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The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher, MP  
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*Dear Mrs Thatcher:*

Thank you for your reply of 24 April to my letter about the Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration.

I was glad to receive your assurance that the Government stands by its commitment to implement the Review Body's recommendations unless there are clear and compelling reasons for not doing so. I would like to remind you, however, that the Royal Commission on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration was insistent that Review Body recommendations "must only very rarely and for most obviously compelling reasons be rejected".

Whilst it is true that recommended levels of remuneration have eventually been implemented in each of the last four pay rounds, the cumulative effect of the Government having declined to implement in full the recommendations for four successive years has been a loss of approximately £2,000 for each doctor working in the NHS.

*Yours sincerely*  
*John Havard*

Secretary



10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

18 May 1985

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 16 May.

The additional point you made has been noted.

(Andrew Turnbull)

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