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THE PRIME MINISTER

7 October 1983

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Press Office

Dear Mr. Kinnoch

Thank you for your letter of 7 October asking for a debate on the National Health Service.

As you will know from the last Business Statement the Leader of the House has arranged for an Opposition Day on Thursday, 27 October. This will provide an opportunity for the debate you seek. Norman Fowler and Kenneth Clarke would, I know, welcome the chance to set out the increased provision for the Health Service made over the last four years.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Neil Kinnoch, Esq., M.P.

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Thank you for your letter of 7 October asking for a debate ~~in Government time~~ on the National Health Service.

The Government would be <sup>welcome</sup> ~~delighted to have such~~ an opportunity to set the record straight on this subject, in view of the many misleading and exaggerated comments which have recently been <sup>made</sup> ~~given~~ prominence. <sup>MP. The House of Commons</sup> I note that, during the week that the House returns, Thursday 27 October has <sup>been arranged for</sup> ~~been allocated~~ as an Opposition Supply Day. <sup>on Thursday 27 October</sup> ~~I suggest therefore that you use~~ that occasion for the debate you propose.

As you will know from the last-mentioned statement of the House has arranged for a supply day on Thursday 27 October. This will ~~provide an opportunity for the debate~~ <sup>provide an opportunity for the debate</sup> you seek. <sup>Neil Kinnock</sup> ~~Neil Kinnock~~ I would welcome the chance to put

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