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- ① Await advice from Dtl
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The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP,
Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
London, S.W.1.

14th March, 1984

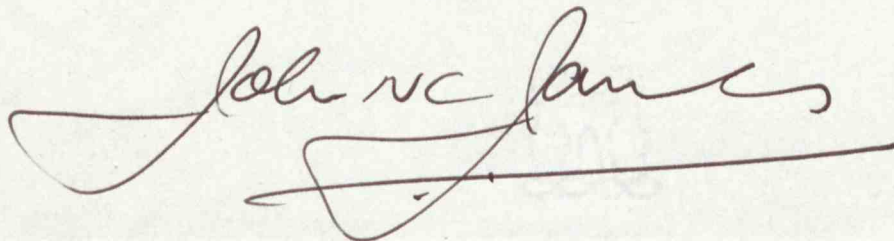
Dear Prime Minister,

ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL

At the request of the Duke of Westminster, I enclose a copy of my letter of today's date to the Secretary of State for Social Services.

We are extremely sorry that it has not been possible to make progress in this matter on a basis reasonable to both parties.

Yours sincerely,



J.N.C. James

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The Rt. Hon. Norman Fowler, MP,
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14th March, 1984

Dear Secretary of State,

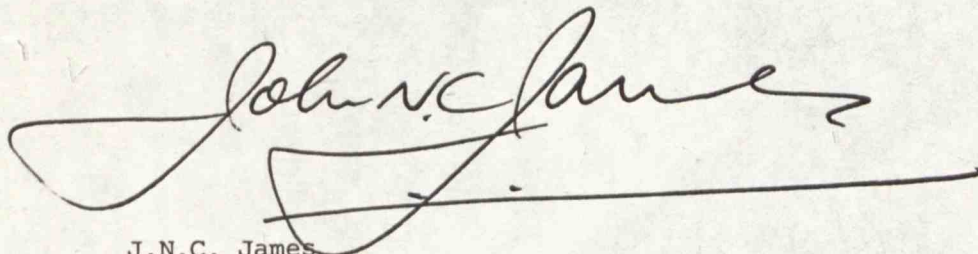
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In your letter to the Duke of Westminster dated 4th October 1983, you expressed the Department's wish "to progress this matter to a mutually acceptable conclusion." You suggested that, to this end, our agents - Gerald Eve & Co. - should enter into further discussions with Richard Ellis at the earliest possible date. Since that time, those discussions have continued during which we put forward not only a formula based upon an equal sharing of risk and reward but also a proposal that the matter be referred to the Lands Tribunal for a determination of value. Regretfully, it has not been possible to reach agreement and, in the light of what we regard as the unrealistic attitude on the part of the Department and its advisers, we have decided to withdraw now from negotiations. I wish to emphasise, however, that the Estate remains prepared to consider any proposition put forward by the Department that is fair to both parties.

We feel both frustrated and disheartened that having expended a considerable amount of time and effort over four years in bringing forward a scheme of distinction, it should founder as a result of the negative and unconstructive stance of the Department and its advisers during the past year.

In view of the Prime Minister's known interest in this particular matter, I am sending a copy of this letter to her together with a copy to Mr. Peter Hirsch in his capacity as Chairman of the Location of Industry Bureau.

Yours sincerely,



J.N.C. James