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Dear Ralph,

Thank you for your letter of July 5th. I am interested to read of the Buckingham proposal. I do not doubt the importance of the subject.

But I have no resources that could be used for the purpose you have in mind.

On the other hand there is the Social Science Research Council established with taxpayers' money, especially to examine proposals for research within its remit and decide whether or not to support any particular project.

I suggest, therefore, that you or the Advisory Committee should approach the SSRC and seek their help.

Eric Keir

Prime Minister  
PM's meeting with  
Ralph Howells  
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