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From the Private Secretary

30 June 1983

Doctors' and Dentists' Review Body

The Prime Minister had a brief conversation/with Sir Robert Clark, the Chairman of the Doctors' and Dentists' Review Body. The Prime Minister, as I understand it, expressed surprise at the size of the increases recommended by the Review Body, and alluded to the criticisms which had been made of these recommendations within the National Health Service.

during a reception here on Tuesday evening

Sir Robert Clark replied that, to achieve a lower result, it would be necessary to alter the Review Body's terms of reference, which at present laid upon them a duty to make doctors' and dentists' salaries comparable with those of certain other groups.

The Prime Minister understands that this is not a correct account of the Review Body's terms of reference. She wishes to write to Sir Robert Clark pointing this out, and I would be grateful if you would let me have a draft letter for her to send, after consulting as necessary the Treasury and any other Departments concerned (I understand that a review of the terms of reference of review bodies is currently under way).

I am sending a copy of this letter to Margaret O'Mara (H.M. Treasury) and Peter Gregson.

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