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✓ Nat Health: Scrutiny of NHS March 82



Mr RICKETT

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ROAD ACCIDENT CHARGES

The minute to the Prime Minister from the SS/Social Services was foreshadowed by my minute to you of 30 March. (Incidentally, I am amused by the thin reference to Sir Derek Rayner in para. 2 of the minute: you would not imagine from that that Sir DR had addressed the Chairmen at length, had won them over completely and had been very well received!)

2. I suggest that you might reply on behalf of the Prime Minister as follows:

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The Prime Minister was grateful for your Secretary of State's minute of 2 April. She is glad to hear of the launching of Rayner-style scrutinies in the NHS and hopes that a good number can be undertaken this year.

2. Mrs Thatcher is ~~well~~ content with the proposal that the arrangements for charging motor insurers and drivers under the Road Traffic Act, 1972, should be the subject of one of the first of these scrutinies. She looks forward to knowing later how the scrutiny turned out. <sup>The P-M</sup> ~~She~~ would also like to be informed of the number and subjects of the <sup>over NHS</sup> scrutinies intended for this year when these are clear.

*She agrees that this is the best way of carrying out the review called for by Cabinet on 18 February.*

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3. I am copying this letter to the private secretaries of Cabinet Ministers, David Wright (Cabinet Office) and Clive Priestley (Sir Derek Rayner's Office).

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