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*From the Private Secretary*

23 April 1985

Lee v South West Thames Hospital Authority

The Prime Minister has seen the outcome of the above case and has noted that the Court of Appeal reached its verdict with "undisguised reluctance" and recommended that "thought should be given to what was the duty of disclosure owed by a doctor and a hospital to a patient after treatment". She would be grateful for a note on the implications of this verdict and on what changes in the law might be required. She has also asked what the role of the health service Ombudsman is in cases of this kind.

I am copying this letter to Richard Stoate (Lord Chancellor's Department) and Henry Steel (Law Officers' Department).

(Andrew Turnbull)

Steve Godber, Esq.,  
Department of Health and Social Security.

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25th April, 1985

Andrew Turnbull Esq.,  
Private Secretary to  
The Right Honourable  
The Prime Minister,  
10 Downing Street,  
London, SW1.

*Dear Andrew,*

Lee v South Western Thames Regional Health Authority

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Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 23rd April to Steve Godber.

Officials here have been in touch with officials at the DHSS and a transcript of the judgment has been ordered. We will let you have the information the Prime Minister asked for as soon as possible.

I am copying this letter to Henry Steel in the Law Officers' Department and to Steve Godber.

*Yours sincerely,*  
*Richard Stoate*

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