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The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,  
Prime Minister,  
10 Downing Street,  
London S.W.1.

Dear Prime Minister,

I have delayed writing to you following the visit of representatives of the Royal College of Nursing to Downing Street on 29th June until after I had had an opportunity of reporting on our meeting with you to my Council which met recently. My Council endorsed wholeheartedly the appreciation which members of the delegation had stated privately, and which I now express to you, of your willingness to meet with us at such a very busy time for the Government.

We were very mindful of the points which you made during our discussion and that a commitment had been given on the scope of the review body; while regretting that this was not exclusive to qualified nurses and those in training for a nursing qualification, clearly the Rcn would not want to be in a position of asking you or your Ministers to go back on your word. Having said that, I would repeat that there has been quite a strong reaction from one or two trade union leaders with members working in the health service on this point and to the effect that they would not give any form of undertaking along the lines which your Ministers were spelling out when we talked.

As we made clear at our meeting, the Rcn believes that some potentially very interesting future opportunities for the nursing profession derive from the setting up of such a review body. The profession is pinning its hopes on the review body and eagerly awaits its emergence; it would be unthinkable, therefore, were any hiatus to occur at this late stage. Concerned about the scope of the review body as it is, the Royal College of Nursing will do everything in its power to assist the smooth working of the review body as soon as its composition and method of working have been announced definitively.

In conclusion, I would thank you most sincerely for your ready response to meet with representatives of the Rcn and for giving us so much of your time.

Yours sincerely,

Trevor Clay  
General Secretary



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The Right Honourable Mrs Margaret Thatcher  
The Prime Minister  
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30th June 1983

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*Dear Prime Minister,*

This is a personal note to thank you warmly for your attention, kindness and perceptiveness in your reception of and discussion with the Royal College of Nursing delegation in which I participated on Wednesday 29th June 1983.

*Yours sincerely,  
James P. Smith*

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