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*From the Minister for Health*

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21 March 1985

Dear Mr Addison,

ST GEORGE'S HOSPITAL

In view of the Prime Minister's previous interest in the  
sale of this property, you may wish to be aware of the  
attached letter sent today to Grosvenor Estates.

yours sincerely

Anne Cowell

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To Mark Addison Esq  
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With the Compliments of  
the Private Secretary to  
the Minister of State (Health)

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*From the Minister for Health*

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21 March 1985

*Dear Mr James,*

## ST GEORGE'S HOSPITAL

You will recall our luncheon meeting in October, when we were able to agree upon the terms of a formula which would operate to establish finally the price for the Department's freehold property at St George's Hospital. The detailed terms of our agreement were clearly set down in my letter to you dated 16 October 1984.

You may therefore understand my considerable surprise when I learned that nearly five months after our meeting, matters have still to be resolved. A contract accurately reflecting our agreement was issued to your lawyers in early January and I understand that although meetings have taken place, there seems little resolve on the part of the estate or its advisers to bring matters to a conclusion.

It would be disappointing indeed if you and I had to once again be in personal contact concerning this now much protracted situation and in all the circumstances, may I request that you take whatever steps are necessary to ensure an exchange of contracts without further unnecessary delay.

*Best wishes,*

KENNETH CLARKE



St George's  
Hospital



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1st April, 1985

*My Sec Minute*

## ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL

Thank you for your letter dated 21st March 1985. I share your concern but, equally, I am certain there is no lack of endeavour on our part to resolve a complex series of arrangements.

The difficulties giving rise to the present position appear to stem not so much from the terms of the agreement we reached last October, but rather from the undertakings, commitments and approvals additional thereto required in the documentation by the Department. In the context of a fundable and commercially acceptable document, many seem unduly oppressive bearing in mind the short-term nature of the Department's interest. Inevitably a number of these requirements involve fundamental amendments to our existing agreement with the LIB and thus take time to resolve. However, following further meetings last week, I am hopeful that significant progress can be made very shortly.

Today, I have seen a copy of Messrs. Boodle Hatfield and Company's letter to Messrs. Linklaters and Paines dated 1st April in which the unresolved and outstanding points of principle are clearly identified. Messrs. Boodle Hatfield & Company will be seeking early meetings to settle these matters.

Whilst I understand only too well your feelings of frustration at the apparent delay, a number of interlocking agreements are involved which can only be dealt with on a step-by-step basis. I can assure you, however, that we are anxious to settle these matters as soon as possible in order that we can move into the development phase.

*Yours Sincerely*

*Jimmy James*  
J.N.C. James

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