

cc JR
Noted. Await letter from DHSS.
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DAVID BARCLAY (On return)

After speaking to you, I had a further word with Sir Kenneth Stowe about the correspondence on the sale of St George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner. The DHSS will prepare a draft reply to your letter of 24 April explaining why in their view holding out for a better deal from the Grosvenor Estate will benefit the Government more than the delay is causing them.

Sir Kenneth Stowe is anxious that once the Prime Minister has reached a view on this, it should be made clear to the Grosvenor Estate that they should expect to negotiate with the DHSS not with the Prime Minister. ~~who~~ feels that at present the Prime Minister's interest, of which they are aware, may be causing them to drag their feet in the negotiations.

When the letter from the DHSS comes, could you please make sure that I see it, and then you and I perhaps should have a word with the Prime Minister.

F.E.B.

30 April 1984