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THE PRIME MINISTER

8 December 1983

Dear Mr. Clay

Thank you for your letter of 17 November about the Review Body for Nursing and Midwifery staff and the professions allied to medicine.

I welcome the nursing profession's appreciation of the establishment of the Review Body, which demonstrates our recognition of the special position of nursing and midwifery staff within the National Health Service. As you will know, the Government has now announced the names of six members of the Review Body, which is to be chaired by Sir John Greenborough. One further member will be appointed in due course. The Review Body's terms of reference include a commitment for it to advise on pay levels as from 1 April 1984 and subsequently.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

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From the Secretary of State for Social Services

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Dear David

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Thank you for your letter of 17 November enclosing one from Mr T Clay, General Secretary of the Royal College of Nursing.

I enclose a draft reply for the Prime Minister's signature.

Yours

TIM YOUNG
 Ministerial Correspondence

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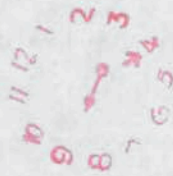
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From the Private Secretary

17 November, 1983

I enclose a copy of a letter the Prime Minister has received from the General Secretary of the Royal College of Nursing.

B/F | I should be grateful if you could let me have a draft reply for the Prime Minister's signature to reach me here by Thursday, 1 December.

(David Barclay)

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17th November 1983

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
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TV (DMS) PM

Dear Prime Minister,

Review Body for Nurses, Midwives, Health Visitors
and the Professions allied to Medicine

At its first meeting today the newly-elected Council of the Royal College of Nursing discussed the situation in respect of the Nurses and Midwives Review Body and expressed its deep anxiety that no announcement had yet been made concerning the membership of this body.

When representatives of this organisation met with you on 29th June, it was made very clear to you and your Ministers that the nursing profession believed that there were potentially very interesting opportunities to be derived from the setting up of such a review body and, therefore, that very many hopes were being pinned on it. Additionally, mention was made of the eager anticipation with which the establishment of the Review Body was awaited. The Rcn was encouraged by your understanding of the situation, and by your awareness of the importance which the nursing profession attached to this significant development.

My Council was, therefore, both dismayed and disappointed that no news had yet been received about the membership of the Review Body despite the fact that it was understood that names of potential members had been submitted to you some time ago. I do not think I need remind you that it is now over a year since your Government indicated its intention to set up a review body for the nursing profession, eight months later the decision was made to establish the review body and two months after that Sir John Greenborough was appointed Chairman. There

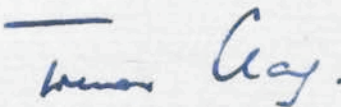
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are now only just over four months left before any recommendations concerning nurses' pay should become effective, little enough time for the Review Body properly to do its work even were it already operative.

The $\frac{1}{2}$ million members of the nursing profession in the United Kingdom have shown extreme patience in this matter and, on their behalf, my Council would request that you take immediate action to appoint the full membership so that the Review Body itself can commence its important task.

Yours sincerely


Trevor Clay,
General Secretary

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