



10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

7 August 1985

The Prime Minister has now seen your Secretary of State's minute of 6 August about the Report on Diet and Cardiovascular Disease by the Committee on Medical Aspects of Food Policy (COMA). She has also seen the minute by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on the same subject.

The Prime Minister recognises that in some respects the report produced by the Joint Advisory Committee on Nutrition Education is less than satisfactory. In these circumstances, however, she considers that to seek to insist on further amendment would draw even more attention to the deficiencies in the report. She believes therefore that we have no real alternative but to allow the JACNE to proceed to publication without comment from the Government. If comment is absolutely necessary then it should be in as low key a fashion as possible.

I am copying this letter to Ruth Rawling (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), John Graham (Scottish Office), Colin Williams (Welsh Office) and Jim Daniell (Northern Ireland Office).

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