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THE PRIME MINISTER

20 June 1984

Dear Sir Robert,

Thank you for your letter of 18 April enclosing the Review Body's fourteenth Report. I am most grateful to you and your colleagues for the careful consideration that clearly went into its preparation. As you know, we wanted to look at all the review body reports together and I announced the Government's decisions on 7 June. For doctors and dentists, we decided that the fully up-to-date current rates will be increased by 3 per cent from 1 April and to the full amounts recommended in your report from 1 November.

The decision to stage the award was taken in the light of what the Government felt could be afforded without unacceptable consequences. We had to regard this as the decisive factor. We faced a no less difficult choice in relation to the recommendations of the nurses' review body, where we felt, exceptionally, that the understandings on which it was set up should outweigh the considerable cost implications of implementing them in full.

The decisions we reached offer what I believe to be the best compromise between large immediate increases and minimising the effects on the development of the Health Service.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Sir Robert Clark, D.S.C.

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The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP
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18 April 1984

Dear Prime Minister-

REVIEW BODY ON DOCTORS' AND DENTISTS' REMUNERATION

I enclose the Fourteenth Report of the Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration. This contains our recommendations on the levels of remuneration we consider to be appropriate at 1 April 1984 and sets out the factors we considered were of particular importance when reaching our conclusions.

*Yours sincerely
Robert Clark.*

ROBERT CLARK, CHAIRMAN
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AND DENTISTS' REMUNERATION

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From the Private Secretary

24 April 1984

Dear David,

I enclose a copy of the latest Report of the Review Body on Doctors and Dentists Remuneration. Mrs Thatcher has asked that copies of this Report should remain with the Chancellor or the Permanent Secretary.

I am sending a copy of the Report on the same basis to Steve Godber (Department of Health and Social Security).

*Yours ever,
Tim Flesher*

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