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I know you had to make extensive diary changes to come and I am most grateful. The NHS people were totally out-performed.

The Lord Rayner

*Yours ever
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Yours
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Sir Robin Ibbs, K.B.E.

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Andrew and I are giving further thought to the follow-up to today's rather unsatisfactory seminar on the NHS reforms.

In the meantime it occurs to me that you might like to thank the three "independents" who attended today and made such a valuable contribution. You will recall that both Sir Robin Ibbs and Lord Rayner had to make diary changes including, in Lord Rayner's case, coming back early from the US in order to attend.

I attach drafts of letters which you might send to them.

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BARRY H. POTTER

14 June 1990

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