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cc: MOD

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THE PRIME MINISTER

17 May, 1983

Dear Sir David,

I am sorry that it proved impossible to give you advance notice of my announcement in the House of Commons on 12 May of the Government's decision to accept in full the recommendations in the Review Body's Twelfth Report, on pay and charges of the Armed Forces.

I am most grateful to you and to the other members of the Review Body. Please would you pass my personal thanks to all concerned? I understand that the new rates of pay will be implemented in time for payment this month.

I note that you will now be preparing the report on the pay of Armed Forces medical and dental officers which you mention in your letter of 8 April.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Sir David Orr, MC

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16th May 1983

*Dear Michael,*

REVIEW BODY ON ARMED FORCES PAY

In response to your letter dated 12th May and following the traditions of previous years, I attach a draft note for the Prime Minister to send to Sir David Orr, thanking him and his colleagues for their report and confirming the Government's decision on its acceptance.

*Yours ever  
N H R Evans*

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DRAFT LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO SIR DAVID ORR

I am sorry that it proved impossible to give you advance notice of my announcement in the House of Commons on 12th May of the decision to accept in full the Review Body's recommendations for pay and charges of the Armed Forces.

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I said that the Government was grateful to the Review Bodies for their reports, <sup>and</sup> ~~and~~ I should be pleased if you would pass my personal thanks to your members for the hard work they have put into the preparation of the report on Service Pay. I understand that the new rates of pay will be implemented in time for payment this month.

I note that you will now be preparing the report on the pay of Armed Forces medical and dental officers which you mention in your letter of 8th April.



REFERENCE: Armed Forces Pay  
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*From the Private Secretary*

12 May 1983

Review Body on Armed Forces Pay

I enclose a copy of a letter dated 8 April which the Prime Minister has received from Sir David Orr, with which Sir David enclosed the Review Body's Report on Armed Forces Pay which we published today.

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I would be grateful for a draft reply for the Prime Minister's signature, by Monday 16 May.

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8 April 1983

*Dear Prime Minister*

REVIEW BODY ON ARMED FORCES PAY

I enclose the Review Body's Twelfth Report, which contains our recommendations on the levels of military salaries, and of food and accommodation charges, that we consider appropriate at 1 April 1983 for members of the armed forces. As usual, we will put forward our recommendations on the pay of medical and dental officers at a later date, when decisions on the remuneration of general medical practitioners in the National Health Service are known.

*Yours sincerely*

SIR DAVID ORR, CHAIRMAN  
REVIEW BODY ON ARMED FORCES PAY