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**NHS RECRUITMENT ADVERTISING**

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 27 July to Willie Whitelaw reporting the outcome of the negotiations with the publishers whose journals carry NHS recruitment advertising.

It is very encouraging to see that you have been able to secure an additional annual savings of flm.

In the light of that, and of the reduced estimates of savings from your original preferred option of the job register, I would no longer press you to go for the latter while you judge that the resultant row with the professions would not be worth the additional saving.

This decision must be conditional, as you note, on the savings actually being delivered. The option of the job register would remain. I think it would be sensible to review the position at the end of 1985.

I am sending copies of this letter to the recipients of yours and also to Grey Gowrie.

*Yours ever*  
*Peter Rees*

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