of going to the hospital best-qualified for the job).*
- A fast-response air ambulance service for the Highlands.
- New hospitals in Peterhead, Crieff and Aberdeen.
- A desperately-needed service for brain-damaged patients.

Was Mr Forsyth dipping into his bag of goodies as Scottish Health Minister, or as Scottish Tory chairman?

The Tories have never been more unpopular in Scotland - and have never been more generous.

It just goes to show. As long as Scotland votes AGAINST the Government, it gets the Government's attention ...

BACK MAGGIE PLEA

TORY chairman Kenneth Baker yesterday pleaded with his party to stand behind Maggie.

RECORD REPORTER

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SCOTS health minister M Forsyth yesterday unveiled doctor's bag of goodies.

And its jewel was a heart transplant for Scotland. "Saint" M revealed the million pound service spending at conference. And he revealed prestige centre "auctioned between Glasgow and health boards.

Mrs T set to crack whip

MAGGIE will today try to re-assert her dominance over the Tories.

In her key speech to delegates she will crack the whip over her increasingly restless Party.

And she will fire the opening shot of a new offensive against Labour.

Leave

The battle plan was discussed at a meeting of Cabinet ministers in Downing Street on Thursday.

Civil servants were told to leave the room at the end of the normal weekly Cabinet meeting so that ministers could discuss Party strategy in private.

High on their agenda was seeing off the challenge to Thatcher from ex-Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine.

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Both boards invited to put their plans £1-million heart plant unit. Also included package is an helicopter service and new at Peterhead, Aberdeen. Forsyth said that the cap running cost transplant would be me Government.

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INFLATION
highest level EIGHT YEAR
And it was ment own which sent spiralling month. For the introduction of the poll tax in England and the increases mean soared from 8.1 in March to 9.4 in April.

The duty on cigarettes and plus the poll tax blame for putting

And he said the Tory campaign would set out the Government's record, expose the "inadequa